

# Austrian Lawyers To Launch New Firm in Vienna

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Axel Reidlinger, a Partner at Freshfields in Vienna, and Hanno Schatzmann, a co-founder and Partner at Gassauer-Fleissner Rechtsanwälte, have announced their plans to launch a new law firm: Reidlinger Schatzmann Attorneys-at-Law.

The firm's office will be located on Vienna's Tuchlauben street, in the heart of the city. According to a press release, Reidlinger Schatzmann will advise "Austrian and international clients in all fields of business law, with a special focus on corporate law, contract law, real estate, mergers & acquisitions, competition law, EU state aid law and energy law."

According to Hanno Schatzmann: "Our clients can continue to rely on our offer of comprehensive legal advice in our respective fields of expertise." His new partner, Axel Reidlinger, adds, "We care about an open exchange of ideas with our clients, [and] we are convinced that our attractive new offer will lead to additional long-term client relationships."

Reidlinger holds a law degree from Vienna University and a business degree from the Vienna University of Economics and Business Administration. He specialized in European Law at the College of Europe in Bruges, where he obtained an LL.M. In 1994 he joined the Austrian law firm Heller Loeber Bahn & Partners (which became part of what turned into Freshfields Vienna), and worked for the firm's Brussels office for several years. In 2001 Axel became a Partner at Freshfields, where — until this month — he heads the firm's Austrian competition practice.

Schatzmann graduated from the law school of the University of Vienna and obtained his LL.M. from the London School of Economics and Political Science. He then worked for various law firms in Austria and England. Since 1997 he has been based in Vienna, and he became a Partner at Weiss-Tessbach Rechtsanwälte the same year. He co-founded the law firm Gassauer-Fleissner Rechtsanwälte in 2002. His main areas of expertise are M&A, corporate law, general company and contract law, and real estate law.

"Together we have more than 40 years of experience in large law firms," say Reidlinger and Schatzmann, in unison apparently, according to their press release. "We have enjoyed those years. However, now the time has come for us to start something new."

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