

PRESS RELEASE

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**MERGER OF TWO INDEPENDENT FRENCH LAW FIRMS,
SLVF AND VIGUIÉ SCHMIDT HAVE MERGED IN ORDER TO CREATE:
VIGUIÉ SCHMIDT & ASSOCIÉS**

Independent boutique firms SLVF and Viguié Schmidt announced that they have decided to combine in order to create a new key player on the French market: Viguié Schmidt & Associés.

The new firm is composed of circa 30 lawyers, including 13 partners. Its offices are located 146, boulevard Haussmann, in Paris. The completion of this combination, which occurred on July 1, 2017, reflects a « merger among equals ». The new firm will be managed collegially by Yves Schmidt, Fabrice Veverka, Nicolas Viguié and Olivier Loizon.

Viguié Schmidt & Associés advises its clients in M&A, securities and corporate law, tax, antitrust/merger control, as well as litigation, including before regulators (mainly the AMF (French stock markets authority) and competition authorities).

SLVF and Viguié Schmidt's partners share the values of independence, entrepreneurship and a will to be fully involved alongside their clients, by providing them with highly-individualized advices. The setting-up of Viguié Schmidt & Associés will allow them to mobilize even more efficiently highly-experienced lawyers in order to handle complex matters, both in M&A and litigation.

“ The will to master our fate led us to set up our own firms within a 10 year time frame. We have the same desire to assist – or defend – our clients, and the ambition to stand with them when they take structuring or strategic decisions. Our common values, our respective group dynamics as well as the complementarity of our experiences convinced us to merge our firms “ states Yves Schmidt, one of the new firm's managing partners.

“ We originally come from highly respected firms, from great “legal houses”. We share the same taste for excellence, and beyond that, we share a common view of what the role of a lawyer should be. The idea to combine our respective experiences in order to provide tailor-made legal solutions felt obvious » adds Fabrice Veverka, co-managing partner.



About SLVF

SLVF is an independent law firm established in January 2012. Its partners advise their clients, listed and non-listed corporations, private investment funds – French or foreign – on all structuring matters. Since its creation, SLVF *inter alia* advised the Amaury Group in the sale of Le Parisien and Aujourd'hui en France newspapers to LVMH, PSA in its acquisition of Aramisauto, La Compagnie Boutique Airline and its shareholders in its merger with XL Airways, SNCF in connection with the sale of STVA, or the Mama Shelter Hotels Group in its strategic partnership with Accor.

About Viguié Schmidt

Viguié Schmidt is an independent French firm created in 2003 whose attorneys advise their clients both in high profile litigation and in transactional matters. Viguié Schmidt's attorneys share a strong taste for complex negotiations and litigations, in which they advise their clients and assist them before courts and regulatory bodies both on a French and EU level. They act in the fields of business and securities law, competition law and healthcare products liability.

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