

GERADIN PARTNERS EXPANDS OFFICE PRESENCE IN PARIS WITH THE HIRE OF PARTNER MARIE-LAURE COMBET

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Following the opening of its Paris office in April this year, Geradin Partners (GP) has strengthened its presence with the hire of partner Marie-Laure Combet. Geradin Partners is a fast-growing pan-European law firm specialized in competition law, tech regulation and litigation, which has in addition to Paris, offices in Brussels, London and Amsterdam.

Marie-Laure Combet is a competition, EU regulatory and FDI lawyer with almost 20 years of experience in leading international law firms. Practicing both EU and French competition laws, she has been involved in complex and high-profile European cartel, abuse of dominance, merger cases both before the European Commission and the French Competition Authority. In addition, she worked on emblematic EU State aid and EU regulatory cases notably in the energy, the air transportation and the banking/financial sectors.

Marie-Laure will work closely with former EU official, competition litigator Marc Barennes, competition law and tech expert Damien Geradin, who spends part of his time in Paris, and a team of associates.

Founding partner Damien Geradin comments:

“We are thrilled that Marie-Laure has accepted to join our Paris office. France is a key jurisdiction for the key pillars of the firm (competition law, tech regulation and litigation), and we have great ambition for our Paris office. Marie-Laure's vast experience in the competition law sector will add up to that of Marc Barennes in damages litigation. Together, they will help us achieve our goals of broadening and strengthening our offering in France to serve domestic and international clients, as part of a network of offices located in key European jurisdictions.”

Marc Barennes comments:

“I am delighted to welcome Marie-Laure to the Paris office. Our ambition is to rapidly increase the presence of the Paris office by recruiting additional top notch competition lawyers who share our values of excellence and collegiality and our desire to constantly innovate for our clients both at the French and EU levels. With a recognized antitrust expertise, Marie-Laure's recruitment fits perfectly into our project.”

Marie-Laure Combet added:

“I’m very honored and delighted to join Geradin Partners and participate in the rapid expansion of its Paris office alongside Damien, Marc and the team. Through its unique positioning and strong pan-European platform of competition specialists, GP stands out as the “go-to-firm” for clients looking for independent, cutting-edge and innovative antitrust legal services in key European jurisdictions. The firm works on high-end domestic and international matters with the advantage of being more agile and less encumbered by conflicts of interests than most firms.”

Marie-Laure has been recommended for several years in the EU/Competition section of leading legal directories, including Legal 500 (France - Next Generation Partner), GCR and Who’s Who legal (France - Partner), a respected peer review of the best competition lawyers in key jurisdictions.

Before joining Geradin Partners, Marie-Laure was a competition partner at the US law firm Orrick after spending more than 10 years with Clifford Chance and Debevoise & Plimpton. Marie-Laure is also a Lecturer at the leading French University of Law (Université Paris-Panthéon-Assas). She is a member of the Paris bar.

About Geradin Partners

Geradin Partners was founded by competition and digital regulation expert Damien Geradin, who acted for the past 25 years as both an attorney and a professor at top EU, US and UK Law Schools. With a team of 8 partners (out of which 5 are former antitrust agency officials) for a total of 25 competition experts based in Paris, Brussels, London and Amsterdam, GP is the first pan-European law firm to offer seamless competition law and digital regulation services in high-stake cases throughout the EU and the UK. It is widely recognized by its clients and peers for its commitment to excellence, as well as for its innovative and strategic thinking in its fields of practice.

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