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Press Release

Professor Marcel Olbert Assumes the Chair of Taxation, Accounting, and Finance at the University of Mannheim

Since February 2026, Marcel Olbert has joined the Area Accounting and Taxation at Mannheim Business School as Professor of Taxation, Accounting, and Finance. By returning from London Business School to Mannheim, he is making a deliberate commitment to Germany as a research hub and is establishing a research center focused on the impact of economic policy on business decisions.

After completing his doctoral degree at Mannheim Business School, including a research stay at Stanford University as a visiting scholar, Olbert taught and conducted research at London Business School, which is regularly ranked among the world's top ten business schools. In 2024, he was named one of Poets&Quants' *World's Best 40-Under-40 MBA Professors*. He serves on the Editorial Review Board of the leading U.S. journal *The Accounting Review* and is an Associate Editor of the *European Accounting Review*, underscoring his standing among the international top tier of business scholars.

In Mannheim, Olbert will expand his research on business taxation, international tax planning, private equity, and the investment decisions of multinational firms. Additional focal areas include the economic effects of transparency and disclosure regulation, sustainability regulation, and the impact of economic policies in developing countries. The planned research center will bring these themes together and further strengthen the transfer of research findings to academia, business, and policymaking.

"Mannheim is the perfect place for me to combine ambitious research with practical relevance for business and policy," Says Olbert. "I look forward to actively contributing to the strategic development of Mannheim Business School and to providing new impetus in research, teaching, and knowledge transfer." Joachim Lutz, Dean of the Business School, adds: "We are proud to have appointed Marcel Olbert to Mannheim Business School. He is an excellent fit with our strategic profile, and we are confident that he will make a significant contribution to our continued success in research and teaching."

The appointment aligns with national efforts to attract outstanding international researchers to Germany and to further strengthen research conditions, including the federal government's "1000 Köpfe Plus" initiative.

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