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GLADE MICHEL WIRTZ promotes third competition partner

German boutique law firm GLADE MICHEL WIRTZ has promoted Christian Karbaum to partner in the firm's competition practice. Karbaum, 37, joined GLADE MICHEL WIRTZ as an associate in February 2011. He was promoted to counsel in 2015. Before this, he worked in the London office of a large American law firm and also spent time in a leading British firm.

"I am delighted and proud about the promotion and excited to be a partner of such a dynamically and sustainably growing law firm," says Karbaum. "This gives me the opportunity to contribute as partner to the impressive development and success of GLADE MICHEL WIRTZ's competition practice."

Karbaum focuses his practice on merger control, cartel investigations and antitrust litigation. His recent transactional work includes representing, among others, Internet and Access specialist United Internet (1&1, GMX, WEB.DE) in international acquisitions e.g. of Home.Pl and Strato AG or acting for Haniel and its subsidiary CWS-boco in acquiring certain continental European businesses of Rentokil Initial. In his litigation practice, Karbaum is advising several clients in follow-on damage cases on the defence side (e.g. in the cartel cases rail technology, drugstore products, flour, gas insulated switchgears) or on behalf of corporate claimants (e.g. air cargo or fire fighting vehicles). In the field of enforcing standard essential patents the GLADE MICHEL WIRTZ team recently advised Samsung in a multinational patent dispute with Unwired Planet and Ericsson.

Markus M. Wirtz, head of the firm's competition practice, says: "We are delighted about Christian Karbaum's promotion to partner. He is an outstanding lawyer with vision and the skills to make his way into the top ranks of competition law." GLADE MICHEL WIRTZ now has three partners in its competition practice.

About GLADE MICHEL WIRTZ

GLADE MICHEL WIRTZ specialises in the fields of corporate and competition law and currently employs 22 attorneys. The law firm was founded in 2007 in Düsseldorf and advises national and international clients in corporate and competition law. In three consecutive years, the law firm received one of the prestigious JUVE Awards (2012 for competition law, 2013 as Best Law Firm of the West as well as 2014 for corporate law). In 2015, the law firm was shortlisted as JUVE law firm of the year and received the "Germany Client Service Firm of the Year" award from Chambers Europe.

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