

Press Release

Dentons expands its German Practice in Russia

Moscow, Berlin, July 2014 – Dentons has strengthened its German Practice in Russia with the addition of three lawyers from Orrick. **Philipp Windemuth** joined Dentons' Moscow and Berlin offices as a partner, **Dr. Joachim Homeister** – as of counsel and **Elena Homeister** – as associate in the first quarter of 2014.

This follows the arrival of **Alex Stolarsky** from Beiten Burkhardt in November 2013.

The German Practice Group in Russia (GPG) has been advising German, Austrian and other international clients on their activities in Russia since 1999. Our GPG team consists of German-qualified lawyers residing in Germany, Russia and other countries, native German speakers qualified in Russia and other jurisdictions who have lived and worked in Russia for many years, and lawyers qualified in Russia who have acquired advanced German linguistic skills as a result of studying and/or working in German-speaking countries. They are familiar with both German and Russian legislation as well as with business practices and cultures in Russia, in German-speaking countries, as well as in many other countries in which Dentons clients invest.

Dentons' GPG works regularly on a broad range of Russian and German law matters. Where necessary, the GPG also works with other lawyers in our offices in Berlin and Frankfurt.

The GPG works in Russia for major clients from Germany, Austria and Switzerland active in various sectors, including retail, chemical industry, life sciences, real estate, financial services, automotive, infrastructure, luxury goods, software and others.

Dentons' global German practice group is located in 17 offices and comprises over 100 German-speaking lawyers located outside Germany as well as a further 80 lawyers based in our Berlin and Frankfurt offices.

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Roman Kozlov is a partner in Dentons' Moscow office. Specializing in Russian real estate and corporate law, Herr Kozlov advises on greenfield and brownfield projects with a focus on construction projects. He also advises leading retail chains on their expansion in Russia, in particular with respect to transactions involving land and mergers and acquisitions.



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Philipp Windemuth is a partner in Dentons' Moscow and Berlin offices. He specializes in M&A, real estate and financing transactions. Over the past 23 years, he has represented leading multinational companies and financial institutions in their investment projects in the Russian Federation and other CIS countries, including McDonalds, Coca-Cola, British Gas, Siemens, Google, Viking River Cruises, EBRD, Immofinanz, Industrial Investors and many others. Philipp also works closely with Skolkovo and the Russian

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Dr. Joachim Homeister specializes in multinational real estate, corporate and financing transactions, in particular relating to the Russian Federation and the CIS. He also advises start-up companies in connection with foundation, financing and corporate law issues. In addition, Dr. Homeister has substantial expertise in commercial litigation. His clients include European investment funds, banks and companies doing business in Russia as well as Russian and CIS companies who do business in Germany and the EU.



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Alex Stolarsky's practice covers a broad spectrum of corporate and transactional matters with a particular focus on M&A, joint ventures and commercial law. He represents clients in all phases of their inbound and outbound activity in Russia, from market entry to expansion, restructuring and exit. He advised a number of foreign companies on the legislation restricting investments in and acquisitions of Russian companies conducting activities of strategic significance. His practice also includes advising Russian investors entering and operating in the German market.



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Elena Homeister is an associate in Dentons' Moscow and Berlin offices. Elena advises European, multinational and Russian companies in cross-border transactions and matters relating to the Russian Federation. Her practice is primarily focused on international M&A, corporate and real estate projects. In addition, Elena has substantial experience in commercial, employment,

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Dentons' clients now benefit from approximately 2,600 lawyers and professionals in more than 75 locations spanning 50-plus countries across Africa, Asia Pacific, Canada, Central Asia, Europe, the Middle East, Russia and the CIS, the UK and the US who are committed to challenge the status quo and offer creative, dynamic business and legal solutions.