

Press Release

Dentons strengthens presence in Hungary

23 April, 2015 - Dentons is pleased to announce the arrival of István Réczicza, Rob Irving and Edward Keller, who join as partners in the Budapest office, along with approximately 50 local partners, associates and other professionals. The team join Dentons from White & Case on May 4, 2015 to further strengthen the Firm's Corporate M&A, Private Equity and Dispute Resolution offering in Hungary, the Central and South Eastern Europe region and Europe.

"We are delighted to welcome this prominent team to Dentons. Their market leading expertise will significantly broaden our offering to clients not only in Hungary but in the CEE region and across Europe," commented Tomasz Dabrowski, Dentons Europe Chief Executive Officer. "This is another step in our Firm's strategy to be one of the very top practices globally offering top-notch, band 1 advice to its clients and at the same time to be deeply rooted in the communities in which we work."

Their arrival follows Dentons' recently announced merger with US law firm McKenna Long & Aldridge as well as the combination between Dentons and 大成, creating the world's largest law firm. The Dentons Budapest team will remain White & Case's preferred team for referrals, and existing client matters handled by the Budapest office will be coordinated by White & Case and Dentons.

With more than 25 years' experience, Réczicza joins as the new Budapest Office Managing Partner and will bring the White & Case team with him. He will also be a partner in the Global Litigation and Dispute Resolution Group. He regularly advises private, state-owned companies and sovereigns in a broad variety of administrative, court and arbitral disputes. In addition, Réczicza, one of the leading lawyers in Hungary, advises on transactional and regulatory work in regulated industries, such as the telecommunications, energy, financial services and life sciences sectors.

Leading practitioner Irving, will join as Co-Chair of the Global Private Equity Group along with his regional Private Equity and M&A team focusing on CEE/SEE high-end transactions. Irving also has more than 20 years' experience working on landmark M&A, private equity and finance transactions throughout Central and South Eastern Europe, including Turkey. Also joining as a partner in Dentons Global Corporate and Private Equity Groups is Keller, a US-qualified attorney of Hungarian descent. Keller has been ranked as a leading lawyer in the region in cross-border M&A and private equity matters. He also has substantial experience in representing public and private issuers, underwriters and selling shareholders (including private equity houses) in both equity and debt offerings, including US-registered public offerings, Rule 144A offerings and Regulation S private placements.

István commented: "We are very excited to join Dentons. The Firm's Budapest office has consistently been ranked among the elite firms in Hungary. Our entire team is really looking forward to continuing to drive forward the development of the office."

Evan Lazar, Co-Chair of Dentons Global Real Estate and Chairman of Dentons Europe Board added: "We are seeing a very strong increase of cross border M&A and private equity transactions and this team's arrival will truly bolster our European offering in corporate/M&A, private equity, TMT and dispute resolution."

About Dentons

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