

Press Release

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Tobias Verlende to join Luther as Head of the London office

London – Luther Rechtsanwaltsgesellschaft, one of Germany's leading law firms, has appointed the German lawyer (*Rechtsanwalt*) and British solicitor Tobias Verlende (38) to head up its London office. He will join Luther as International Counsel on 1 March 2012. He previously worked for Brinkmann & Partner and managed their London office.

Tobias Verlende had been the Head of the London office of the German law firm Brinkmann & Partner since 2009. He specialises in restructuring and insolvency as well as corporate law issues in the international field. Tobias Verlende is a German lawyer (*Rechtsanwalt*) and also a solicitor in England and Wales.

"We are delighted that Tobias Verlende is joining Luther to head up our new London office as he knows the market well and has an excellent network of international investors who are based in London," said Dr Markus Schackmann, Head of Luther's M&A practice area in Germany. Together with Luther's partner Dr Julia Petersen, Schackmann will support the London office from Germany.

"With Tobias Verlende, Luther will have a permanent representative in the British capital," added Prof Hans-Georg Hahn, one of Luther's Managing Partners. "Opening an office in London is a further step in implementing our strategy towards having an international presence. Alongside Singapore, Shanghai, Luxembourg and Frankfurt, Luther now has its own office in another important financial hub in Asia and

Europe.” With its London office, Luther plans to extend above all its advisory services in the M&A and Banking & Finance areas. The target audience of the London office is both German and international clients from the London finance sector. Luther's new office is based in the City.

Personal details

Tobias Verlende completed his law studies at the Universities of Vienna, London and Cologne and holds a Master of Laws (LL.M) from the University of London.

He is Co-Chairman for the UK Region and Council Member of the British Chamber of Commerce in Germany (BCCG), a Member of the Management Board of the German British Forum in London (GBF), an Associate at the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (ACI Arb) and Founder and Head of the London Committee of Turnaround Underground - a network of restructuring experts.

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Brief Profile Luther Rechtsanwaltsgesellschaft mbH

Luther is a leading German commercial law firm that offers comprehensive legal and tax services. The full-service law firm employs over 320 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, Budapest, Istanbul, 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.

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