

## Belluzzo International Partners signs a new strategic partnership in the UK with law firm Phillips Lewis Smith

## The advisory group continues its growth path in the legal sector and hires Georgia Catarame as special counsel

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**London, 28**<sup>th</sup> **September 2021** – International multidisciplinary advisory group Belluzzo International Partners and London-based law firm Phillips Lewis Smith announced their association as part of their plan for further growth in the British market, combining their respective know-hows.

This joint venture provides for a strategic integration of the professional services of both firms as well as their London offices, thus combining the expertise in Wealth, Law, Tax and Finance from Belluzzo International Partners with the practices of litigation, corporate & commercial law, real estate, immigration and family dispute resolution from Phillips Lewis Smith.

<u>Belluzzo International Partners</u> is an independent, international, multidisciplinary one-firm firm operating directly in London, Milan, Verona, Singapore and Lugano, and boasts international correspondents in over 100 countries. <u>Phillips Lewis Smith</u> is a London-based, independent law firm that offers a wide range of business and private client services.

The association will operate within the Solicitor Regulatory Authority (SRA) framework, and the firms will be sharing offices, just a stone's throw away from Trafalgar Square, to integrate their teams.

To further strengthen Belluzzo International Partners' presence in the legal sector, the London office is expanding, with the arrival of <u>Georgia Catarame</u> as special counsel. Georgia is a dual-qualified lawyer in Italy and England acknowledged for her extensive competence in commercial law, real estate, art and fashion. Before joining Belluzzo International Partners, Georgia worked for seven years at Withers LLP where she led and grew the Italian desk.

Alessandro Umberto Belluzzo, Barrister and founding partner of Belluzzo International Partners, who has been recently called to the Bar of England and Wales, commented: "This closest association is a fundamental step in our wider strategy of creating a professional entity that is even more international, multi-jurisdictional and multi-practice. In this way we can integrate our professional practices with a more extensive know-how in the legal sector, with the goal of offering our clients increasingly structured, sophisticated and tailor-made services".

Martin Lewis and Jacques Smith, Solicitors and Directors of Phillips Lewis Smith, commented: "Thanks to this association, we will further strengthen our position in the London market by integrating high quality and complementary skills with our proven expertise and solid reputation. Furthermore, the collaboration with Belluzzo International Partners will allow us to further extend our advisory activity to an increasingly international and high-net worth clientele".

## **About Belluzzo International Partners**

Italian multinational advisory group specializing in Wealth, Law, Tax and Finance for families and businesses. An independent, integrated and multidisciplinary firm operating in multiple jurisdictions and active in London, Milan, Verona, Singapore and Lugano, Belluzzo International Partners operates according to the "one-firm" model. The group has over 90 professionals worldwide, of which 27 partners, and international correspondents in over 100 countries. www.belluzzo.net

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Phillips Lewis Smith provides a broad range of legal services to individuals and businesses. Our expertise developed over many years in the legal sector gives us the standing to provide a highly personal service whilst forging collaborative and valuable relationships with our clients in a fully confidential manner.

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