PRESS RELEASE

**Stibbe reinforces its Luxembourg office with the appointment of three new Counsel**

**Luxembourg, 13 May 2019** – ***Stibbe reinforces its Luxembourg office*** *with the appointment of Vanessa Schmitt (Corporate & Finance), Olivier dal Farra (Tax), and Frédéric Pilorget (Corporate & Finance) as Counsel. The new appointments have taken effect in April and allow Stibbe to further strengthen its Luxembourg tax and corporate and finance teams to continue to respond to market needs.*

Stibbe has promoted [Vanessa Schmitt](https://www.stibbe.com/en/people/v/vanessa-schmitt) (37) to Counsel in the Corporate & Finance department of the Luxembourg office. Vanessa has significant experience in commercial transactions, including mergers and acquisitions, liquidations, cross-border conversions, restructurings, and joint ventures. In addition, she is an expert in assisting investment funds and management teams in the context of cross-border private equity investments with a focus on clients operating in the US and French markets. Vanessa is a member of the Luxembourg bar since 2008 and worked at the Paris and Luxembourg offices of Loyens & Loeff before joining Stibbe in 2016.

[Olivier dal Farra](https://www.stibbe.com/en/people/o/olivier-dal-farra) (35) has been promoted to Counsel in the Tax department of Stibbe Luxembourg. Olivier focuses on corporate and international tax planning, mostly in transactional contexts. He advises financial institutions, private equity firms, and high-net-worth individuals. In addition, Olivier has vast and specific experience in tax litigation and pre-litigation, criminal tax offences, and insurance-related tax. He is a member of both the Paris bar (since 2010) and Luxembourg bar (since 2012) and worked for international law firms and PwC Luxembourg as Senior Tax Manager before joining Stibbe in 2017.

[Frédéric Pilorget](https://www.stibbe.com/en/people/f/frederic-pilorget) (38) has joined the Corporate & Finance department of Stibbe Luxembourg as Counsel in April 2019. He advises clients on corporate restructurings, reorganisations, M&A transactions, divestitures, joint ventures, private equity transactions, the setup of Luxembourg corporate entities (including family wealth management companies), and specific Luxembourg financing instruments. Frédéric is a member of the Luxembourg bar (since 2009), New York State bar (since 2009), and Paris bar (since 2010). Prior to joining Stibbe, he worked for two years at Ogier Luxembourg as Counsel and Head of the German desk, and before that, he worked at Stibbe and Allen & Overy as Senior Associate.

**Gérald Origer, Executive Partner of Stibbe Luxembourg, commented: “*We are pleased to announce the promotions of Olivier and Vanessa to Counsel at the firm, which testify to their excellence and their ability to adapt to clients’ needs and provide them with top-notch advice at all times. We are also happy to have Frédéric back. His presence and expertise will help grow our Corporate practice even more.*”**

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