

### NCTM TO SCRAP DS&P'S REGIONAL OFFICES



NCTM is to close the two regional offices of Studio Legale Associato DS&P when it takes over the Italian boutique next month.

The 25-lawyer firm's offices in Milan and Rome will merge with NCTM, although its two national branches – in Bologna and Naples – are to close. The decision means that Verona will remain NCTM's only regional office beyond a presence in Milan and Rome.

DS&P had been building up its property practice to cover major local centres in Italy. In late 2007 the firm also revealed plans to open an office Genoa, headed by partner Rosemarie Serrato, off the back of winning the adviser mandate for the €300m construction of a stadium for Genoese football club Sampdoria. However, the has since been abandoned.

NCTM will merge with DS&P, which is known for its real estate skills, from 1 June. Riccardo and Valentina Delli Santi will join as partners. The deal is the second merger for NCTM in a week following a tie-up with Janni Fauda.