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## AUGUST DEBOUZY BROADENS THE CAPABILITIES OF ITS CORPORATE TEAM WITH TOP-QUALITY CAPITAL MARKET EXPERTISE

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August Debouzy heralds the arrival of two new counsels, Jean-Damien Boulanger and Rodrigue Tchouale, who will both be joining the Corporate department. These appointments are part of the firm's ongoing strategy of team development. They will expand on August Debouzy's full-service offering, characterised by expert lawyers with a cross-disciplinary approach and a solid international network of "best friends".

**Jean-Damien Boulanger**, a corporate lawyer specialising in capital market transactions, supplements the expertise of the firm's Corporate team, specifically in the area of securities law. His experience in the capital markets will help meet the needs and strategic challenges of the firm's clients, both French and foreign, at their various stages of existence. Jean-Damien Boulanger works in the area of capital market transactions on behalf of issuers, in the contexts of IPOs, capital increases, spin-offs, and stock and bond issues. He also works with listed and unlisted companies on mergers and acquisitions, and advises listed companies in the areas of corporate governance and securities law. Before joining August Debouzy, Jean-Damien Boulanger made his career at the Bredin Prat firm.

*"I am eager to contribute my nearly 15 years of expertise in Equity Capital Markets to August Debouzy's clients and raise its level of excellence and reputation to match those of all the firm's practices. I am drawn to AD's entrepreneurial energy, shared by all the firm's lawyers, and I want to be part of that for the benefit of our clients and partners," says Jean-Damien Boulanger.*

Jean-Damien Boulanger joins the firm at the same time as **Rodrigue Tchouale**, a lawyer specialising in mergers and acquisitions, private equity, and venture capital. Rodrigue Tchouale works in the area of complex and/or cross-border mergers and acquisitions, disposals, investments, and reorganisations on behalf of listed and unlisted companies and French and foreign investment funds from various industries, including media, telecommunications, and energy. After an early career at British and American law firms (Freshfields, Baker McKenzie), Rodrigue Tchouale was part of the M&A / Private Equity team at De Pardieu Brocas Maffei for 5 years before joining August Debouzy.

*"I am delighted to join August Debouzy. The well-known high quality of the firm's teams, its energy, ambition in terms of international development, and very entrepreneurial culture all appealed to me. The Corporate team is growing, and I am thrilled at the opportunity to actively contribute to this great success," adds Rodrigue Tchouale.*

*"We are very pleased to see our firm attracting such talent. Our ambition is to consolidate our Corporate department with the addition of these two different but complementary counsels and their expertise as part of our overall approach to transactional operations. Bolstering our mergers and acquisitions capacity and developing new equity capital market expertise is a major step towards our objective of diversifying our spheres of action in order to serve the needs and expectations of our clients," adds Julien Aucomte, speaking for five other partners on the Corporate team.*

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### About Jean-Damien Boulanger and Rodrigue Tchouale:

Jean-Damien is a member of the Paris bar (2010) and a graduate of the University of Paris II Panthéon-Assas (Master II in business law, 2008) and ESSEC (French "Grande Ecole" curriculum, 2007). He is frequently noted in professional rankings as one of the best specialists in his activity (The Legal 500 EMEA, 2022).

A member the Paris bar (2015), Rodrigue is a graduate of the University of Paris X (Master II in Business Law and Institut d'Etudes Judiciaires, 2011) and HEC Paris (Master's specialising in International Law and Management, 2012).



Rodrigue is frequently noted among the best specialists and a “rising star” in his activity (Best Lawyers’ “Ones to Watch” in Private Equity, 2021 and 2022).

Rodrigue is also the co-founder and president of the Cercle Hébè, a forum for reflection and action that aims to promote youth initiative.

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