

# Dentons approves combination with elite law firm in Zimbabwe

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Dentons' partners have voted to combine with a leading law firm in Zimbabwe to further our strategy to become the first pan-African law firm owned and controlled by Africans. Dentons is combining with MawereSibanda, a leading law firm in Zimbabwe and key player in African economic zones.

Dentons' polycentric approach and "in and of the community" philosophy creates a competitive advantage in connecting talent to opportunity in Africa. Further, Dentons' unique anti-colonial approach has been a stark differentiator, disrupting the traditional model for providing legal services in Africa.

This combination will give Dentons' clients access to the experience and talents of lawyers working in 79 countries, uniquely positioning Dentons to provide high-quality legal services to clients around the world.

The combination in Zimbabwe follows the Firm's launch with Kenya's Hamilton, Harrison & Mathews and Mauritius' Mardemootoo Solicitors and Balgobin Chambers and builds on the strength of the brand Dentons has established in Egypt, Morocco, and South Africa. This move is part of Dentons' long-term strategy to become the first pan-African law firm owned and controlled by Africans, and provide the Firm's clients with legal services that reach further across the continent than Dentons' competitors.

MawereSibanda has 21 lawyers, a full range of practice areas and a presence in Botswana. It is consistently strong in key practice areas such as Banking and Finance, Corporate, Litigation and Disputes, Real Estate and Intellectual Property, advising in key industry sectors including Infrastructure and Telecommunications. The combination would lead to significant synergies in light of Dentons' strengths in each of these areas.

The combination with MawereSibanda is expected to formalize in the next several months.

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