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**Linklaters’ rising stars reach the next level!**

“*I am delighted to announce the names of our new partner and of the lawyers up for promotion on 1st May. Linklaters enjoys an abundance of exceptional talent and each year we are proud to be able to select another cohort of colleagues who shine brightly through their technical skills and their interactions with clients and colleagues. As a firm we are committed to supporting and recognising all our people as they grow and develop their professional lives. Many started their career with us whilst others have joined the global Linklaters team with prior professional experience more recently.*

*They are all of technical excellence, have the same drive, awareness of the commercial requirements of our clients and having an innovative mind ready to embrace change.”*

Nicki Kayser, National Managing Partner.

**Corporate M&A**

*Catherine Kremer* has been elected partner in the Corporate practice. Joining the firm in 2012, Catherine advises international investors, private equity houses and other financial sponsor clients in a wide range of transactions, including M&A, co-investments, joint ventures, corporate restructurings along with management incentive schemes and governance matters. She brings a wealth of in-depth experience and expertise to her new role. Recently she has completed a six-month secondment to Linklaters’ London private equity and financial sponsors group. Catherine has built her entire career at Linklaters and alongside her many professional achievements she was a participant in the firm’s women’s leadership programme. She is committed to helping support and promote women throughout the firm.

Five associates in the Corporate practice are promoted to Managing Associate

*Amélie d’Aspremont* joined Linklaters in 2018. She advises international clients on a wide range of transactions, including structurings, mergers and acquisitions, co-investments, joint ventures, reorganisations, management incentive schemes, as well as general corporate matters, with a particular focus on private equity. Amélie further gained valuable experience through her secondment with a prestigious private equity fund.

*Alyssia Mechalikh* joined Linklaters’ Employment practice in 2022, after having gained professional experience in other law firms in Luxembourg. She advises companies on a wide range of employment issues, such as redundancies, social plans, restructurings, relocations, TUPE, HR audits, incentive schemes, global employment contracts, remuneration policies, internal policies, day-to-day assistance to HR and on questions relating to social security and immigration. She also represents employers before the courts in the event of litigation.

*Anna Romanova* joined Linklaters in 2022, after having gained professional experience in Luxembourg with another major law firm and an international fund services provider. She advises international clients on mergers and acquisitions, cross-border migrations, co-investments, joint ventures as well as general corporate matters. Anna recently advised several clients on the set-up of special purpose acquisition vehicles and their listing on a regulated market. Anna has also gained valuable experience through her 6 months secondment to our Frankfurt corporate department specialising in private equity transactions.

*Colas Surot* joined Linklaters in 2020, offering expertise in advising both purchasers and sellers on M&A transactions. He assists investment fund managers and institutional investors with their investments, reorganisations, syndications and general corporate matters. Last year, Colas was seconded to our Amsterdam office. His diverse background includes previous work at an international law firm in France and experience as a corporate law teaching assistant at *Université Lyon III*, from which he received his Master’s degree (DJCE).

*Anne Mauske* joined Linklaters in 2014, after having previously gained professional experience with international law firms in Paris and Luxembourg. She advises international clients on a multitude of transactions, including mergers and acquisitions, group restructurings, joint ventures, management incentive schemes, as well as governance matters. Anne further gained valuable experience through her secondments with a real estate investment management firm and a private equity firm.

**Investment Funds**

*Victor Louvet* is promoted to Counsel. Victor joined Linklaters in 2017 after working as a regulatory advisor at a professional services firm and in-house legal officer for a company specialised in asset management for several years. He brings extensive experience in the structuring of UCITS as well as alternative investment funds with a focus on infrastructure funds and private equity funds. He particularly specialises in the structuring of impact and ESG funds, including blended finance funds and has in-depth knowledge of the ESG regulatory landscape. Victor’s expertise also includes the structuring of ELTIFs and retailised alternative investment funds.

Three associates in the Investment Funds practice are promoted to Managing Associate

*Alexandre David* joined Linklaters in April 2022. He advises international clients on the structuring, set-up, organisation and ongoing assistance of alternative investment funds (both regulated and unregulated) with a particular focus on ELTIFs, private equity, real estate, venture capital and private debt funds. In parallel, Alexandre advises global financial institutions on a variety of regulatory matters (e.g. MiFID, AIFMD, AML, securitisation and outsourcing), notably licencing requirements, major financial services regulations and Luxembourg regulatory restructurings.

*Piotr Teklak* joined Linklaters in 2018 and advises global fund sponsors and managers on the structuring, set-up and management of investment funds for a broad range of alternative products. His areas of expertise include real estate, private equity, infrastructure and private credit funds, as well as ELTIFs and retailised alternatives. He also regularly advises on fund finance, EMIR and PRIIPs KIDs. Piotr completed a nine-month seat in the Corporate practice and a six-month secondment to the Investment Funds team of Linklaters New York.

*Natalie Lapham* joined Linklaters in 2018. With a particular focus on UCITS, she regularly advises major international fund houses and asset managers on matters such as the set-up of UCITS, AIFs and RAIFs, domestic and cross-border fund mergers and restructurings. She has significant knowledge and expertise in ESG-related matters, advising on compliance with the relevant legal frameworks, such as the SFDR and Taxonomy Regulation. Natalie has further completed a six-month secondment to the Financial Regulation Group team of Linklaters Madrid and continues to work closely with the team and clients in Madrid.

**Capital Markets and Banking**

*Tiago Ventura Mendes* is promoted to Senior Managing Associate. Since joining Linklaters in 2015, he has been advising banks, borrowers and sponsors across a wide range of financing structures, debt issuances and regulatory matters. He specialises in real estate financing, fund financing, margin lending, debt issuances and securitisation transactions, as well as insolvency and restructuring matters, including enforcement of security interests. As part of regulatory matters, he regularly advises on various aspects relating to prospectus, transparency and market abuse regulations as well as on distributed ledger technology (DLT)-related matters. Tiago is a member of the sub-group “Financing in PE” of the Legal Committee of the Luxembourg Private Equity and Venture Capital Association (LPEA).

*Gonçalo Sampaio* is promoted to Managing Associate. Having joined Linklaters in 2022 from a leading law firm in Portugal, Gonçalo provides legal advice across a wide range of topics: capital and prudential affairs, establishment of financial services institutions and passporting rights, reorganisations, governance, and AML/CTF issues. He is experienced in advising credit institutions, investment firms, payment institutions and other regulated entities on a wide spectrum of financial markets and regulatory matters.

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Linklaters LLP is a leading global law firm, supporting clients in achieving their strategies wherever they do business. We use our expertise and resources to help clients pursue opportunities and manage risk across emerging and developed markets around the world. The firm counts more than 3,100 lawyers worldwide, the Luxembourg office counts 128 lawyers and a total staff of more than 180.