

# Press Release

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## Baker & McKenzie Announces Affiliation With Leading Turkish Firm Esin

Global, October 27 2011 – Baker & McKenzie, the leading global law firm, has further strengthened the coverage it provides to clients by entering into an exclusive relationship with leading Turkish law firm Esin Attorney Partnership (Esin Avukatlık Ortaklığı).

The move comes in response to growing client interest and activity in Turkey, one of the world's fastest-growing economies. It is also an important step in Baker & McKenzie's efforts to strengthen its global platform and service offerings to serve clients in both developed and emerging markets globally.

"Istanbul is an increasingly important hub for global business. By entering into an exclusive arrangement with one of Istanbul's leading law firms we are underlining our commitment to being able to serve our clients in those markets in which they are growing their businesses, while strengthening our ability to help Turkish clients take advantage of the opportunities beyond their borders," said Eduardo Leite, Chairman of Baker & McKenzie's Executive Committee.

By working in an exclusive consultancy arrangement with Esin Attorney Partnership, clients of Baker & McKenzie will have access to the full-service, international and foreign law advice of the world's leading global law firm and the Turkish law counsel of one of the leading law firms in Turkey.

Esin is a 40-lawyer firm, founded by Ismail Esin in 1997. It was named Legal Adviser of the Year in Turkey at the European M&A Awards 2010 by the Financial Times and MergerMarket and ranked in Tier 1 for M&A in legal directory *The Legal 500*. Its practices include Corporate and M&A, Real Estate, Dispute Resolution and Competition law.

Koen Vanhaerents, European Chairman and member of the Firm's Executive Committee noted that Baker & McKenzie has been advising clients on high-profile cross-border transactions involving Turkey for years. "It has become increasingly clear that Turkey is rapidly growing in importance for our clients. This exclusive relationship with Esin Attorney Partnership, provides our clients with access to the very best legal services in Turkey," he added.

The news follows a period of recent expansion for Baker & McKenzie. In May 2011, Baker & McKenzie opened an office in Qatar, following Luxembourg in October 2010 and Abu Dhabi in 2009. Baker & McKenzie is one of the largest law firms in EMEA with more than 1,900 practitioners across the region.

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Founded in 1949, Baker & McKenzie advises many of the world's most dynamic and successful business organizations through more than 3,800 locally qualified lawyers and over 5,800 professional staff in 69 offices in 41 countries. Baker & McKenzie is known for having a deep understanding of the language and culture of business, an uncompromising commitment to excellence, and world-class fluency in its client service. Baker & McKenzie's global revenues for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011, were US\$2.27 billion. Eduardo Leite is Chairman of the Firm's Executive Committee. ([www.bakermckenzie.com](http://www.bakermckenzie.com))

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