

YPOG expands partnership and strengthens Tax practice with renowned partner

Berlin/Hamburg/Cologne/Munich, January 8, 2025 – The business and tax law firm YPOG has bolstered its recently-opened Munich office and its range of tax advisory services by adding renowned tax expert Jörg Schrade to its ranks.

Jörg has been a part of YPOG's Tax practice since January 1. He joined from international law firm CMS, where he had been a partner since 2018. Jörg contributes his expertise in advising international corporations and financial investors on national and international tax issues. His core competencies include tax advice for M&A and private equity transactions, venture capital investments, restructurings, reorganizations, financings, employee-participation programs, cross-border activities, general corporate tax law, and the implementation of innovative business models. A particular focus of his is on digital, energy, and biotech companies. With his expertise, Jörg will further enhance YPOG's Tax practice, which is highly regarded in the market and currently consists of around 60 attorneys and tax advisors, including 8 partners, and is headed by Andreas Kortendick (Cologne office).

"We are delighted to have Jörg bolster our Tax Team as of the start of this year. His extensive expertise in national and international tax matters and his strategic approach will further strengthen our growing Tax practice and our market position. Additionally, Jörg is an excellent cultural fit for us – a factor that is essential for establishing our new Munich office. We look forward to a fruitful collaboration", says Andreas Kortendick, head of the Tax practice group at YPOG.

Alongside Dr. Carolin Raspé and the Munich team, Jörg will continue to advance the expansion of YPOG's most recent location. The services offered by the new Munich office will in due course be expanded – beyond Tax and Corporate Crime + Compliance + Investigations – to YPOG's other core areas. To achieve this, the firm has already succeeded in bringing on board additional professionals.

"Opening our Munich office has been an important milestone in our continuous growth strategy. Jörg's joining accelerates the further expansion of YPOG and broadens our tax advisory spectrum. We are delighted to have gained an extraordinary colleague and renowned expert for our team," comments YPOG Co-Managing Partner Dr. Carola Rathke.

Jörg Schrade adds: "YPOG offers one of the most highly specialized and innovative advisory services in the field of tax law, delivering at the highest level. In times of increasing globalization and breakneck technological development, it is the new economy, for one, that makes comprehensive advice a necessity, which in turn requires excellent cross-practice cooperation on the part of the advisors. YPOG is ideally positioned for this. I look forward to becoming part of this dynamic team and to jointly building on our strengths in a targeted manner."

About YPOG

YPOG is a law firm specialized in tax and business law, active in the core fields of Funds, Tax, Banking + Finance, and Transactions. The team at YPOG represents a broad client base, which ranges from emerging technology companies and family-run SMEs to large corporations, as well as private equity, and venture capital funds. YPOG is one of the leading advisors for venture capital, private equity, and fund structuring in Germany. The firm and its partners have been recognized nationally and internationally by JUVE, Best Lawyers, Legal 500, Focus, Chambers and Partners as well as Leaders League. Today, YPOG has more than 150 experienced attorneys, tax advisors and tax specialists and a notary, in four offices, located in Berlin, Hamburg, Cologne, and Munich.

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