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FPS launches Corporate/M&A practice in Munich

Munich, 2 November 2026 – Commercial law firm FPS is expanding its Munich offering, having appointed experienced transactions lawyer Dr Claus Elfring as an equity partner. He joins from PwC Legal.

Elfring will establish the Corporate/M&A practice in Munich with immediate effect. He has advised national and international companies and private equity funds on complex M&A transactions and joint ventures for around 25 years. He also advises on corporate law, particularly in relation to restructuring.

After working at two major international law firms, Elfring joined EY Law as an equity partner in 2010. He led its Transaction Law practice in Germany for several years and later headed its Munich office. He then joined PwC Legal in Munich as an equity partner.

His experience spans the automotive, retail and consumer products sectors, as well as real estate and insurance. His long-standing clients include PUMA, Rohde & Schwarz and the ZBI Group.

“Dr Claus Elfring brings more than two decades of transaction experience at the very highest level. With him on board, we are systematically expanding our Corporate/M&A practice in Munich and strengthening our presence in one of Germany’s most important business centres,” says Florian Wiesner, managing partner at FPS.

“For our clients, the full-service approach of an independent law firm such as FPS means having a dedicated team, direct communication and swift decision-making. I look forward to further developing the Corporate/M&A practice in Munich with my colleagues,” says Dr Claus Elfring.

Dr Thomas Schnülle-Weingart, an equity partner in the Corporate/M&A practice, sees the appointment as an important step in its strategic development. “Elfring’s expertise in complex domestic and cross-border transactions strengthens our advice to listed groups, large family-owned businesses and institutional investors. Alongside Frankfurt, Hamburg and Berlin, FPS will now also have a Corporate/M&A presence in Munich.”

Since opening its Munich office in 2024, FPS has pursued a sustained growth strategy. Elfring’s appointment is part of this effort to build transaction capabilities in all key German markets and provide clients with comprehensive domestic and international advice from a single source.

With more than 350 staff, FPS is one of Germany's leading independent commercial law firms. More than 150 lawyers advise clients from its offices in Berlin, Düsseldorf, Frankfurt, Hamburg and Munich in a responsive, efficient and personal manner. The firm also offers notarial services in Frankfurt and Berlin. Its lawyers advise across a broad range of areas, including employment law, banking and finance, energy, corporate law and M&A, healthcare, property and construction, intellectual property, IT and data protection, competition, litigation, professional and directors' liability, public construction and planning, environmental law, public law and regulation, restructuring and insolvency, tax, and public procurement, state aid and funding.

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