

Press release

Alexei Zakharko elected Russia Managing Partner at Dentons

Moscow, January 23, 2019 – Alexei Zakharko has been elected Russia Managing Partner at Dentons, the world's largest law firm. In his new role, he will be responsible for the development of the Moscow and St. Petersburg offices.

Alexei Zakharko commented: "I am honored to be elected to this role. As managing partner, I will focus on further strengthening Dentons' leading position in Russia in order to meet our clients' growing needs for top quality legal services and innovation."

Alexei Zakharko has extensive experience in acquisitions, disposals, joint ventures, corporate finance and leveraged acquisitions. He also has considerable experience in private equity transactions, port/terminal transactions and bank equity deals. He is ranked as one of the leading lawyers in Corporate/M&A in Russia *by Chambers Global, Chambers Europe, The Legal 500* and the *Best Lawyers Guide*.

Alexei Zakharko graduated from the Moscow State Institute of International Relations in 2003 and received a law degree from Cornell University in 2005. He joined Dentons' Moscow office as a trainee in 2002 and worked in the London office from 2007 to 2008. He was appointed partner in 2011 and head of the Energy and Natural Resources practice in 2017.

Alexei Zakharko takes over leadership from Florian Schneider, who was the Russia Managing Partner from 2012 until 2018. Under Schneider's leadership, Dentons strengthened its Corporate/M&A, Private Equity, Life Sciences, Capital Markets, Energy, White Collar Crime and Competition practices. In 2014 and 2018, Dentons was named "Law Firm of the Year in Russia" at the Chambers Europe Awards. Florian Schneider will continue working as a partner in the Real Estate and Corporate/M&A practices.

Tomasz Dabrowski, Chief Executive Officer of Dentons Europe, commented: "Dentons has a powerhouse team in Russia and I am confident that under Alexei's competent leadership, we will maintain and grow our position as the top international law firm in Russia and CIS."

Florian Schneider, Dentons Partner, added: "Alexei's knowledge of the Russian legal environment, strong leadership skills and commitment to clients will ensure his success in this new position."

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