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AUGUST DEBOUZY EXPANDS PRIVATE EQUITY PRACTICE WITH THE APPOINTMENT OF ANTOINE RICOL AS PARTNER

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August Debouzy, a leading business law firm with offices in Paris and Brussels, continues its dynamic growth with the arrival of Antoine Ricol as a partner in its Private Equity team. This appointment further strengthens the firm's rapidly growing Corporate department, following the addition of partner Étienne Mathey in 2024 and the integration of the Financing team led by Jennifer Hinge in early 2025.

A Strengthened Private Equity Practice

Antoine Ricol brings substantial expertise in the private equity market, advising on transactions ranging from small- and mid-cap to large-cap deals, primarily for private equity funds, institutional, and minority investors. In addition to his private equity work, he has built a robust track record in handling complex industrial M&A transactions for both listed and unlisted companies.

His appointment underscores August Debouzy's commitment to supporting clients through increasingly sophisticated and transformational transactions, marking a strategic milestone for the firm's Private Equity practice. Ricol joins a distinguished Private Equity and M&A team that includes partners Gilles August, Julien Aucomte, Jérôme Brosset, Valéry Denoix de Saint Marc, Étienne Mathey (with whom Ricol shares a professional background at Paul Hastings), and Julien Wagmann.

"I am truly honored to join August Debouzy, a distinguished firm known for its breadth of expertise and quality of advisory services. Being part of such a dynamic and ambitious structure will allow me to continue advising investment funds on their most strategic transactions. The firm's top-tier, cross-disciplinary expertise offers a unique strength in the market, enabling us to deliver high-value, innovative solutions," said Antoine Ricol.

Reinforcing Growth Ambitions

Celebrating its 30th anniversary this year, August Debouzy reaffirms its growth strategy centered on attracting high-potential talent. The addition of Antoine Ricol is a key element of this approach, aimed at building a market-leading team specializing in high-profile private equity transactions.

"We are delighted to welcome Antoine Ricol to our Corporate department. His experience with prominent Anglo-Saxon firms adds valuable expertise to our team. Antoine's strategic insight will enhance collaboration across the firm's various practices and further strengthen our Private Equity offering," commented Julien Wagmann, speaking on behalf of the Corporate department's partners.

"Antoine's arrival is part of our ongoing growth strategy and underscores our commitment to providing bespoke support on the most complex and challenging matters. We are excited to welcome him to a team that continues to expand and evolve at the highest level," added Mahasti Razavi, Managing Partner of August Debouzy.



Antoine Ricol, 39, began his career at the law firm Veil Jourde before joining Paul Hastings in Paris in 2015, followed by McDermott Will & Emery as Counsel in 2021. A graduate of Panthéon-Assas University (Master's degree, 2007) and Bond University (LL.M, 2009), he was admitted to the Paris Bar in 2011.
