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Press Release

Astura: new boutique law firm specialized in Corporate and IP/IT

Raphaël Dalmas and Matthieu Mélin, who long worked for some of the most prestigious American and English law firms, join together to create their own boutique law firm specialized in Corporate and IP/IT.

Acting mainly in the areas of **corporate law** (mergers and acquisitions, financing, capital markets, corporate restructuring, commercial law), **information technology law** (large IT projects, development, licensing, maintenance, e-commerce, data privacy) **and intellectual property law** (trademark, copyright, designs), Astura's team of dedicated lawyers advises its **French and international clients** in conducting their external growth and development transactions, implementing their IT projects, operating and protecting their intangible assets and managing their daily legal issues.

Astura also collaborates with a number of French law firms specialized in complementary areas of law such as **labor law and tax law**.

Astura is named after a peninsula located at the south of Rome where Cicero, remembered as one of the greatest lawyers in history, would seek **strength and inspiration**.

Partners:

Raphaël Dalmas is an attorney at law, member of the Paris and New York bars. Prior to founding Astura, Raphaël worked at the Paris and New York offices of Debevoise & Plimpton LLP for over 7 years. He holds a Master's degree in French and Anglo-American Business Law from the University of Paris in Nanterre and an LL.M. in International Legal Studies from American University – Washington College of Law in Washington, DC.

Raphaël is in charge of the corporate practice of Astura. His native language is French and he is fluent in English and Spanish.

Matthieu Mélin is an attorney at law, member of the Paris bar.

Prior to founding Astura, Matthieu worked successively for the following law firms: Herbert Smith LLP in Paris, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP in Paris and Hong Kong, and Baker & McKenzie in Paris. He holds a Master's degree in French and Anglo-Saxon Business Law from the University of Paris in Nanterre, an LL.M. in European Legal Studies from the University of Glasgow, and a Master's degree in Digital and New Technologies Law from the University of Paris-Sorbonne. Matthieu teaches at the University of Montpellier in the specialized intellectual property Master's program.

Matthieu is in charge of the information technology and intellectual property practices of Astura. His native language is French and he is fluent in English.

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