

Dentons votes to combine with a leading firm in New Zealand

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Dentons, the world's largest law firm, is announcing today that its partners have voted to approve a combination with Kensington Swan, a leading New Zealand law firm. The combination will position Dentons as the largest global law firm in New Zealand and will optimally position the Firm to connect clients around the globe to its new offices in New Zealand.

Along with Dentons' previous combination in Australia and Papua New Guinea, this combination strengthens the foundation for Dentons to become the dominant global law firm in Australasia. Dentons' clients will have access to the experience and talents of its 10,000+ lawyers working around the globe, enabling Dentons to connect clients to top-tier legal talent in the markets where they do business.

Since entering the region in 2016, Dentons has been named the fastest growing law firm in Australia, with offices in all of the major Australian markets and growing attorney ranks by 25% just in the last 12 months. With offices in Auckland and Wellington, the combination with Kensington Swan will give Dentons' clients access to an additional team of 113 lawyers who can meet the needs of clients across a wide range of industries.

Kensington Swan is a national, full-service commercial law firm with specialist teams collaborating across practice areas to provide complete legal solutions tailored to each client. Like Dentons, Kensington Swan is dedicated to a polycentric approach that values inclusion and diversity and in and of the community roots, and has a strong tradition of giving back to the communities it serves through pro bono work, volunteerism and financial support.

Kensington Swan is recognized as a leader in the Financial Markets, Infrastructure and Government sectors and has a strong reputation in the Environment, Education, Fast-Moving Consumer Goods, Manufacturing, Healthcare and Energy sectors. The combination will lead to significant synergies in light of Dentons' strengths in each of these areas.

The combination, subject to meeting regulatory requirements, is expected to launch in the next several months.

Dentons announced its intention to combine with three leading law firms in seven days; Kensington Swan in New Zealand, Gustavo Zacapa y Asociados in Honduras, and Lee International in South Korea. Also in 2019, Dentons' partners have approved a combination with MawereSibanda in Zimbabwe and Dentons has launched Dentons Venezuela in Venezuela, and Dentons Larraín Rencoret in Chile.

About Dentons

Dentons is the world's largest law firm, delivering quality and value to clients around the globe. Dentons is a leader on the Acritas Global Elite Brand Index, a BTI Client Service 30 Award winner and recognized by prominent business and legal publications for its innovations in client service, including founding Nextlaw Labs and the Nextlaw Referral Network. Dentons' polycentric approach and world-class talent challenge the status quo to advance client interests in the communities in which we live and work. www.dentons.com.

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