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Luther establishes a notary's office with Dr Ulf Gibhardt at its Frankfurt office

Frankfurt am Main – Dr Ulf Gibhardt (44) joins Luther Rechtsanwaltsgesellschaft mbH as a partner. He will establish a notary's office at Luther's office in Frankfurt. Due to the high concentration of corporate and capital market transactions in the economic region of Frankfurt as well as the strong growth of these topics within the law firm, Luther intends to complete its service range in this field with the addition of Dr Gibhardt.

Moreover, with Dr Gibhardt coming to Luther as partner as of 1 July 2015, the law firm strengthens one of its main areas of practice, namely providing fiscal and legal advice to family-owned companies and wealthy private clients on tax-optimised arrangements for succession, restructuring of private and business assets, sales of companies as well as company-internal restructurings and reorganisations.

Dr Gibhardt lastly worked for the renowned Frankfurt notary's office Göring, Schmiegelt & Fischer. Before, from 2005 to 2013, he worked in the Private Clients Team of SJ Berwin LLP (now King & Wood Mallesons LLP) from 2009 on as a partner, and prior to this he worked in the tax department of Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer from 2002 to 2005.

Besides his tasks as a notary, his main activities cover tax and legal consulting with regard to business succession as well as to issues regarding succession law and property law, especially in close cooperation with banks and investment advisors.

Dr Ulf Gibhardt: "I am looking forward to establishing a notary's office with Luther at its Frankfurt office. Luther offers the ideal platform for my work thanks to its international orientation and its recognised high-quality advice in the fields of private clients."

Dr Thomas Thees, partner and head of Luther's Frankfurt office: "I am delighted that we have been able to appoint Dr Gibhardt as a partner, as it enables us to complete our comprehensive range of advice at our Frankfurt office with a notary's office. At the same time, we will thus meet the increased demand for a notary's office specialised in corporate law at our Frankfurt location."

About Dr. Ulf Gibhardt

Dr Ulf Gibhardt is a notary, lawyer, tax advisor and Diplom-Kaufmann. Moreover, since 2008 Dr Gibhardt is a lecturer at the University of Münster in the extra-occupational studying programme "business succession, succession law and property". The focus of his lecture is the tax-optimised sale of family-owned companies.

Brief Profile Luther

Luther is a leading German commercial law firm that offers comprehensive legal and tax services. The full-service law firm employs over 350 lawyers and tax advisors and is represented at 11 German economic centres and at important investment locations and financial centres in Europe and Asia with international offices in Brussels, London, Luxembourg, Shanghai and Singapore. Our clients are medium-sized enterprises and large corporations, as well as the public sector.

Luther works closely with other commercial law firms in all the prevailing jurisdictions worldwide. On the Continent, Luther is part of a group of independent leading law firms who have worked together for many years on joint cross-border projects. Luther is also the German member of Taxand, a global organisation of tax advisory firms.

Luther Rechtsanwaltsgesellschaft mbH is a law firm with a business approach: our innovative awareness aspires us to provide our clients with customised legal advice that addresses individual needs and delivers the greatest possible economic benefit. Our lawyers and tax advisors have a solid understanding of interdisciplinary matters and a wealth of experience in collaborating on complex tasks. Further information is available at: www.luther-lawfirm.com

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