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### **CMS Russia strengthens its future-facing strategy with new hires and promotions**

Moscow, 2 February 2022 – CMS Russia is pleased to announce the promotion of Irina Shurmina to counsel and Head of new Digital Law practice, the hire of Olga Odintsova as partner and Head of New Businesses and Products Development, and the arrival of Gurgun Gortsunyan as counsel and Head of M&A, highlighting strategic development and growth across the firm.

Irina Shurmina, counsel, as head of new practice, Digital Law, will be dealing with new fast-growing and developing formats of business, helping clients with issues on e-commerce, blockchain and digital assets, as well as continuing to support clients in the field of personal data regulation, advertising law and intellectual property. Irina is also leading the Innovation Group at CMS Russia, which is developing LegalTech direction.

Olga Odintsova, partner, in her new role as Head of New Businesses and Products Development, will be coordinating activities on setting-up new business lines and offerings and innovative legal technologies. Prior to joining CMS, she has been working for over 16 years for Big Four accounting firms.

Gurgun Gortsunyan, counsel, will be strengthening our Corporate practice as Head of M&A at CMS Russia, bringing his over 18 years of experience at various international law firms and working in-house – heading the legal departments of Philips Russia and Ozon, Russia's leading e-commerce platform.

Jean-François Marquaire, Managing Partner of CMS Russia, comments: *"I am delighted to welcome our new team leaders. Their appointments reflect the firm's future-facing approach in doing business in Russia. In a world of ever-accelerating change where technology is increasingly important, our clear, business-focused advice helps clients of every size to face the future with confidence. Each of our new team heads brings a wealth of knowledge and experience and will play an important role in supporting our clients through challenging times."*

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