

**NCTM announces the promotion of Simone De Carli from
Salary Partner to Equity Partner**

Milan May 18, 2010 – NCTM announces the promotion of Simone De Carli as a new partner of the firm bringing the number of equity partners to 44.

Simone De Carli joined NCTM in 2002 having graduated with full honours from the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart in Milan and a postgraduate course at the Notary School of Lombardy. In 2006 he was successfully promoted to Salary Partner.

De Carli has extensive experience in corporate law and is active in the field of extraordinary transactions; he is particularly well known with regards to private equity funds for industrial clients as well as in real estate and energy law.

"It is satisfying to acknowledge the personal and professional development of one of our lawyers", comments NCTM's Senior Partner Paolo Montironi. "The firm takes talent management very seriously and aims to recruit, train and retain the best legal minds. The internal promotion of Simone is testament to his technical competence and his dedication over the years."

NCTM is one of the top independent law firms in Italy. With offices in Milan, Rome, Verona, Brussels and London and more than 300 professionals, including 44 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.

NCTM prides itself on the expertise and professionalism of its staff and has developed an in-house training structure designed to keep the firm's professionals updated on all the major new developments in their respective sectors. The firm's many academics maintain formal relations with Bocconi University, the University of Verona and the LUISS University of Rome.

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