

Wolf Theiss further expands with six new partners

Vienna, 14 September 2023 – Wolf Theiss further strengthens its regional presence and legal expertise in CEE/SEE with six new partners: **Zeno Grabmayr, Adelina Iftime-Blagean, Maciej Olszewski, Aleksandar Ristic, Bruno Stefanik, and Stefan Wartinger.**

The appointment of six new partners in Belgrade, Bratislava, Bucharest, Vienna and Warsaw reflects Wolf Theiss's commitment to further strategic growth in the region and to the expansion of its interdisciplinary consulting portfolio in CEE/SEE.

Zeno Grabmayr is a member of the Banking & Finance team in Vienna. He advises clients in the areas of Banking & Finance, M&A and corporate law, with a particular focus on transactions in the financial sector, distressed M&A, restructuring and financing. Zeno spent part of his career at Slaughter and May in London. *"I appreciate the trust Wolf Theiss has placed in me and the recognition of my work so far. With this promotion, the next chapter of an exciting professional journey begins for me and my colleagues."* – Zeno Grabmayr

Adelina Iftime-Blagean is the primary contact for labor law matters as well as IP & IT at Wolf Theiss in Bucharest. Throughout her more than 15-year career, she has managed numerous transactions and projects in employment law, data protection and compliance, both in the context of cross-border mandates and nationally. Adelina's clients include companies from the insurance, transport, agriculture, energy, TMT, FMCG and public sectors. *"I am delighted and grateful to be appointed as a partner at Wolf Theiss. From this position, I aim to contribute to the future growth of the firm. This promotion not only represents personal appreciation but also honors the collective effort of our team. This is particularly evident in the establishment of a prominent employment law practice at Wolf Theiss Bucharest, consistently ensuring the best client experience."* - Adelina Iftime-Blagean

Maciej Olszewski is a member of the Corporate/M&A team at Wolf Theiss in Warsaw. With over 15 years of experience, Maciej has specialized in corporate transactions, including share and asset deals, equity investments, corporate restructurings, joint ventures and regulatory advice. Before joining Wolf Theiss, Maciej worked for international law firms in Warsaw and London and has experience in infrastructure and renewable energy investments. *"I am excited*

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about this professional milestone and looking forward to further developing our Corporate/M&A practice with my colleagues." - Maciej Olszewski

Aleksandar Ristić is a member of the Corporate and Disputes Team at Wolf Theiss in Belgrade. Aleksandar specializes in M&A and corporate law matters, including corporate disputes and compliance/corporate investigations. He also has extensive experience in various areas of dispute resolution. Besides court litigation, Aleksandar advises on arbitration proceedings as well as on complex insolvency and restructuring cases in Serbia. *"Since first joining Wolf Theiss, I have had a privilege of sharing with my colleagues the vision of highest standards in legal profession, as well as contributing to the overall development of our firm-wide practice. Thus, I welcome with great excitement the upcoming challenges resulting from my new role in the firm, and look forward to jointly pushing beyond further boundaries and reaching more milestones."* – Aleksandar Ristić

Bruno Štefánik is a member of the Corporate/M&A Team at Wolf Theiss in Bratislava. For over ten years, Bruno has advised clients on various corporate law matters, including M&A, restructurings and regulatory issues. Before his career at Wolf Theiss, he worked in an international law firm specializing in corporate law. *"Being appointed as a partner greatly motivates me to further expand our office in Bratislava and to achieve many more successes for Wolf Theiss with my colleagues."* – Bruno Štefánik

Stefan Wartinger is a member of the Competition and Antitrust Law team at Wolf Theiss in Vienna. His activities encompass complex cartel and abuse proceedings before the European Commission and Austrian courts as well as leniency applications at national and EU levels. Stefan also has extensive experience in advising on merger control proceedings at the national and EU level. Before joining Wolf Theiss, Stefan was part of another successful antitrust team of another Austrian law firm. *"In my new role, I aim to further contribute to Wolf Theiss's strengths in terms of expertise and solution-oriented action on an international level."* - Stefan Wartinger

"We are delighted to welcome six exceptional colleagues to the circle of partners, further expanding our market presence and service portfolio in the CEE/SEE region. Promoting excellence and talents within the firm is of great significance to Wolf Theiss. It allows us to accompany our clients as a reliable partner throughout the region for many years," explains **Sebastian Oberzaucher, Managing Partner of Wolf Theiss.**

About Wolf Theiss

Founded in 1957, Wolf Theiss is one of the leading law firms in Central, Eastern and South-Eastern Europe (CEE/SEE). We have built our reputation on unrivalled local knowledge which is supported by strong international capabilities. With more than 360 lawyers in 13 countries, over 80% of the firm's work involves cross-border representation of international clients.

Albania, Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia and Ukraine, Wolf Theiss represents local and international industrial, trade and service companies, as well as banks and insurance companies. Combining law and business, Wolf Theiss develops comprehensive and constructive solutions on the basis of legal, fiscal and business know-how.

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