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BCLP PARIS ADDS NEW PARTNER, STRENGTHENS RESTRUCTURING PRACTICE

DIDIER BRUÈRE-DAWSON JOINS THE FIRM THIS WEEK

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The international law firm BCLP has announced that Didier Bruère-Dawson joined the firm as a partner within the Restructuring Practice Group. He will be based in the Paris office. BCLP continues to expand its Paris capabilities with this arrival, with Bruère-Dawson joining from Brown Rudnick.

Bruère-Dawson has advised French and international companies, institutional and private investors, and family businesses on structuring and restructuring transactions for nearly 30 years. He helps clients in their restructuring projects in France and abroad, particularly in connection with distressed M&A transactions and complex cross-border financing. He also advises on the management of risks related to insolvency proceedings, conciliation, ad hoc mandates and turnarounds and is well known for his experience in M&A, project finance and buyouts of distressed companies, both from a transactional and litigation perspective.

In addition to handling numerous domestic cases, Bruère-Dawson advises foreign investors in France and French investors abroad. His in-depth understanding of the cultural differences inherent in his work experience in several countries, combined with his ability to manage crisis and complex situations, makes him a valuable partner for businesses in the current COVID-19 crisis.

"The crisis we are going through poses many unique challenges. It has also been an accelerator for certain changes that have long been in the works. I am joining BCLP at a crucial stage of transformation. The firm's range of experience in Paris and London is supported by recognised and experienced professionals but also by its broad global footprint. These are essential assets for successfully carrying out operations with increasingly international aspects. In addition to the strong synergies, it is the ability to support complex global projects and the associated challenges that has attracted me to join the well-regarded team at BCLP," Bruère-Dawson says.

"Didier's arrival is an important component of the firm's continued efforts to recruit top lateral candidates in support of BCLP's international growth plans under its new Project Advance strategic plan and growth initiative to build scale around three key areas: real estate, corporate and financial transactions, and complex litigation. His practice is complementary to our corporate, tax, financing,

labour, competition, litigation and real estate teams in Paris and his international profile matches our ambition to meet the increasingly global challenges of our clients in all sectors. Didier's cross-functional approach to cases combined with his profile as a strategist is a key asset for our development into the restructuring space," explain Paris Managing Partners Olivier Mesmin and Constantin Achillas.

About Didier Bruère-Dawson

Member of the Paris Bar since 1989 and member of the Bar of England and Wales since 2015, Didier Bruère-Dawson created and directed the EMEA restructuring practices of De Gaulle Fleurance & Partners (2003-2015) and Brown Rudnick (2015-2020), working in France and then in England. He also has led numerous cases in the USA, Europe, Asia and the Gulf countries. He joined BCLP in February 2021 to create and develop the Restructuring Practice in its Paris office.

A member of INSOL and several think tanks, he regularly appears in France and abroad on topical issues related to his areas of experience, at professional conferences and in the French and international media. For more than 10 years, he has been recognised in both France and the UK as excellent for his activities in restructuring large cap in the interests of debtors or creditors, in distressed M&A, venture capital and private equity, also in corporate litigation and real estate projects, by several French and international rankings (Décideurs Juridiques, Magazine des Affaires, Option Finance Les Echos Legal 500 EMEA, IFLR, Best Lawyers). He also was awarded by The Lawyer as French Restructuring Lawyer of the Year in 2013, and distinguished by Corporate LiveWire as Best Restructuring Lawyer for France at the 2015 Global Awards.

Bruère-Dawson holds a post-graduate degree (DEA) in commercial law and economics from the University of Paris II Panthéon-Assas (1989), the Paris Institute of Business Law (1988) and the Institut des Hautes Etudes Internationales, Paris (1987).

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