

NICEA TO JOIN EVERSHEDS INTERNATIONAL

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Madrid-based firm Nicea Abogados is to join Eversheds International becoming the firm's official Spanish alliance member.

Nicea was founded in February 2010 with five partners all previously senior lawyers from DLA Piper, Eversheds Lupicinio or Zabía Abogados. Among them were DLA Piper's former Tax Head Antonio Cuéllar Prats and Senior Partner Javier Ibáñez Gabernet, and Jacobo Martínez Pérez de Espinosa who led Eversheds Lupicinio's Employment Department. The firm offers a broad corporate and commercial practice and has subsequently grown to 11 partners and 15 lawyers, having most recently added corporate Partner Carlos Pemán from Baker & McKenzie.

The announcement sees Nicea replace Eversheds Lupicinio in Spain, following the latter's decision

earlier this year to leave the network after six years citing strategic differences. Eversheds has also now announced a merger with Middle East seven-partner law firm KSLG, trebling its size in the region and giving it new capability in Amman, Baghdad, Dubai and Riyadh, alongside its own offices in Abu Dhabi and Doha.