

## Lovells and Hogan & Hartson to combine

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I am very pleased to let you know that partners at Lovells and those at US-based law firm Hogan & Hartson have taken the decision to merge their two firms.

We will have approximately 2,500 lawyers, will operate out of more than 40 offices located around the world and will have an unrivalled breadth of practice and range of capabilities. The new firm will be called Hogan Lovells. It will offer a broad range of legal services to clients, while preserving the commitment to responsiveness, delivering value for our clients and providing the highest quality of advice for which we are both renowned.

Subject to regulatory clearances, Hogan Lovells will come into effect from 1 May 2010. We are very excited about the opportunities the combined firms' global capabilities and reach will bring. We believe it offers our clients:

- a unique, high quality transatlantic capability, with extensive reach into the world's financial and commercial centres;
- particular and distinctive strengths in the areas of dispute resolution, regulatory, antitrust, corporate, finance, intellectual property and real estate; and
- access to a significant depth of legal knowledge and resource in many key industry sectors, including energy, financial services, telecommunications media and technology, life sciences and pharmaceuticals, consumer goods, real estate, natural resources and infrastructure.

The combination of Lovells and Hogan & Hartson will create a compelling proposition in the unmatched range and depth of services offered to clients. Hogan & Hartson is a highly regarded firm with a strong US client base and an international capability. Its strengths in regulatory work and regulated industries are complementary to our own strengths, yet distinctly different from those of other major firms. This is a particular advantage at a time of market change and increasing regulation around the world emanating from the current economic downturn. Please click [here](#) for more information on Hogan & Hartson's capabilities.

As we move towards 1 May 2010, you will receive more information about the proposed combination and we will, of course, be pleased to discuss any aspect with you.



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There are a number of formal steps that we will take in preparation for the effective date. Please click [here](#) for further information about them.

If you have any questions at this stage, or would like more information on this exciting development or our expanded capabilities, please get in touch with your usual partner contact or let me know.

David Harris

Managing Partner

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