

Press release

## Dentons to open fourth German office in Düsseldorf

**October 15, 2018** – Global law firm Dentons has announced plans to open a new office in Düsseldorf with the recruitment of two new partners who bring well-respected capabilities in public procurement, EU state aid, trade and trade compliance, as well as employment law. This will be Dentons' fourth office in Germany after Berlin, Frankfurt and Munich, offering clients extensive coverage of the country's most important financial and industrial centers, as well as access to Europe's most important region for foreign direct investment.

"Germany is the largest economy in continental Europe and remains a top global priority for Dentons," said **Elliott Portnoy**, Dentons' Global Chief Executive Officer. "This investment will build on the strong momentum of our German practice, which is one of Dentons' biggest success stories. From 2015 to 2017, our German partners grew revenue by more than 60%, and are on track to achieve double digit growth again this year."

"As the capital of the largest and most densely populated region in Germany, and the country's number one city for FDI, Düsseldorf is a hot spot for investment and a priority market for our global clients. It is the natural choice as the next phase in our German market positioning strategy," said **Joe Andrew**, Global Chairman of Dentons.

**Andreas Haak** will serve as Düsseldorf Managing Partner at Dentons. For many years, he was Head of Competition, EU and Trade at Taylor Wessing, and he also led the firm's industry group Life Sciences and Health Care. Together with Dr. Jörg Karenfort, he will co-lead the Competition, Antitrust and Regulatory practice at Dentons in Germany. He will also strengthen and further develop Dentons' Public Procurement practice in collaboration with Dr. Wolfram Krohn and Dr. Peter Braun. Haak joins along with partner **Sascha Grosjean**, who will strengthen the Employment and Labor team.

With the office opening in Düsseldorf, Dentons forecasts that it will have more than 200 lawyers in its offices in Berlin, Frankfurt, Munich and Düsseldorf.

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