

# press release

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## **CMS von Erlach Henrici Ltd (Switzerland) appoints two new partners**

CMS von Erlach Henrici is pleased to announce the January 1, 2009 appointment of two new partners – Dr Hans-Jürg Schürmann (joining from Schürmann und Partner) and Dr Stephan Werlen.



**Hans-Jürg Schürmann** graduated from the University of Zurich (lic. iur. 1968, Dr. iur. 1970) before starting his professional career in the legal department, and later as an assistant to the CEO, of a prominent industrial group. He was admitted to the bar in 1972 and started practicing as an attorney with Baker & McKenzie, both in Zurich and Chicago. In 1979, he and Prof. H. Rausch founded Zurich-based law firm Schürmann und Partner (as it would become named in 1998). Hans-Jürg remained Senior Partner at the firm until the end of 2008.

Hans-Jürg focuses primarily on commercial matters – acting as legal advisor to industrial and trading businesses, as well as their shareholders. He also handles complex commercial litigations and arbitration proceedings, the latter often as arbitrator. His broad experience serves him well when acting as a member and chairman of the Board of a number of Swiss and foreign-based companies and non-profit foundations.

CMS von Erlach Henrici Ltd is pleased to have gained the experience and reputation brought by new partner Hans-Jürg Schürmann. In joining the firm, we consolidate and formalize the loose cooperation with him and his colleagues, which has existed for the last few years.



**Stephan Werlen** becomes a partner with CMS von Erlach Henrici having worked as a lawyer for the firm in the corporate and the banking & finance team since 2003.

He graduated from the University of Zurich in 1997 (lic. iur.) and in 2001 (Dr. iur.). Stephan wrote his thesis on the legal situation of the target company in a takeover situation (“*Die Rechtsstellung der Zielgesellschaft im Übernahmekampf*”).

In 2000, after serving as a law clerk at the District Court of Zurich, he was admitted to the bar. Next he worked with Zurich-based business law firm Wenger Vieli Belser (today: Wenger & Vieli) for eighteen months and earned a postgraduate degree (Master of Laws, LL.M.) from the University of Chicago School of Law.

Stephan advises domestic and international clients in all aspects of business law, in particular focusing on capital & financial market transactions, project & acquisition finance, mergers & acquisitions, corporate law, corporate restructuring, and generally on contract and commercial law.

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