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Allen & Overy in France



Why Allen & Overy in France?

Allen & Overy lawyers in France support a wide range of clients, whether operating in France or abroad, including large French or international businesses, new innovative companies, banking and financial institutions, listed companies or public institutions.

Our work spans litigation and non-litigation matters and covers banking & finance, commercial litigation & international arbitration, competition & European law, corporate / mergers & acquisitions, employment & benefits, innovation & digital, intellectual property, international capital markets, public and environmental law, real estate, restructuring, tax, as well as white collar crime & regulatory litigation.

Over the past decades, we have become true partners to our clients by offering them a wide range of comprehensive services for their day-to-day as well as their most complex and strategic matters.

Our pragmatic and innovative approach to each case draws on our technical expertise and in-depth knowledge of our clients' market and business complexities. We have developed a sector based approach and represent clients in various areas of business including energy, financial institutions, gaming, infrastructure, life sciences, private capital, real estate, space, as well as telecoms, media & technology.

Our hard work and our values have made us leaders in the field for more than 30 years.



“Allen & Overy is a very efficient firm providing full services across a broad variety of subjects, which is useful for complex transactions with regulatory aspects. The lawyers I have worked with are very business-oriented and pragmatic; they are real problem solvers.”

Chambers Europe 2023, France



“The strengths of this team are knowing how to work both intelligently and efficiently with the other offices in Allen & Overy's network, as well as knowing how to propose excellent quality best friends when the firm is not present in a required country.”

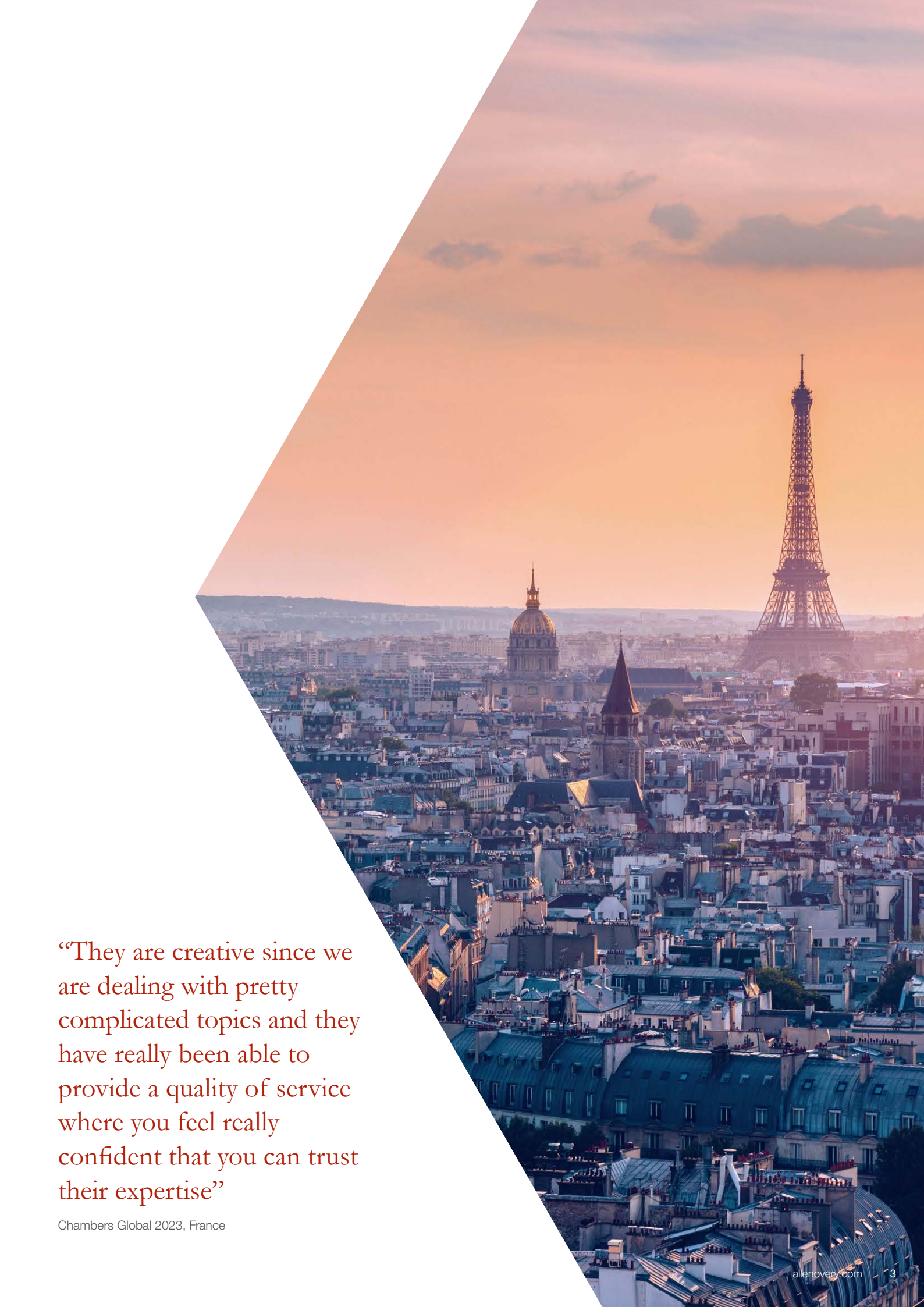
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“Efficient crew that knows how to communicate the files to the people at the forefront in the team and the most able to provide the appropriate answers!”

