

Press release

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E.CA Economics promotes in Berlin

E.CA Economics has promoted German national Simone Kohnz to director in Berlin.

E.CA's directors and founders Hans W. Friederiszick and Rainer Nitsche both appreciate Simone's contributions to E.CA Economics' fast-paced expansion. "Simone's promotion to director reflects her excellent work with clients in all fields of competition economics, as well as her thrive for high quality economic analysis," said Rainer. "We are impressed by Simone's analytical strength. Her long-lasting commitment to the firm is a true asset for the years to come," Hans added.

Simone has more than 10 years of experience in economic consulting advising clients from a wide range of industries, in all fields of competition policy and across a number of jurisdictions including Germany, the European Union, the UK, and Austria. In recent years, Simone specialized in the quantification of damages in private litigation cases. She has advised clients and drafted expert witness reports for German and Austrian cartel and information exchange cases in a variety of industries including sugar, bumpers and turntable ladders, district heating, fast moving consumer goods and de-icing salt. Simone also has considerable experience in mergers. Recently, Simone worked on a number of merger feasibility studies in the fast moving consumer goods industry as well as asphalting plants. She also provided assistance in the mergers of Knorr/Bremse, H+H/Xella and Strabag/Lafarge. Furthermore, Simone worked on a number of regulatory cases in telecommunication, transport and pharmaceuticals.

"From the outset E.CA Economics has always been a challenging work place providing me with ample opportunities to grow professionally. I am particularly grateful for the open and flexible team spirit and delighted to contribute to further expansion in my new role as director." Simone says.

Simone's promotion became active on 1 January 2018. Now in its 11th year, E.CA has more than 25 competition economists in Berlin and Brussels. While E.CA's promotion policy is based on individual development only, this year's promotion round resulted in a fully balanced share of promotions between male and female economists.

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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 five directors of E.CA Economics, Hans W. Friederiszick, Simone Kohnz, Rainer Nitsche, Theon van Dijk and Vincent Verouden, 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 cuttingedge 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.