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### THE WEIGHT OF HISTORY

Why the future beckons for Greece's law firms

## AFRICA

### Italian boutique granted Libyan license

Italian specialist P&A Legal has been awarded a license to practice directly in Libya. The firm has had an agreement...

## ASIA & FAR EAST



### BLAKE DAWSON UNVEILS TOKYO OPENING

Blake Dawson has revealed it is to open an office in Tokyo to become the first Australian firm to launch...

### Singapore legal headcount grows

Singapore has seen a 6% increase in the number of lawyers in the jurisdiction during the last year. According to...



### KAHN FORMS CHINESE COOP PACT

French law firm Kahn & Associates has entered into a strategic alliance with Chinese law firm JunZeJun. ...

## BENELUX

### Brussels partner lands on Bakers' board

Koen Vanhaerents, a partner in Baker & McKenzie's Brussels office, has been elected to the US giant's executive committee. He...

### NautaDutilh promotes one to the equity

NautaDutilh has added just one partner to the equity in this year's promotion round. Corporate and finance lawyer Elke Janssens,...

## CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE



### LITHUANIA HIRES LAWIN FOR \$1.5BN BOND

Lideika Petrauskas Valiunas ir partneriai (LAWIN) won a role alongside White & Case as the legal advisers to the...



### W&C BUCHAREST MANAGING PARTNER RESIGNS

Todd Shollenbarger, the managing partner of White & Case's Romanian practice, is to leave almost two years after launching the...

### Czech Ministry hires Noerr for arbitration

The Czech office of Noerr Stiefenhofer Lutz has won a contract from the Czech Ministry of Finance in relation to...



### ROMANIAN TEAMS TAKE €100M PROPERTY LEAD

The Bucharest practices of Nestor Nestor Diculescu Kingston Petersen (NNDKP), Biris Goran and Allen & Overy have advised on...



### EX-MAGISTERS MP JOINS PRESIDENTIAL RACE

Oleg Riabokon, the former managing partner of Magisters who stepped down last month to enter politics, has revealed that he...

## EUROPE



### GERMANS TOP TLI ASSOCIATE PAY LEAGUE

German associates are the best-paid lawyers in Europe earning on average €14,500 more than their UK peers, according to...

## FRANCE

### Fidal brings in e-recruitment solution

French legal giant Fidal has streamlined its recruitment process with a new e-recruitment solution. The firm has implemented software from...

## GERMANY

### FBD veteran set to leave next month

Jan Willisich, a senior partner in Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer's German practice, is set to step down from the firm in...



#### **HENGELER HEADS €2.5BN HEIDELBERG BOND**

Hengeler Mueller has won the capital markets law mandate for HeidelbergCement on three major Eurobond offerings. Heidelberg...

### **IBERIA**

#### **Linklaters bolsters Madrid with CMS hire**

Linklaters has continued to build its Madrid office after announcing the hire of a partner from CMS Albinana & Suarez...

### **INTERNATIONAL**

#### **New chair chosen at Lex Mundi**

International referral network Lex Mundi has elected a new chair of its board of directors. Barbara Dawson, a partner with...

### **IRELAND**



#### **A&L/PINSENTS AWARDED ROLE ON €2BN IRISH PPP**

A&L Goodbody and Pinsent Masons & have won the tender to advise Iarnrod Eireann (Irish Rail) on its proposed...

### **ITALY**



#### **SHEARMAN FINALLY MAKES MILAN DEBUT**

Shearman & Sterling is to launch its much-anticipated Milan office after eight years of practising exclusively from its Rome...

### **MIDDLE EAST**



#### **COTTY VIVANT OPENS DUBAI OFFICE**

French firm Cotty Vivant Marchisio & Lauzeral has become the latest European independent to target the Middle East after...

#### **NZ firm plans Middle East opening**

New Zealand practice Kensington Swan has revealed it is to open an office in the Gulf. The new branch will...

### **SCANDINAVIA**



#### **TENDER OUT FOR €250M FINNISH RAIL PPP**

Legal advisers are being sought by the National Rail Administration in Finland for one of the few large-scale PPPs to...



#### **TRIO SELECTED FOR EKN PANEL**

Mannheimer Swartling, Norton Rose and Baker & McKenzie have been selected as the international legal panel to work for...

**Kromann/Bech given €35m Danish MBO**

Danish duo Kromann Reumert and Bech-Bruun are the lead counsel on a DKK260m (€34.9m) local management buyout (MBO). ...

**UNITED STATES**

**Crowell swoops on Folger for SF launch**

Crowell & Moring will open a branch in San Francisco after hiring a team from local litigation firm Folger Levin...



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## Lead stories

### KAHN FORMS CHINESE COOP PACT



French law firm Kahn & Associates has entered into a strategic alliance with Chinese law firm JunZeJun.

The two firms have teamed up to work on business links between China and France. The co-operation agreement is thought to be a referral one. Kahn has offices in Paris and Sophia-Antipolis while JunZeJun has bases in Beijing, Shanghai and Shenzhen.

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