

press release

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CMS ranked 1 in M&A in Russia

CMS leads the Bloomberg league table of legal advisors for M&A in Russia for H1 2009. CMS has advised on 4 deals involving Russian targets with a total value exceeding 1,6 bln USD. These included the US\$150 million acquisition by VTB Bank of 19.90% of Otkritie Financial Corporation.

John Hammond, Managing Partner of CMS in Russia, commented: "This is a remarkable achievement for the firm in what is currently a very difficult market, and underscores the success of our strategy of building strong industry focused teams in the Moscow office."

The CMS Corporate practice of CMS, in Russia led by Irene Engel comprises over 40 lawyers qualified in Russian, English, German and French law.

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About CMS

- CMS has over 16 years of experience in the Russian market, advising major international and domestic players on all legal aspects of their business. For more information please visit <http://www.cmslegal.ru/>
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threshold of 5% equity or USD 50 million total value. League table credit is based on announced total value of a deal.