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**Regular election of the managing bodies at BEITEN BURKHARDT:  
After 15 years in office, Frank Obermann does not stand for election as Managing Partner. His successor is the Munich-based Philipp Cotta.**

Munich, 26 November 2018 – The international commercial law firm BEITEN BURKHARDT duly elected on Saturday, 24 November 2018, the management bodies Steering Committee, Remuneration Committee and HR Committee during a partner meeting.

After five terms of office and thus 15 years as Managing Partner, Frank Obermann decided not to stand for election as Managing Partner. He will focus now on the operational business and will take the role as Head of the practice group Government & Public Sector by way of election by his partners at the end of his term in office as Managing Partner.

„All partners granted me their unconditional trust during all five terms of office and I am very grateful for this support,” says Frank Obermann and adds: „I am convinced to have reached a point at which the time is right for a change and for something new. Therefore, I decided to step back from the management after one and a half decades and I look forward to being more involved in operational activities.”

The partner meeting elected Philipp Cotta, LL.M. as the successor of Frank Obermann. Philipp Cotta is a long-standing partner at the Munich office of BEITEN BURKHARDT and Co-Head of the Competition practice group. In recent years, Philipp Cotta was a member of the Steering Committee of the firm and particularly responsible for international matters. Philipp Cotta will be leading BEITEN BURKHARDT as of 1 January 2019 and he will ensure to keep the firm on this successful path together with the other managing bodies, office heads and practice group heads.

"I am delighted to succeed Frank Obermann in the role as Managing Partner as of the new year," states Philipp Cotta. "Frank shaped BEITEN BURKHARDT like nobody else and paved the way for many important topics. I am pleased to continue this path and moreover to develop new ideas and to reinforce the future-oriented foundation of our firm."

Dr Hans-Peter Mechlem, long-term CFO of BEITEN BURKHARDT, also will not remain in office. He is succeeded by the Dusseldorf-based Dr Guido Krüger, who has been a member

of the Steering Committee for several years and was until now responsible for Marketing and Business Development.

Furthermore, Dr Detlef Koch (Frankfurt am Main), Oliver Schwarz (Berlin) and Dr Axel von Walter were elected as members of the Steering Committee consisting of five members.

As of January 2019, the Remuneration Committee will consist of Dr Axel Goetz (Munich), Heinrich Meyer (Frankfurt am Main), Marcus Mische (Dusseldorf), Dr Thomas Puffe (Berlin), Roland Startz (Munich) and Dr Bernhard Schultz (Berlin).

As members of the HR Committee were elected Christian Freiherr von Buddenbrock (Dusseldorf), Martin Fink (Munich), Dr Dietmar Müller-Boruttau (Berlin), Dr Gerrit Ponath (Frankfurt am Main) and Uwe Wellmann (Berlin).

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- Through our long-established offices in Germany, Brussels, China and Russia we advise large and mid-sized companies and corporate groups from various industries, banks and financial institutions as well as the public sector.