

act legal expands into two more European countries

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act legal has quickly put its expansion plans in place. As of March 8, 2018, two additional law firms are joining the European alliance: Fort Advocaten ("FORT") from the Netherlands and Bán Karika from Hungary. **act legal** now operates 13 offices in the economic heart of Europe.

Dr. Sven Tischendorf, managing partner at AC Tischendorf Rechtsanwälte and member of **act legal**'s steering committee: "We are very pleased to welcome Fort Advocaten and Bán Karika to **act legal**. The professionalism, expertise and working methods of both firms fit in seamlessly with those of other **act legal** offices and the fact that these two firms are joining **act legal** will further strengthen our position as renowned legal advisor to a demanding corporate clientele."

Pieter Twaalfhoven, managing partner at FORT: "In recent years we have seen that our clients are increasingly going global, while demand for legal advisory in markets outside the Netherlands is growing. By joining **act legal**, we can address these needs even better and offer our clients advice in most of the key European countries. It's an important step ahead, both for our clients and FORT."

Gergely Bán, managing partner at Bán Karika: "We have more and more become an international law firm, with a growing number of foreign clients and an increasing count of cross-border M&A deals. Joining a growing legal alliance like **act legal** is just a perfect fit for us and our clients alike."

act legal aims to further expand into other European countries in the coming years, with special focus on Southern Europe and Scandinavia. The alliance offers international companies operating on the European market high-quality advice, at the local and international level. This way **act legal** also forms (especially for American and Asian companies) an efficient one-stop shop for excellent legal support in Europe.

ABOUT Fort Advocaten: FORT, located in Amsterdam, is a relevant player on the Dutch market and specialised in corporate law, real estate law, insolvency and restructuring law, franchise law, administrative law and employment law. The firm has 27 lawyers.

ABOUT Bán Karika: Bán Karika is based in Budapest, and 15 professionals focus on corporate and M&A, real estate and construction, data protection, employment, IT and IP law, as well as litigation and dispute resolution.

Besides Fort Advocaten in the Netherlands and Bán Karika in Hungary, **act legal** consists of AC Tischendorf (Germany), BSWW Legal & Tax (Poland), MPH (Slovakia), ŘANDA HAVEL LEGAL (Czech Republic), Vivien & Associés (France and Belgium) and WMWP (Austria).

act legal stands for high quality, fair pricing, efficient bespoke processes, strong partner involvement and a personal approach, all of which make it an attractive alternative to major international law firms.

act legal offers to its clients best of both: Senior counselling based on entrepreneurial competence, deep commercial understanding and direct partner attention. And an international footprint, highest professional standards as well as strong „fire power“.

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