

# CTG review

The Gazette of the Company Law and Tax Interest Group

## Welcome to the Advoc AGM in Oslo



Orwall Andersen

**Orwall Andersen of Advokatfirma Orwall & Co welcomes you to the Advoc Europe AGM to be held at the Grand Hotel in Oslo, Norway from 30 April – 4 May 2008.**

Over a period of 4 days, the programme focuses on environmental issues on the first morning followed by an opportunity for you to meet with members of the company law and tax special interest group on the Thursday afternoon.

The Annual General Meeting takes place on the Saturday morning and Advoc Members will have an opportunity to tour The Supreme Court of Norway and also The Munch Museum as well as enjoy a traditional Norwegian dinner. There will be a Gala Dinner at the Gamle Losjen on Saturday evening.

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Details of CTG Members



Akershus Fortress was built by King Haakon V at the end of the 13th Century. The Medieval stronghold was converted into a Renaissance Castle in the 17th Century and boasts majestic halls and the Royal Mausoleum.



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## Levant & partners law firm

Levant & partners law firm successfully renders a wide range of legal services for clients who have business activity in the Russian Federation and abroad. All of our lawyers are English-speakers with different specialization, mostly in international corporate matters, tax, investments and IP. To perform legal services in Russia and abroad is the main purpose of L&P practice: Corporate Matters, M&A, Foreign Investments, Tax Law, Intellectual Property, Dispute Resolution, Real Estate & Land Law and Labor Law.

Individual, tailor-made approach to every client and deep, sophisticated knowledge of specifics of conducting business in different fields is a fundamental basis for successful implementation of each project of the firm. A "One-step-shop" principle is available due to partnership with international firms and membership in various international associations. The firm works in close cooperation with the leading law firms in USA, UK, Cyprus, CIS and EU countries, Southern American countries and Asia.

## 2008 edition of European Legal Experts recognizes Matvey Levant



Managing partner of Levant & partners law firm is highly recommended by the 2008 year Edition of EU Legal Experts in one of the strongest practice areas of the firm - Intellectual Property. According to the guide, "Matvey Levant specializes in private international and

corporate law. He has considerable experience in intellectual property matters, real estate law and arbitration... he has represented interests of the heads of subjects of the Russian Federation in courts of arbitration and general jurisdiction."

"In this guide we bring together research to identify over 3,000 of the leading lawyers in Europe. The guide identifies leading lawyers in a wide range of practice areas, including banking and finance, commercial property, corporate and

commercial, EU & competition, employment, IT and telecommunications, insolvency, intellectual property, litigation and arbitration, private client and tax" (European Legal Experts 2008).

## Levant & partners law firm is listed in World IP Survey 2008

Following the results of World IP Survey 2008 conducted by international magazine Managing Intellectual Property Levant & partners law firm is recommended for working in patent prosecution includes filing of patents or trade marks and associated work. IP practice is one of the strongest practices of the firm, Levant & partners law firm provides assistance to foreign and domestic companies and governmental authorities on a broad range of matters connected with the Intellectual Property. The results of Managing Intellectual Property World IP Survey 2008 have been announced in February 2008

Many Russian law firms have participated in Managing IP's Survey 2008 and only 9 of them have been mentioned in the rating as leading patent firms in prosecution work. The results rank firms by country indicating their capabilities in prosecution and contentious work for both patents and trade marks.

"A team of researchers based in London, Hong Kong and New York contacted firms in 65 jurisdictions to ask them for information and feedback on the rankings. Client feedback was also sought ... the World IP survey is not simply a list of the biggest firms, or a list of those that have the biggest caseload or are the oldest. Instead, it is a qualitative ranking of the leading firms in each category and reveals which firms are rated by their peers for the strength of their expertise and the depth of their ability to service clients." MIP, February 2008.

Please click on the link below to read an article by **Levant & Partners**: *A new specialized legal channel "The Law" has been launched its broadcasting in Russia*

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## Levant & Partners, Russia

### Official legal partnership with Not-for-profit organization Mir Nauki

On February 8, 2008, the Official Russian Science Day, Levant & partners law firm and Mir Nauki entered into a partnership agreement. Levant & partners law firm has become an official legal partner of Mir Nauki, and shall provide a legal support and protection to its social projects. The agreement was signed by Managing partner Matvey Levant and the Executive director of Mir Nauki Irina Terentieva.

Due to managing partner Matvey Levant, the partnership relations between L&P and Mir Nauki represent a new stage for the firm. He also stated that it was a great honor to perform legal services for Mir Nauki in its activities aimed for popularization of Russian science. Mir Nauki, established by the famous Russian scientist Prof. Sergey Kapitsa, was created for the popularization of achievements of science and technology in 2001.



Matvey Levant, managing partner of Levant & Partners signs partnership agreement with Mir Nauki

## Apisith & Alliance, Thailand

### Simat Technologies Public Company Limited

**Legal adviser to:** Simat Technologies Public Company Limited (Simat)

**Transaction:** Initial public offering and listing of 18,750,000 IPO shares of Simat on the Market for Alternative Investment (MAI) of Stock Exchange of Thailand. Financial adviser is Philips Securities (Thailand).

## Apisith & Alliance, Thailand

### Zorrel International, Inc.

**Lead counsel to:** Zorrel International, Inc.

**Transaction:** Acquisition of business and certain assets of King Louie International, Inc., a distributor and brand owner of niche textile and garment products in Kansas City, USA, by a US affiliate of a leading Thai textile and garment group. The value of the transaction was USD 15 million.

## Makes & Partners, Indonesia

### Merger of Surabaya Stock Exchange and Jakarta Stock Exchange

**Area of practice:** Mergers and Acquisitions

**Deal Amount:** Rp. 2,200 trillion (combined market capitalisation)

**Lawyers in charge:**  
Yozua Makes / Iwan Setiawan

**Transaction:** Makes is the only Indonesian law firm handling the two stock exchange mergers in Indonesia: (1) the merger of Bursa Parallel Indonesia into Surabaya Stock Exchange (Makes acts for the two bourses) in 1995; and (2) merger of Surabaya Stock Exchange into Jakarta Stock Exchange (Makes acts for the Surabaya Stock Exchange).



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