“An available and competent team offering a high degree of technicality and precision, which is appreciated and reassuring.”

Legal 500 EMEA 2023, France



“They are creative since we are dealing with pretty complicated topics and they have really been able to provide a quality of service where you feel really confident that you can trust their expertise”

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About the Paris office

At Allen & Overy, we strive for excellence and efficiency in every case.

Facts and figures:

- Premier law firm in France with market-leading reputation across all its expertise
- Multi-disciplinary teams of highly specialized lawyers recognized in their field
- Dynamic international network of offices collaborating seamlessly
- Matters handled combining legal and business perspectives
- Strong level of integration and synergy across practice groups and offices
- Quality, reliability and transparency
- Innovation, open-mindedness and flexibility
- Personalised and proactive service
- Ethics and a personal touch

1989

Opening of Paris office

150+

Lawyers

38

Partners, of whom 8 are women

51%

Ratio of men to women

12

Areas of expertise

8

Sector groups



“Allen & Overy are one step ahead and care about our strategy, and the focus goes beyond the case, wanting to advance our objectives.”

“They are used to working with international players, so they know exactly what will be the key points of negotiation.”

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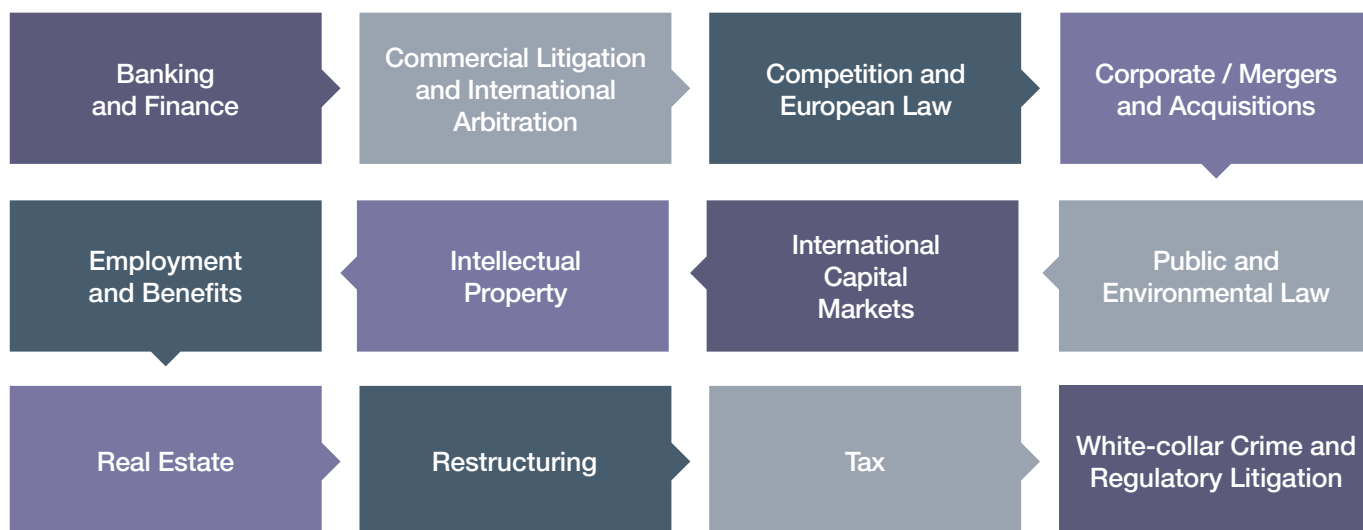
“They really have a relationship of trust with us. With difficult situations, they have always been there to support and fight for us. The team is very good technically and commercially, and very pleasant to work with.”

