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## **ALFA International, the Global Legal Network, Welcomes Forgó, Varga & Partners as the Exclusive Member Firm for Hungary**

(September 22, 2009) – ALFA International, the global legal network, is pleased to announce that it has voted to admit ***Forgó, Varga & Partners*** ([www.forgovarga.com](http://www.forgovarga.com)) as the exclusive ALFA International member firm for Hungary.

***Forgó, Varga & Partners*** was established in November 2000 and is a leading national law firm with a 10 lawyer office in Budapest, Hungary. The firm has a strong focus on mergers & acquisitions, venture capital, private equity and technology related areas. It is also very active in general commercial/contracts, arbitration, litigation, financing, labor, pharmaceutical and energy related work and has developed significant knowledge and experience related to privatization, infrastructure, real estate, licensing, gaming and betting, competition/antitrust and public procurement, as well. ***Forgó, Varga & Partners'*** core clientele consists of – inter alia – international and Hungarian strategic and financial investors, corporate finance firms, IT, telecommunications, pharmaceutical and energy companies, real estate developers and Hungarian subsidiaries of multinational and foreign companies.

According to Richard Hetke, ALFA International's CEO, "The addition of ***Forgó, Varga & Partners*** continues our representation and development in Central Eastern Europe with a high profile member firm within a critical commercial center in the region."

Gábor Damjanovic, ALFA International Contact Partner at ***Forgó, Varga & Partners***, testifies, "We have long been providing high quality services to a large number of foreign law firms, including ALFA International member firms. After I personally met with some ALFA International members we started to seriously consider the possibility of joining the network and were soon convinced that not only is ALFA International a quality network but the

people involved are quality people. Having been invited to join numerous networks in the past and having never done so, we are confident that ALFA International is the right fit for us and we are the right fit for ALFA International (“Ask not what ALFA International can do for you, ask what you can do for ALFA International”). We are very pleased to become a member of the ALFA International network and look forward to working with the ALFA International member firms around the world on cross-border legal and business issues as they relate to business in Hungary, as well as on legal matters arising under each of our jurisdictions.”

### **About ALFA International**

ALFA International, the global legal network, ([www.alfainternational.com](http://www.alfainternational.com)) is an organization of independent law firms. ALFA International’s membership is comprised of 132 international law firms (85 U.S. based firms, 47 non U.S. based firms) employing over 8,500 lawyers and 10,000 other legal professionals. Member firms are located in nearly every U.S. state as well as in Canada, Mexico, across Europe, Latin America, South America, and the Pacific Rim. ALFA International’s basic objective, accomplished through its member firms and their activities, is to improve the quality and efficiency of legal services and to provide those services to clients within a reasonable and value oriented cost formula across jurisdictions around the world.

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