



NCTM grows with the integration of DS&P

Milan, May 12, 2009 - NCTM is delighted to announce that Studio Legale Associato DS&P has joined the firm. Terms were agreed today, and the integration will be effective from June 1, 2009. The agreement includes the appointment of Riccardo and Valentina Delli Santi as partners at NCTM and the addition of 25 other fee earners.

The move, the latest in a string of such initiatives, sees the number of NCTM professionals grow to 310, distributed across the firm's five offices in Milan, Rome, Verona, Brussels and London. Thereby creating one the largest full service independent law firms in Italy.

NCTM's Board of Directors today approved the entrance of DS&P Studio Legale Associato, headed by Riccardo Delli Santi, effective June 1. The agreement is rooted in NCTM's vision of strengthening its position at both the Italian and International level and reflects the shared development strategies of both firms.

Founded in Rome in 1874 by Carlo Clavarino, DS&P has grown over the years to become one of the leading firms in all forms of real estate law in Italy. In addition to international recognition in the field of land management, real estate asset management and public services management, the firm also has considerable experience in litigation before Italy's highest courts and in complex arbitration proceedings.

The real estate boutique has been recognised with numerous awards from the Italian media, in addition to being ranked by top international legal directories such as Chambers and Legal 500 as the best independent Italian firms in the real estate sector. Riccardo Delli Santi will come on board to head up the real estate department, until now led successfully by partner Luigi Croce, in order to enlarge the current competencies in real estate, civil and administrative litigation, land management, town planning, and other associated public services. Valentina Delli Santi will head up the due diligence team in the real estate practice group.

"The integration of a firm of DS&P's calibre and experience fits perfectly with the firm's vision and overall strategy" comments Paolo Montironi, Senior Partner of NCTM. "The move highlights our strategy of continued independent growth while strengthening our service to provide the best possible assistance for our Italian and international clients."

"The choice of this revolutionary integration" adds Riccardo Delli Santi, "is born out of the intention of expanding our firm's boundaries, drawing on a critical mass of competencies and broader experiences, with the same attention to quality and professionalism. We have large-scale joint projects which concern Italy in all the Italian offices of the firm and abroad, with particular attention being paid to London".

At the same time the Dino Delli Santi foundation will be established. Its function will be to work on cultural and solidarity projects in the real estate legal field on a not-for-profit basis.

NCTM is one of the top independent law firms in Italy. With offices in Milan, Rome, Verona, Brussels and London and 310 professionals, including 43 equity partners, NCTM, as one of the largest law firms in Italy, has both the resources and expertise to handle the most important and complex deals in Italy and internationally. The firm offers full legal services

across all corporate sectors to both international and domestic clients through its network of offices in all of Italy's major commercial hubs, Brussels and London.

The firm's clients include multinationals, funds, banks, insurance companies, financial institutions as well as trading, industrial and service companies.

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