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“They have a very good ability to deliver on tight schedules with very good responsiveness and high-level skills on complex matters.”

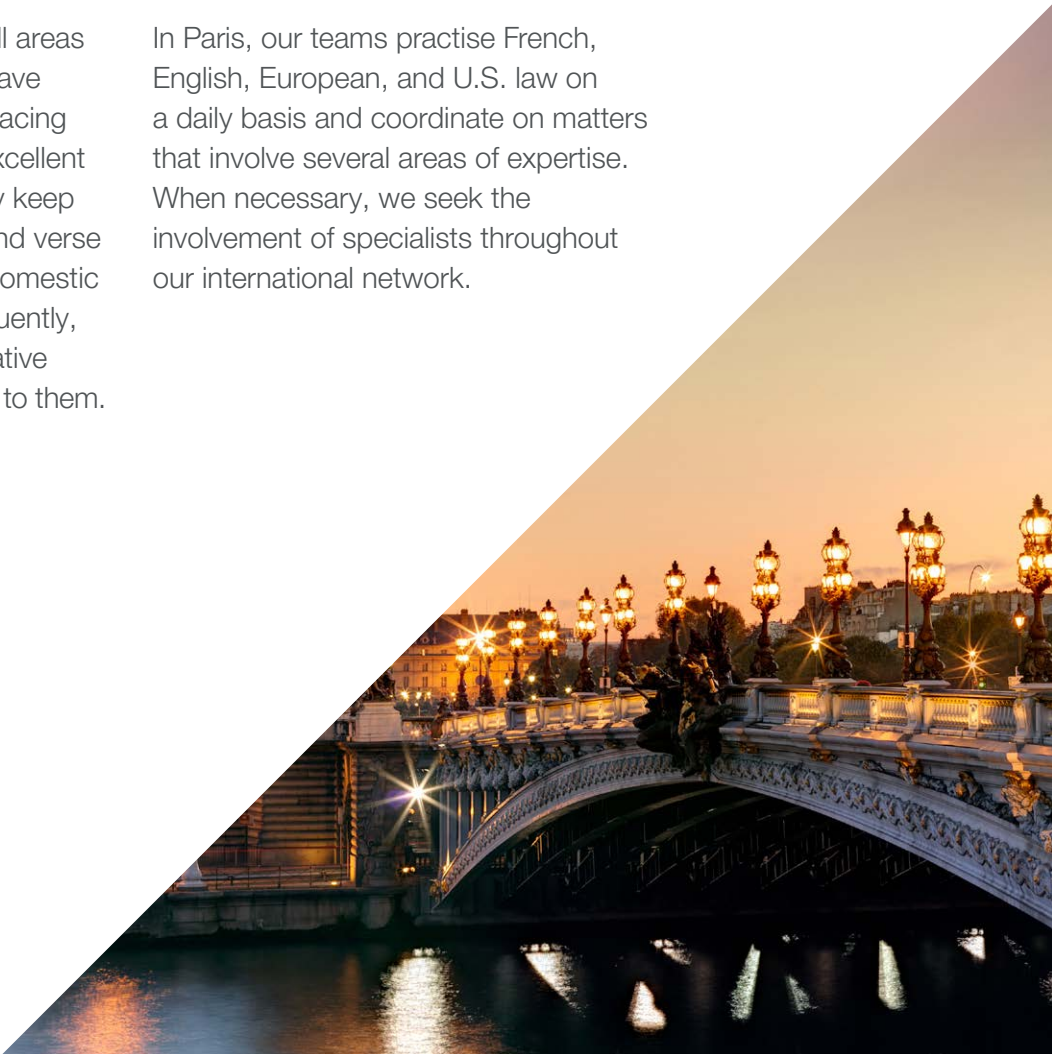
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Our practice areas



