

CLIFFORD CHANCE APPOINTS NEW REGIONAL LEADERS

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Clifford Chance announces that **Giuseppe De Palma** and **Matt Fairclough** have been appointed Regional Practice Area Leaders Global Financial Markets for Continental Europe and the UK respectively, and **Thomas Krecek** as the firm's Regional Practice Area Leader for Corporate in Continental Europe.

Charles Adams, Global Managing Partner of Clifford Chance said: "These new roles represent an important investment, which will continue strengthening our position as the leading global law firm in Europe. Giuseppe, Matt and Thomas are strongly positioned to advance our Global Financial Markets and Corporate practices in the region, enabling us to further build on our market leading offering for clients".

Giuseppe De Palma has been Clifford Chance's Managing Partner for Italy since 2014. He specialises in acquisition and leverage finance, real estate finance and debt restructuring. He advises international and domestic credit and private equity funds and banks on European high-profile transactions with significant structuring complexities and multiple sources of funding.

Matt Fairclough's practice covers a broad range of debt and equity capital markets, advising on issuance of debt securities, equity-linked bonds, hybrid and regulatory capital products and on liability management. His clients include underwriters, corporate, financial institution and sovereign issuers and trustees. Matt helped to establish the firm's Arcus LGBTQ+ and allies affinity network in Asia Pacific during his time working in Hong Kong and is currently the partner sponsor for the Arcus affinity network in the UK.

Thomas Krecek advises on domestic and cross-border transactions including acquisitions,

dispositions, mergers, joint ventures and public takeovers, private equity investments with specific focus on financial institutions, as well as Franco-German transactions.