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Polly Sprenger to Lead Katten UK's Contentious Financial Services and White Collar, Investigations and Compliance Team

(LONDON) Katten Muchin Rosenman UK LLP announced today the arrival of Polly Sprenger, along with her team, as a partner in the London office. The move signifies Katten's overall strategy to provide representation in contentious financial services and white collar criminal matters and internal investigations across a broad spectrum of industries, with an emphasis on heavily regulated sectors such as financial services.

Sprenger and her team of two associates, Aisling O'Sullivan and Jason Williamson, together with Katten associate and financial services litigator Victoria Jepson, will form a contentious Financial Services and White Collar, Investigations and Compliance team based in London, to be led by Sprenger. The London team will be linked into the US Financial Services Litigation and White Collar Investigation and Compliance groups and will sit alongside the existing highly regarded Financial Services regulatory team in London.

Sprenger focuses her practice on corporate crime matters, including civil and criminal litigation, asset recovery, public advisory work, and internal and criminal corporate investigations. She leverages her experience with internal investigations to interface with regulators in financial services matters, a rising capability of the firm's multi-faceted Financial Services practice.

"Our approach to growing our London office continues to be smart, selective and strategic," said Katten Chairman Roger P. Furey. "Investigations are increasingly more international in scope so having a highly experienced professional team on the ground in London will enhance our white collar and financial services offerings to clients dealing with internal and cross-border matters."

Sprenger represents corporate clients conducting investigations into allegations of commercial misconduct, including fraud, corruption, money laundering and other criminal offences, and advises on civil and criminal remedies in relation to a range of wrongdoing. She also conducts internal and cross-border investigations involving suspected corruption, theft of commercial data, accounting fraud and tampering with safety equipment. With respect to data protection, Sprenger will work alongside Partner Alan D. Meneghetti who

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joined Katten earlier this year to manage a full range of commercial and regulatory work with an emphasis on technology, intellectual property and privacy.

“Polly is a highly regarded corporate and economic crime practitioner who is known for providing thought leadership on matters related to fraud, and corporate and white collar crime,” said Peter Sugden, managing partner of Katten UK. “Her real-world investigative experience along with her first-rate legal skills will instantly add value to clients facing matters where US law enforcement agencies are working jointly with foreign counterparts in England and elsewhere. Polly and her team will make an immediate impact on both our practices and clients.”

Sprenger is the co-author of “Arlidge and Parry on Fraud” (4th and 5th editions), which examines the complexities of fraud laws, and author of “Deferred Prosecution Agreements,” a guide to addressing corporate liability in England and Wales. She is a frequent lecturer on issues related to corporate crime. Sprenger previously served as Head of Strategic Intelligence at the UK Serious Fraud Office and worked for several years as a corporate investigator and investigative journalist.

Katten Muchin Rosenman UK LLP is the London affiliate of Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP, a full-service law firm with more than 600 attorneys in locations across the United States and in Asia. The London team has a wide range of experience covering real estate, mergers and acquisitions, general corporate and commercial, joint ventures, financial services and regulatory, employment, tax, construction, finance, litigation, and asset management.

The firm’s London lawyers work seamlessly with colleagues in other offices located in centres of finance, including Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles, New York, Shanghai and Washington, DC. They offer skilled, integrated legal advice, and are particularly well-placed to service the needs of clients undertaking transatlantic business.

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