

Winston & Strawn and Taylor Wessing UK Partnerships Resoundingly Approve Combination

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Transatlantic powerhouse Winston Taylor expected to launch in May

CHICAGO and LONDON – Winston & Strawn LLP and Taylor Wessing’s UK-led business announced today that the partnerships of each firm have voted decisively in favor of combining to establish Winston Taylor, a premier transatlantic law firm.

The combination will create one of the world’s largest transatlantic law firms, with more than 1,400 lawyers primarily in the United States, the United Kingdom, and Europe, as well as Latin America and the Middle East. Building on deep experience and establishing significant scale in complex litigation, high-stakes transactions, strategic intellectual property, and private wealth, Winston Taylor will deliver best-in-class client service across key sectors, including technology, life sciences, and financial services.

“The decisive, overwhelming support from our partnerships reflects a shared passion and commitment to meeting our clients’ desire for a unified team across the Atlantic—one that delivers unparalleled advice and capability in the areas that matter most to them,” said Steve D’Amore, Chairman of Winston, who will continue as Chairman of the combined firm. “Winston Taylor is positioned to provide seamlessly integrated work across borders for the businesses, people, and markets which are driving capital and innovation.”

“This combination creates a transatlantic law firm in the major hubs of innovation and capital in the US, Europe, and the Middle East,” added Shane Gleghorn, Managing Partner of Taylor Wessing UK, who will serve as Managing Partner of Europe and Middle East for Winston Taylor and will become a member of its Executive Committee. “Our clients require a firm with premier teams in those hubs in relation to critical transactions, litigation, IP and private wealth. Our partners, therefore, voted in favor of the combination because both firms have an absolute commitment to achieving our clients’ objectives, and that focus will be the foundation of our shared success.”

As part of the combination, Taylor Wessing the Netherlands and Belgium voted to enter an agreement to operate under the Winston Taylor brand. It is anticipated that the Netherlands and Belgian regions will, over time and subject to approvals, fully integrate into a single firm with the US and UK operations of Winston Taylor.

Winston Taylor has also agreed to a cooperation and referral arrangement with the legacy Taylor Wessing verein, in Germany and elsewhere, to provide continuous service to clients going forward.

After a period of partner-led integration, the combined firm is expected to launch officially in May 2026.

Notes to editors

The combined business will have 20 offices in Amsterdam, Brussels, Cambridge, Charlotte, Chicago, Dallas, Dubai, Dublin, Eindhoven, Houston, Liverpool, London, Los Angeles, Miami, New York, Paris, San Francisco, São Paulo, Silicon Valley, and Washington DC. For more information, visit www.winstontaylor.com.

About Winston & Strawn

Founded in 1853, Winston & Strawn is an Am Law 50 firm with 1,000 lawyers across 14 offices worldwide. The firm is recognized for its leadership in litigation, intellectual property, corporate and finance transactions, and regulatory work across major sectors, including technology, life sciences, and financial services.

About Taylor Wessing UK

Founded in 1782, Taylor Wessing UK is a Top 20 UK law firm with over 450 lawyers in the UK, Ireland and the Middle East. The firm is renowned for its Tier 1 intellectual property, life sciences, technology, and private wealth practices, advising clients ranging from global corporations to leading innovators and investors.

About Taylor Wessing the Netherlands and Belgium

Taylor Wessing the Netherlands and Belgium brings together its Amsterdam, Eindhoven, and Brussels offices into a fully integrated Benelux practice, with over 100 lawyers and civil-law notaries advising high-growth technology and life sciences companies, multinational corporates, and investors on corporate transactions, intellectual property, disputes, and regulatory matters.

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