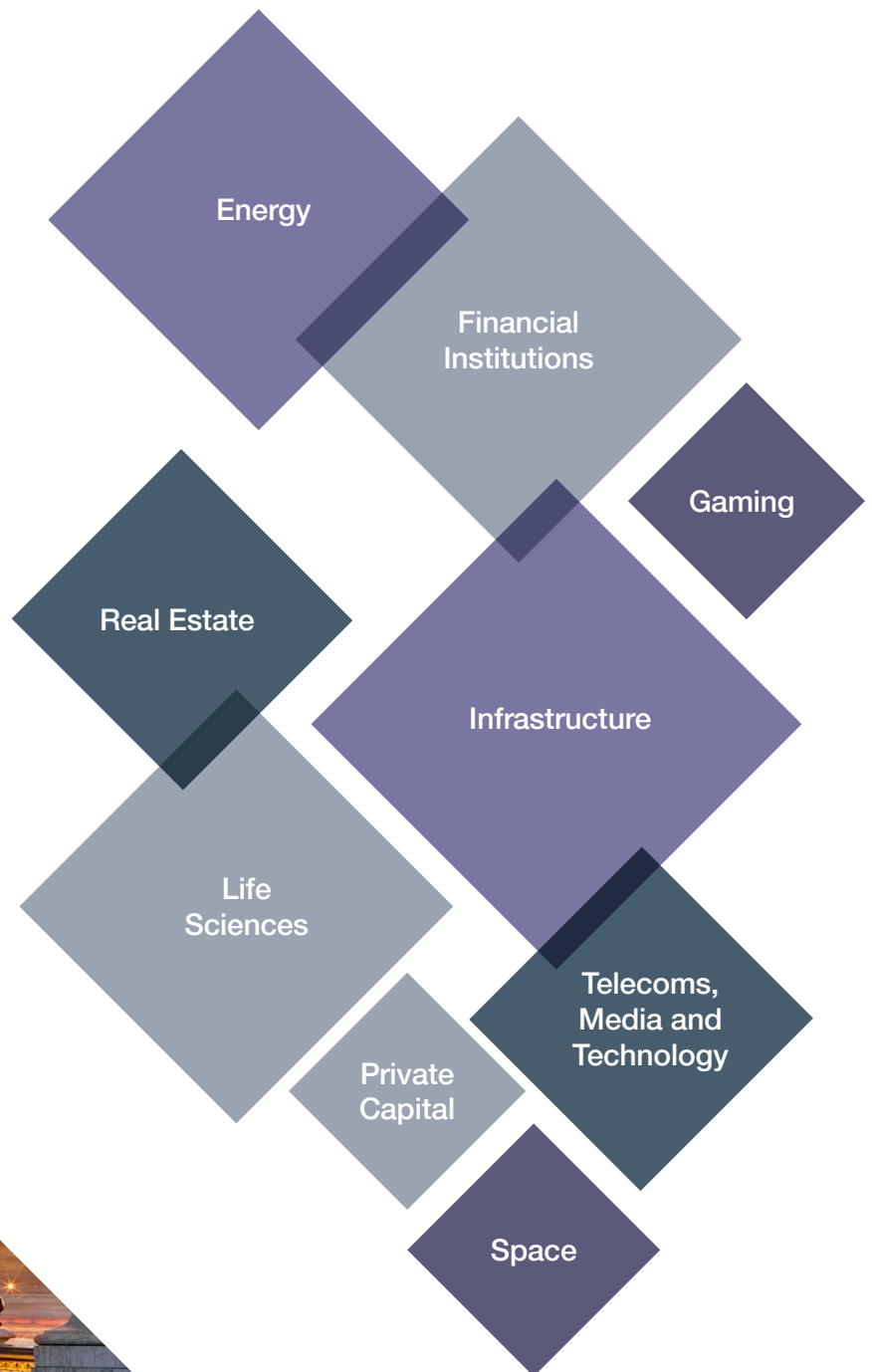
Our lawyers advise our clients in all areas of business and finance law and have a perfect command of the issues facing their business sectors. They are excellent practitioners of law who constantly keep up with the latest developments and verse themselves in the most complex domestic and international matters. Consequently, they develop a creative and innovative approach to the projects entrusted to them.

