

DBB strengthens competition team with new partner hire

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DBB has appointed **Tom Pick** as a new partner in its Brussels office. Tom, formerly partner in the Brussels offices of international firms Hammonds LLP and Squire Sanders LLP, will take a leading role in expanding the firm's already existing competition law practice while at the same time taking over responsibility for the newly created German desk.

Before setting up his own practice in May 2011, Tom, who is German qualified, spent thirteen years working in the Brussels competition team at Hammonds before moving to Squire Sanders (as a result of the merger with Hammonds). His experience ranges from cartels, merger control, abuse of dominance and State aid to EU and international trade law matters, including customs and export control law, as well as regulated industries. His reputation has been widely recognized by leading legal directories such as Legal 500 and JUVE.

Pierre Demolin, founding partner of **DBB** said: "*We are delighted to gain a new partner of such caliber and reputation in the Brussels market. Tom's experience and international background is ideal in helping us to expand our offering in the area of competition law and to further develop our international footprint beyond the Belgian market.*"

Commenting on his appointment, Pick said: "*I am excited to join **DBB**. **DBB** is a fantastic firm with excellent people and I am looking forward to the challenge of further developing their competition practice and being in charge of DBB's German desk.*"