

BRUSSELS DEAL ADDS TO NCTM MERGER MARCH



Italian firm NCTM has announced an unprecedented third merger in the space of a month after revealing a deal to takeover Brussels specialist O'Connor and Company.

The merger, which goes live with immediate effect, makes NCTM one of the few Italian firms to have a presence in the main EU competition market. The six-lawyer O'Connor was founded by Bernard O'Connor in 1996.

The firm focuses on EC and trade law with a particular emphasis on Italy. Clients include Dole Foods, Roll International, the Tea Board of India, Micron Technologies, Trafigura and the European Commission.

O'Connor said: "The firm particularly excels in working with clients with cross border trading problems, and by joining up with NCTM's strong antitrust practice we only further enforce our mutual market value. We have chosen to team up with NCTM because of its transparent and democratic management structure and its comprehensive range of clients and legal skills."

The deal represents the third merger for NCTM in the last month, which is unprecedented for a European law firm. In May NCTM announced that it had taken over real estate firm Delli Santi & Partners as well as 30-lawyer corporate boutique Janni Fauda.