

# Dentons opens for business in the Netherlands

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**Amsterdam** —Dentons, the world's largest law firm, entered the Dutch market today following the completion of its combination with Amsterdam-based law firm Boekel. The combined firm operates under the name Dentons Boekel within the Netherlands.

"Dentons Boekel is now open for business," said Marien Glerum, who will continue to manage the operations of the Dutch practice as Managing Officer of Dentons Boekel. "Building on our 60-year legacy in the Dutch market, today marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter of growth, innovation and reinvention as part of Dentons."

The Amsterdam office - which employs more than 70 lawyers including 17 partners - significantly strengthens Dentons' European service offering across all major practice areas.

Tomasz Dabrowski, CEO of Dentons Europe, commented, "Today's opening in Amsterdam fills an important gap in our market presence in Europe and enables us to bring our clients a truly pan-European service offering".

"Dentons is invited to pitch for more and more global panel opportunities, and many of these include the Netherlands," said Joe Andrew, Global Chairman of Dentons. "Having a strong presence in this key market will make Dentons' value proposition even more compelling to our clients around the world."

Elliott Portnoy, Global Chief Executive Officer of Dentons, commented: "We have been very impressed by the commitment and enthusiasm that our new Dutch colleagues have shown so far, and we will continue to focus on integration over the coming months to bring the full power of the Firm to our clients."

Wendela Raas has been named Netherlands Managing Partner and Head of the local Real Estate practice. She has also been appointed as a Member of the Board of Dentons Europe. A well-respected real estate lawyer, Raas works on real estate transactions and provides legal advice to institutional investors, project developers and retailers. She is recognized in particular for her deep knowledge of landlord and tenant law.

"Our priority for the coming year will be to work closely with our new colleagues around the world to deliver top quality services to our clients, while driving new business opportunities," said Wendela Raas. "We will also focus on expanding our service offering in the Netherlands, and will be looking for great legal talent to boost our M&A and Banking and Finance practices."

As a result of the combination in the Netherlands, Dentons now employs 7,800 lawyers in 150 locations in more than 60 countries around the world.

## 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 Enterprise, Dentons' wholly

owned subsidiary of innovation, advisory and technology operating units. Dentons' polycentric approach, commitment to inclusion and diversity and world-class talent challenge the status quo to advance client interests in the communities in which we live and work. [www.dentons.com](http://www.dentons.com).

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