

Press release

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E.CA Economics promotes in Berlin

E.CA Economics has promoted Thomas Hildebrand to director in Berlin.

E.CA's directors and founders Hans W. Friederiszick and Rainer Nitsche both appreciate Thomas' contributions to E.CA Economics' fast-paced expansion. "Thomas' has been successfully managing some of the largest projects within E.CA covering all areas of competition economics," said Rainer. "Thomas has strong empirical skills and he is an excellent economist. His long-lasting commitment to the firm is a true asset for the years to come," Hans added.

Thomas joined E.CA Economics in 2011. He has extensive experience in supporting clients across various fields of competition economics, with a particular focus on cartel and information exchange cases (e.g. trucks, air cargo, synthetic rubber, merger proceedings (e.g. RHI/Magnesita, HeidelbergCement/Italcementi, Immonet/Immowelt) and abuse of dominance cases. Thomas' industry experience spans a broad variety of fields including grocery retailing, fast-moving consumer goods, chemicals, cement, refractories, automotive parts, trucks, freight forwarding, print/television/online advertising and digital markets. He has worked on cases before the European Commission, the German Bundeskartellamt and the Swiss Competition Commission (WEKO) as well as on private litigation matters in various European countries. Thanks to his strong empirical background, Thomas has particular expertise in applying statistical and econometric methods to cartel cases and merger proceedings.

"Since joining E.CA Economics, I have always enjoyed the rigorous economic thinking, the steep learning curve and in particular the great team spirit in the firm, all of which contributed to my professional and personal development. I am looking forward to the new responsibilities in my new role as director." Thomas says.

Thomas' promotion became active on 1 January 2020. Now in its 13th year, E.CA has more than 30 competition economists in Berlin and Brussels.

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About E.CA Economics

E.CA Economics is an economics consultancy that provides case-related advice and research on key topics in the fields of competition policy and regulation. This includes economic analysis on national and European competition matters and regulatory procedures as well as studies of competition policy issues for international organisations. E.CA Economics has been named as one of the world's leading competition economics firms in The Economics 21 by the Global Competition Review survey since 2008. E.CA has offices in Berlin and Brussels.

The now four directors of E.CA Economics, Hans W. Friederiszick, Thomas Hildebrand, Simone Kohnz and Rainer Nitsche, combine extensive consulting experience with practical experience of regulators' approaches.

Founded at ESMT Berlin in 2007, E. CA has become a leading international antitrust economics consultancy, rooted in Germany. Based on an exclusive partnership, E. CA works closely with ESMT's faculty on cutting-edge research in industrial organization and quantitative methods. Together with its US partner, Bates White Inc., it can offer seamless services across the Atlantic and act effectively on global matters.