



### **Twelfth Business Talk in Munich**

#### **Traditional Event at Bayerischer Hof Hotel on 25 January 2018**

Munich, 12 February 2018 – For the twelfth time already the annual Business Talk was held at the hotel Bayerischer Hof, again jointly organised by Warth & Klein Grant Thornton and BEITEN BURKHARDT, and hosting around 600 guests. The meeting theme of this year's event was "The first year of Donald Trump's presidency - keep it up, Berlin?"

As keynote speaker the organisers were able to book the politician Karl-Theodor Freiherr zu Guttenberg. He excels at world politics as well as business and security policy. In his captivating speeches Freiherr zu Guttenberg likes to present unique -- and at the same time controversial -- opinions on "his" topics, certainly one reason for this year's record high number of participants.

After the host Dr Stefan Kusterer (Warth & Klein Grant Thornton) briefly welcomed the participants, Karl-Theodor Freiherr zu Guttenberg began his speech. In his one-hour talk he looked back at the first year of Donald Trump's presidency and pondered how the German-US relationship was going to develop. He analysed the past year from different angles in a fluent, gripping, entertaining and inspiring manner, electrifying and enthusing the attendees.

A brief round of questions followed the speech of Freiherr zu Guttenberg. After that, host Dr Axel Goetz (BEITEN BURKHARDT) invited guests to get together so that everyone could enjoy the rest of the evening with culinary delicacies and networking.



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### **About the Speakers and the Hosts**

*Karl-Theodor Freiherr zu Guttenberg* is one of the best known German politicians (Christian Social Union, CSU). In 2009, at an age of 37 years, he became the so far youngest minister for economic affairs of Germany. Later he served as Minister of Defence where he initiated important reforms of Germany's armed forces. As a "Distinguished Statesman" at the renowned Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) in Washington, D.C., he leads a transatlantic dialogue initiative focused on current political and economic issues. In addition, Freiherr zu Guttenberg has served as adviser to the European Commission's "No Disconnect Strategy". The strategy supports Internet users, bloggers and cyber activists living under authoritarian regimes and intends to ensure human rights and fundamental freedoms are respected.

*Dr Stefan Kusterer* is Partner at Warth & Klein Grant Thornton AG in Munich. He particularly focuses on tax planning and structuring of mid-sized companies and corporate groups.

*Dr Axel Goetz* is Partner at BEITEN BURKHARDT in Munich and member of the Corporate / M&A practice group. His main areas of activity comprise M&A and private equity transactions as well as providing legal advice on corporate law issues (restructuring), advice and representation in special corporate law disputes and the management of general meetings.

### **About the Business Talk**

The Business Talk was held for the first time in 2007. With annually changing topics and speakers, the Business Talk has become a traditional event in Munich. The main attraction is the speech of a high-profile guest speaker. The evening is rounded off by an entertaining, yet informative round of discussion. The Business Talk event at the hotel Bayerischer Hof provides entrepreneurs and businessmen with a perfect platform once a year for sharing information, exchanging personal experiences and for networking. For further information visit [www.business-talk-muenchen.de/](http://www.business-talk-muenchen.de/).



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