

Proskauer Advises Saavn Management Team in Saavn's Merger With JioMusic Valued at Over \$1 Billion

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April 6, 2018 (New York) – International law firm Proskauer advised the founders of music streaming service Saavn on their agreement to combine Saavn's services with over-the-top platform JioMusic. The combined company is valued at over \$1 billion. Saavn's cofounders, Vinohd Bhat, Rishi Malhotra and Paramdeep Singh will continue in their leadership roles, and along with the rest of Saavn's existing shareholders, will continue to hold an ownership stake in the combined business.

The integrated business will be developed into a media platform with global reach, cross-border original content, an independent artist marketplace, consolidated data and one of the largest mobile advertising mediums. Reliance Industries, parent company of JioMusic, will also invest up to \$100 million for the growth and expansion of the platform.

Accessed across the globe and offering 36 million tracks in 15 languages, Saavn is one of South Asia's leading digital music streaming services.

The Proskauer team was led by partner Andrew Kleiman (Mergers & Acquisitions) and included partners Michael Sirkin (Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation) and David Miller (Tax) and associates Brittany Perskin (Corporate), Ruthanne Minoru (Employee Benefits & Executive Compensation) and Yomarie Habenicht (Tax).

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