

Press release

New law firm founded: Gütt Olk Feldhaus launched in Munich as the first spin-off from Freshfields and Milbank

Munich, September 29, 2011 – Dr. Tilmann Gütt, LL.M. (London) (34), Dr. Sebastian Olk (33) and Dr. Heiner Feldhaus (36) found the first spin-off for corporate, M&A and financial legal advice in Munich. The lawyers will team up as the business law firm Gütt Olk Feldhaus with effect from October 2011. Dr. Tilmann Gütt and Dr. Heiner Feldhaus are both from Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP, while Dr. Sebastian Olk is from Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy LLP, which he joined in 2008 after having spent several years working at Freshfields.

Gütt Olk Feldhaus' advice will focus on corporate law, M&A as well as banking and finance law. In addition, it will cover the regulatory law pertaining to finance and capital markets as well as the areas of compliance, business succession/estate and litigation/arbitration in relation to its main practice areas. The new firm will counsel on the day-to-day issues of its clients' operational business as well as handle national and international transactions with a focus on the small and mid-cap area.

With its range of services Gütt Olk Feldhaus is primarily oriented towards small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) (in particular portfolio companies), financial investors and private clients. In addition, its services are also directed at leading industrial corporations and financial institutions, who wish to maintain the quality of advice they are accustomed to receiving from large law firms but at the same time want to award their mandates in a more cost conscious manner.

Dr. Tilmann Gütt has many years of experience in the areas of acquisition and structured finance, restructuring as well as banking and finance law. At Freshfields he was part of Yorck Jetter's team, which advised, amongst others, Liberty Global on the financing of the takeover of Unitymedia and Kabel BW, as well as Continental AG on their refinancing and issuing of high-interest bonds. He also worked at EADS N.V. as part of a client secondment as well as at Freshfields' London office. Dr. Heiner Feldhaus spent several years at internationally and nationally leading law firms in Berlin and Munich before joining Freshfields. He has profound expertise in M&A, private equity and company law, particularly the law governing public limited companies and groups as well as in capital markets and regulatory law. He is a co-editor of the *Frankfurter Kommentar zu Private Equity* and was a member of the teams who advised, amongst others, Bridgepoint on the acquisition of CABB Chemicals Group, and ESCADA on changing its legal form into an SE. Dr. Sebastian Olk's has broad expertise in M&A, private equity and counselling on day-to-day corporate law. At Milbank, as part of Dr. Norbert Rieger's team, he advised ProSieben.Sat.1 Media AG on the disposal of operations of the SBS Group in the Netherlands and Belgium, Sixt AG on a joint venture with BMW AG and The Carlyle Group on the acquisition of six specialist consignors of the KarstadtQuelle Group. In addition, he gained in-house experience as part of a client secondment to Infineon Technologies AG and worked at Milbank's New York office in 2009.

"We consider ourselves to be an efficiently working law firm, which provides legal advice matching the quality of leading international law firms but within the framework of more flexible remuneration

models" is the view expressed by the founding partners. Gütt Olk Feldhaus is planning to expand the partnership rapidly through lateral recruitment. They remain on very good terms with their former law firms.

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