In Paris, our teams practise French, English, European, and U.S. law on a daily basis and coordinate on matters that involve several areas of expertise. When necessary, we seek the involvement of specialists throughout our international network.



Our sector groups

Each sector group is made up of experts from various practice groups and geographic areas. The specialised and complementary skills they offer are reinforced by a strong and comprehensive knowledge of our clients' markets and business needs. Our main sector groups include:



Experience highlights

Bolloré Group

Transportation & Logistics Banking, Corporate

We advised the Bolloré Group on its divestment of 100% of Bolloré Africa Logistics, which includes all the transport and logistics activities of the Bolloré Group in Africa, to the MSC Group on the basis of the corporate value, net of minority interests, of EUR5.7 billion.

Hy24

Energy, Infrastructure Public Law, Environmental Law

We advised Hy24, in relation to their initiative of accelerating the growth and expansion of the hydrogen ecosystem in Europe by deploying a European network of high-capacity green hydrogen stations benefiting from the pooling of industrial and financial players support, as well as public support.

Ubisoft

Gaming Capital markets, Corporate

We advised Ubisoft on the placement of bonds convertible into and/or exchangeable for new or existing shares (“OCEANes”) due 2028 by way of a public offering only to qualified investors, for a nominal amount of EUR470 million.

A banking syndicate

Financial Institutions, Aeronautics Banking, ESG

We advised the banking syndicate on a new sustainability-linked syndicated revolving credit facility for Airbus SE for an amount of EUR8 billion. The documentation includes a margin adjustment mechanism based on ESG criteria.

McDonald’s

Consumer & Retail, Food & Beverage Corporate and Commercial litigation

We advised McDonald’s in respect of a “public interest judicial agreement” (Convention Judiciaire d’Intérêt Public – “CJIP”). The Judicial Court of Paris validated this agreement negotiated between McDonald’s and the French National Financial Prosecutor’s Office (Parquet National Financier – “PNF”), thus terminating the investigation that the PNF had launched.

A multinational financial institution

Financial Institutions, Telecoms, Media & Technology Capital Markets, Banking, Tax

We advised a multinational financial institution in the EUR564.2 million term loan facility, USD60.0 million term loan facility and EUR40.0 million multi-currency revolving credit facility to Technicolor Creative Studios SA, as French borrower, and Technicolor Creative Services USA, as U.S. borrower.

Ocean Winds

Energy Banking, Project Finance, Corporate

We advised Ocean Winds (joint venture between ENGIE and EDP Renewables), in the context of the wind offshore projects in Normandie, Bretagne and Mediterranean Sea. These are key bids for Ocean Winds and are viewed by the French Government as priority projects.

Samsung Life Insurance

Private Equity, Infrastructure Corporate, Mergers and Acquisitions

We advised Samsung Life Insurance in relation to its 20% equity acquisition of the French infrastructure investment and management company Meridiam.

Ipsen

Pharma, Life Sciences & Healthcare Corporate, Regulatory

We advised Ipsen on the sale of its consumer healthcare (CHC) business, including the drugs Smecta®, Forlax®, Tanakan®, Fortrans® and various production sites to Mayoly Spindler.

Groupama Immobilier

Real Estate Real Estate Law, Tax

We advised Groupama Immobilier, as representative of a pool of investors made up in particular of Groupama Gan Vie and the AGRICA Group, in connection with the call for tenders opened by SOLIDEO and then the acquisition in VEFA of part of Sector E of the future Olympic and Paralympic Village.

A banking syndicate

Financial Institutions, Telecoms, Media & Technology Banking

We advised BNP Paribas, Crédit Agricole CIB, Goldman Sachs, J.P. Morgan and Société Générale on the syndicated financing of the French unicorn Contentsquare, global leader in digital experience analytics. This financing which consists of a USD200 million revolving credit facility, is part of a USD600 million growth investment round. It is one of the very first syndicated financings set up on the French unicorn market, of which Contentsquare is one of the flagships in terms of valuation.

