

Press Release



Taylor Wessing forms alliance with BSJP to increase activities on the Polish market

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As of 1 May 2009 Taylor Wessing will establish a strategic alliance with BSJP, one of Poland's leading law firms. With this step Taylor Wessing follows its German and international clients which are increasingly investing in Poland, especially in infrastructure, energy and cleantech, IT, financial services and real estate. The two firms' strategic and operative cooperation will concentrate on corporate / M&A, banking & finance, real estate & infrastructure and technology. BSJP, one of Poland's leading legal advisers to German-speaking investors, has just under 20 fee earners and 50 legal staff, making it one of the large local firms; managing partner Dr. Christian Schnell is admitted to both the German and the Polish bar. BSJP clients include banks such as HSH Nordbank, real estate investors such as SachsenFonds, retail businesses including OBI, Greenfield investors such as MAN or MTU Aero Engines, wind farm developers such as Ventotech, as well as many German and European manufacturing companies.

Headquartered in Warsaw, BSJP also operates offices in Posen, Wroclaw, Gdansk and Katowice - Poland's most important commercial centres.

Dr. Wolfgang Rehmann, managing partner of Taylor Wessing Germany, comments the alliance:

“Poland ranks second in Europe for foreign direct investment. For 2009, the Polish government has announced grants of about EUR 70 billion – EU subsidies not included – for infrastructure projects alone. We are systematically planning to have a part in this development; in BSJP, we have found a dynamic, powerful entity which acts very successfully on the Polish market. Our clients operating in Poland definitely are in good hands with them. Our long-standing cooperation is now merging into a strategic alliance which we will foster and continue to develop.”

Dr. Christian Schnell, managing director and partner of BSJP, about the alliance with Taylor Wessing:

“Looking back on five years of trusting, successful cooperation with Taylor Wessing and having jointly worked on many client matters, I am highly confident that Taylor Wessing is the right partner for us to internationalise our business, to strengthen it in strategic areas including corporate, finance, M&A, real estate & infrastructure and technology, and to systematically develop the growing demand in Poland for legal advice in IP and commercial matters.”

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