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## ANTONIA RACCAT JOINS AUGUST DEBOUZY AS A PARTNER: A MILESTONE IN THE GROWTH OF THE “REAL ESTATE AND CONSTRUCTION” PRACTICE AREA

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### REAL ESTATE - CONSTRUCTION

August Debouzy welcomes the arrival of Antonia Raccat, a major figure in real estate and real estate financing circles, as a partner at our firm. Her arrival, together with that of her senior associate, Catherine Mintégui, will strengthen the firm's “Real Estate and Construction” practice area set up 15 months ago by August Debouzy partner Guillaume Aubatier.

**These two experienced partners who are recognized in the market, will speed up the development of this practice area following a sectoral approach, in synergy with partners in our other areas of expertise** (such as **Vincent Brenot** in his urban planning and environmental law practice, **Laurent Cotret** in his restructuring practice, **Emmanuelle Mignon** in her regulatory practice, and **Philippe Lorentz** in his tax practice).

**With 25 years' of career to her credit, Antonia Raccat is an authority in her field.**

She advises **three types of private actors in France and abroad with their complex real estate investment projects and their financing**: international funds, insurance companies, and asset managers.

**This alliance will be especially complementary with Guillaume Aubatier's activity**, extending the **range of expertise** offered by the firm's “Real Estate and Construction” practice area and strengthening its **international dimension** thanks to Antonia Raccat's **recognized experience in cross-border deals** after having worked in Rome, Milan and Paris.

**With her addition, the firm has consolidated its resolutely integrated service offer to support clients with all of their strategic real estate projects, by offering “one-stop shop” legal and strategic support.**

*“This practice area already enjoys recognition within the real estate sector and we would like to continue this dynamic. The tandem formed by Antonia and Guillaume is a no-brainer: they both share the firm's values of excellence and the strategic and international vision of our support”* **said Mahasti Razavi.**

*“I am delighted that a recognized professional like Antonia agreed to join the Real Estate and Construction practice area. This fully validates our strategy of offering our clients and market players a sector-based approach to cover all their needs with ambition, excellence, and determination”* **said Guillaume Aubatier.**

*“I am very happy to be joining August Debouzy whose vision and values immediately appealed to me, and Guillaume with whom we are strongly complementary both in terms of expertise and clients. Our ambition is to grow this real estate practice and to develop the international practice thanks to the combined expertise of all the lawyers at August Debouzy and its network of excellent best friends”,* **added Antonia Raccat.**

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#### About ANTONIA RACCAT

Antonia Raccat graduated with a *cum laude* DEA postgraduate degree in general private law from Paris II-Panthéon-Assas University and with a *cum laude* Master's in private law from Paris Panthéon Assas University and the Sapienza University of Rome. She has worked in both French and global law firms, including Jones Day (2000-2007), Taylor Wessing (2007), Dentons (former Salans) (2007-2011), LPA-CGR (2011-2015), DLA Piper (2015-2021), and most recently AREA Avocats, which she founded.

#### About CATHERINE MINTÉGUI

Catherine Mintégui earned a Master II in international and European law from Paris-Nanterre University, and an L.L.M. in international trade and commercial law from Durham University. She worked for several years at Jones Day before joining Antonia Raccat at DLA Piper in 2019. In 2021, she joined AREA Avocats.

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