Christoph Gottschalk to lead CNC's Berlin office – Otto Fricke to return to the German Bundestag

Berlin, 23 October 2017 – CNC Communications & Network Consulting (CNC), the global strategic communications consultancy, today announces the appointment of Christoph Gottschalk as the lead partner of its Berlin office. Christoph joined CNC as partner in September 2017.

Otto Fricke, CNC's lead partner in Berlin since the end of 2013, will rejoin the newly elected German Bundestag as a member of parliament for Germany's liberal party, FDP, from 24 October 2017. In accordance with Article 48 of the German constitution, his contractual relationship with CNC will be suspended from that date. Siegmar Mosdorf and Udo van Kampen will continue their activities as partners in Berlin.

Christoph joined CNC from Russell Reynolds Associates, an international executive search consultancy, whose Hamburg office he led since 2012. He has built an excellent network in the fields of communications, politics, media, as well as non-profit organisations and beyond. Before Russell Reynolds, from 2003 to 2005, Christoph served as German Adviser to the French Prime Minister at the time, Jean-Pierre Raffarin. Moreover, he held the office of President of the European Youth Parliament and has been engaged in European social policy issues ever since.

Bernhard Meising, CNC's CEO, says: "We wish Otto Fricke all the best for his new role in the German Bundestag. His expertise and creativity, as well his ability to connect with people, will help him to make an important contribution to Germany's political life. At the same time, we are delighted to have convinced Christoph Gottschalk to join CNC. He is an extraordinary individual whose ability to move between politics, the non-profit and corporate sectors, as well as the arts, is almost peerless. Added to that, his profound leadership experience in professional services is of enormous value to CNC."

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