A global financial institution

Financial Institutions Commercial Litigation, Class Actions

We successfully acted for a global financial institution in the very first class action in the financial sector initiated before the Paris Court of First Instance by a consumer association, in the first follow-on 'collective claim' introduced as a result of the conviction of this financial institution by the French markets authority (the AMF). The French supreme court rejected all of the association's claims, making this decision an example and a point of reference for French and foreign entities likely to experience a similar situation.

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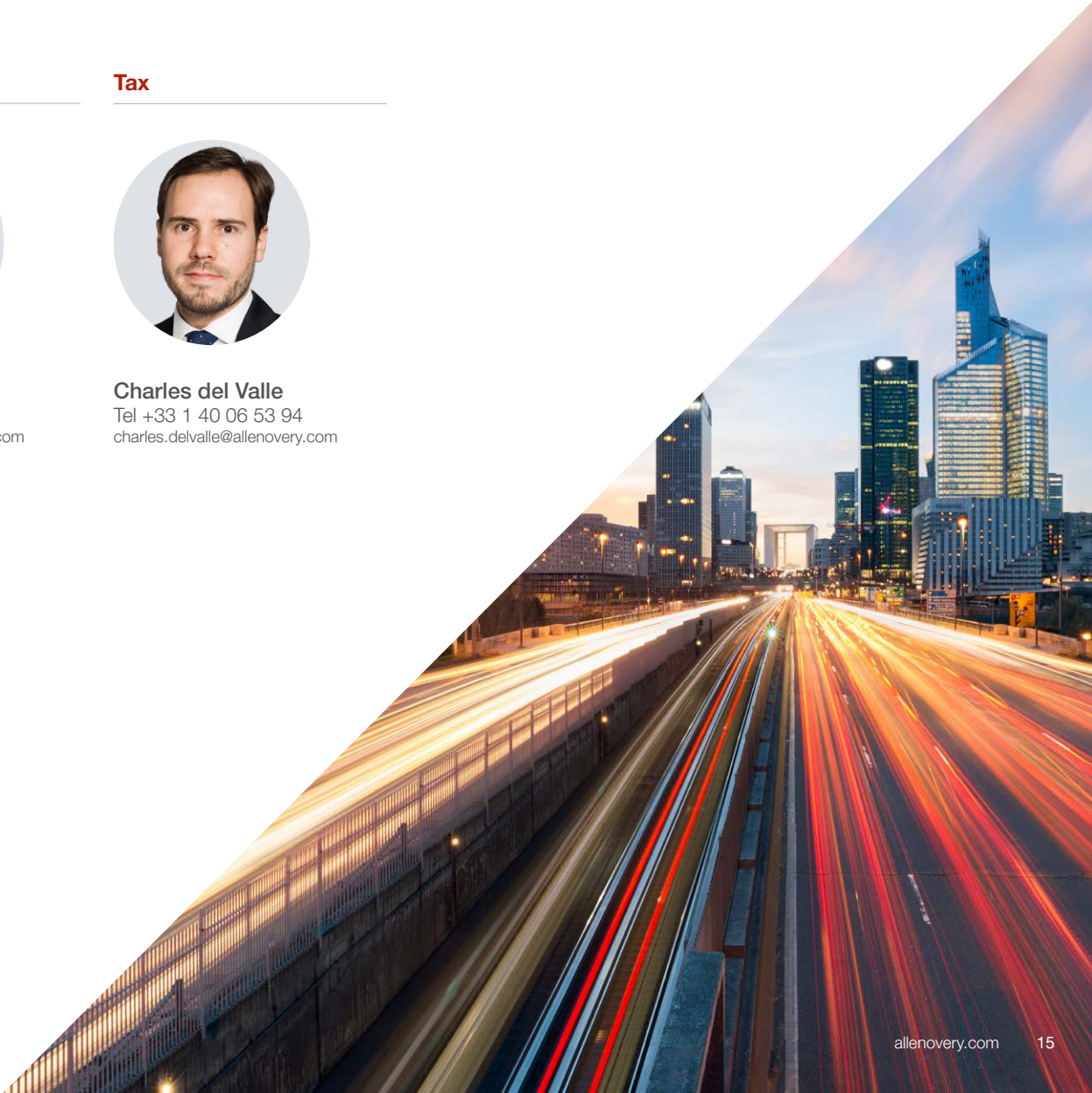


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