

Simmons & Simmons Expands in Brussels with New Team Hire



International law firm **Simmons & Simmons** announces the expansion of their Brussels office with a team of Belgian lawyers including the appointment of a new partner and of counsel.

Carl Meyntjens will join the firm from Ashurst as a partner* in the corporate and commercial group. He will be joined by **Kelly Cherrett** as of counsel*.

Carl joined Ashurst as a partner in 1998 and has been the Managing Partner of its Brussels office since 2007. He acts for Belgian and international corporates, private equity funds and financial institutions and his practice focuses on corporate and financial law, mergers and acquisitions, private equity and corporate and acquisition finance. He works across a variety of sectors and is referenced in all major legal directories.

Kelly has particular expertise in commercial contracts and PPP projects, including related litigation. Carl and Kelly are expected to join on 01 December. They are both members of the Brussels bar.

Mark Curtis, head of the firm's international corporate and commercial group, commented: "*We are pleased to welcome Carl and his team to our corporate and commercial group. Their arrival symbolises our strategic focus and continued investment in our international capability, and provides additional value to our corporate and commercial client offering.*"

Koen Platteau, head of the firm's Brussels office continued: "*This is a stellar team with a widely renowned reputation and expertise in local and cross-border transactions, both in Belgium and abroad. Their combined expertise complements that of our existing team and enhances our Benelux and European offering in corporate and finance for our clients.*"

Carl Meyntjens commented: "*We are all very excited to join a firm which has such a longstanding European focus and an excellent Benelux platform.*"

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