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Proskauer Continues Growth of Transactional Platform

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Welcoming Four Prominent Corporate Partners to its Paris Office

PARIS, September 27, 2023 – Proskauer, a leading international law firm, is pleased to announce the arrival of market-leading corporate partners Xavier Norlain, Jeremy Scemama, Maud Manon and Matthieu Lampel. They will all join the Firm's Paris office.

Xavier, Jeremy, Maud and Matthieu have extensive experience and expertise in private and public M&A, leveraged finance, including direct lending, and restructuring. Their clients include prominent private equity investment sponsors, financial institutions (debt funds and banks) industrial and services groups, as well as management teams.

"We are thrilled to welcome this team to Proskauer. Their stellar market reputations and substantial experience will further enhance our private capital practice. France is of strategic importance to the private equity industry, and we are committed to continuing to build our platform to support the growing needs of our client base," said Steven M. Ellis, Chairman of Proskauer.

"The arrival of Xavier, Jeremy, Maud and Matthieu is of great value to our burgeoning strategic M&A and private equity offering," said Steven Davis, co-head of Proskauer's Mergers and Acquisitions practice and London office. "As we continue to evolve our transactional platform, we are delighted to grow both our presence in Paris with this high caliber team, as well as expand the cross-border work we do. The team complements our private capital expertise in London and the U.S., creating opportunities to expand client relationships with skilled and seasoned expertise on the ground in France."

These latest hires bring the total number of lateral partner hires made this year to 14, seven of which have been outside of the Firm's U.S. offices. Xavier, Jeremy, Maud and Matthieu will also be joined by a team of 15 lawyers.

“Proskauer has built an enviable platform for asset managers and are doing cutting-edge work for their clients,” said Xavier Norlain. “My fellow partners and I are thrilled to be joining such a dynamic team and are excited to build on the momentum and grow the team in Paris.”

Proskauer has advised on a number of transformative transactions in Europe of late, including representing Ardian in its role as lead investor in a GP-led transaction run by Norvestor; ICG on its investment in Direct Ferries; Ares Management on the financing of Eagle Football Holdings Bidco Limited’s acquisition of a significant controlling stake in French Ligue 1 football club, Olympique Lyonnais Groupe SA and on the largest ever unitranche financing representing in aggregate £1.875 billion commitment to The Ardonagh Group; and advising longtime client Accor, a world-leading hospitality group, in the creation, structuring and implementation of its global joint venture with Ennismore.

More on the Team:

Xavier Norlain is an M&A partner and advises investment funds on leveraged buyouts, venture capital and development capital transactions. He also advises managers in the negotiation of their status and their renumeration, as well as in the context of operations with investment funds. He graduated from HEC and received his M.A in Philosophy of Law from the University of Paris II – Pantheon Assas and his M.A in International Tax Law from Paris XI

Jeremy Scemama is an M&A partner who works with investment funds on leveraged buyouts, venture capital and development capital transactions. He also advises listed and non-listed industrial services groups on their corporate finance operations, restructuring and external growth operations, and has extensive experience in transactions involving securities matters. He received his M.A in International Law and International Commerce from the University of Paris II – Pantheon Assas.

Maud Manon is a Finance partner whose practice primarily focuses on LBOs and leveraged acquisition finance and she represents financial institutions (mainly debt funds) as well as sponsors and borrowers. Maud’s experience also extends to the acquisition finance of listed companies, public offerings, and block acquisitions and she advises debtors, creditors and/or sponsors in the context of complex leverage debt. Maud graduated from HEC and received her M.A in Business and Insolvency Law from University of Paris XI.

Matthieu Lampel is an M&A partner advising investment funds on leveraged buyouts, venture capital and development capital transactions, as well as domestic and international clients in a wide variety of M&A transactions. Matthieu focuses on a broad range of industry sectors, including financial services, infrastructure, healthcare, energy, technology, and consumer goods and retail and is a specialist in the implementation of French foreign investment regulations. He graduated from HEC and received his M&A in Business and Tax Law from the University of Paris I Sorbonne.

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Since 1875, Proskauer has been devoted to our clients' successes. Our lawyers are known for their unusually high accessibility, responsiveness, and attentiveness. We go the extra mile to understand a client's business — and think like savvy businesspeople in the process.

Related Professionals

- **Xavier Norlain**
  Partner
- **Jeremy Scemama**
  Partner
- **Maud Manon**
  Partner
- **Matthieu Lampel**
  Partner