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## **Withers and Bentleys launch international association**

Global private client law firm Withers and Australasian accounting, advisory and audit firm Bentleys have created a new association to collaborate on leading advice for clients around the world.

The association will see Withers and Bentleys collaborating to offer clients legal and accounting advice on their business, personal and charitable affairs. The agreement is non-exclusive but will see the two businesses working together on client matters and marketing initiatives. The association agreement was initiated through a longstanding relationship between Withers partner Marsha Laine Dungog and Bentleys director David Laanemaa, who have seen an increase in demand for cross-border services.

The Bentleys Network offers tax advisory and accounting services, including wealth management and estate planning, corporate governance and management consultancy. In addition, the firm provides legal and tax advice on M&A, property investment, construction projects and IP matters, working with family businesses and family offices, SMEs and not-for-profit organizations.

Withers is the leading international private client law firm, focused on advising high net worth individuals and families on tax and estate planning, charitable and philanthropic matters, corporate and commercial transactions and contentious matters. The firm operates from 17 offices across the US, Asia and Europe.

"This association is really exciting for us and for our clients. It unites two top-tier organizations that are focused on providing families and privately held businesses with the best possible services and solutions for their financial and legal needs. This will mean seamless advice on matters across Australasia, Europe, Asia and the US. We look forward to rolling out this new collaboration to our clients around the world," says Jay Dinwoodie, CEO of Withers' Private Client and Tax division.

"We are delighted to be associated with such a prestigious firm. Withers and Bentleys offer complimentary services that will be of significant benefit to our growing client base. We are committed to providing excellent service to our clients and our new relationship with Withers allows us to go that extra bit further in terms of service capability and support," says Tony Sacre, CEO of the Bentleys Network.

"Through this new association, we will have access to a global network of legal experts which will successfully facilitate our clients' growth objectives, while simultaneously delivering cutting edge skill-building and niche information which is specifically designed to enrich our staff and broader organizational development. We will enjoy all the advantages of the new association, while still maintaining our independent status," Mr Sacre added.

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## About Withers

Withers is an international law firm with a broad-ranging client base including multinational corporations, governments, international institutions and individuals and their businesses.

With over 200 partners and 650 other lawyers, we have unparalleled expertise in commercial, tax, trusts, estate planning, financial services, litigation and international arbitration, public international law, real estate, charities, philanthropy, employment, family law and other legal issues facing individuals and their families. The firm has advised 74% of the top 100 UK Sunday Times Rich List, 25% of the Forbes 400 List, 52% of the Singapore Forbes Rich List, 35% of the Hong Kong Forbes Rich List, and 35% of Forbes Asia's Richest Families list.

Withers has 17 offices worldwide in London, New York, New Haven, Greenwich (Connecticut), Boston, San Francisco, San Diego, Los Angeles, Houston, Hong Kong, Singapore, Tokyo, the British Virgin Islands, Geneva, Milan, Padua and Cambridge.

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## About Bentleys

The Bentleys Network is a well-established Australian owned national network of independent accounting, advisory and audit firms. The Bentleys Network has 17 offices across Australia and New Zealand, with over 80 Directors and 700 professional services staff. It was recently ranked number 12 in the Australian Financial Review's list of top 100 accounting firms. While compliance related activities remain a core part of the business services offering, Bentleys will increase and strengthen service offerings for ambitious clients trusts and estates, and taxation planning and structuring, including business advisory, succession planning, and wealth management strategies.

The Bentleys Network is connected internationally through its affiliation to Allinial Global, which is a member-based association dedicated to the success of independent accounting and consulting firms. Founded in 1969, this strategic affiliation of legally independent accounting firms has a mission to foster the independence, profitability, and continuous improvement of its members.

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