

## Leading French Corporate Lawyer Olivier Diaz Joins Skadden in Paris

PARIS, December 8, 2014 — Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP is pleased to announce that Olivier Diaz, one of France's most highly regarded corporate and M&A practitioners, will join our Paris office as a partner to further enhance the firm's market-leading M&A capabilities. He also will become part of the firm's global Corporate Group.

Mr. Diaz is expected to join Skadden in the very near future. He was most recently an M&A partner at a leading French firm, where his practice focused on public takeovers, private equity and corporate matters. He has advised on some of the largest and most complex M&A transactions in France over the past decade.

*Chambers Europe 2014* ranks Mr. Diaz in its top tier in French M&A, noting that he is "clever, business-minded, responsive and always available." He also is recognized by *Who's Who Legal*, *The Legal 500 EMEA* and several other legal publications and directories.

Armand Grumberg, head of the firm's European M&A practice, said: "We are delighted that Olivier is joining us. His depth of practice makes him a great fit for Skadden, and his breadth of experience will be of great value to our clients."

Skadden Executive Partner Eric Friedman said: "Olivier Diaz's experience handling large, complex, domestic and multinational deals will be of tremendous value to our French practice. Hiring Olivier underscores the firm's commitment to further developing our core practices in Paris, and, more generally, in Europe."

Mr. Diaz added: "Skadden's global footprint and leading M&A practice provide an unparalleled platform for continuing to expand my practice. I am thrilled to be joining the team."

Skadden is a global leader in M&A transactions. Thus far this year, the firm has advised European clients such as Merck KGaA, Imerys, Capgemini, Apax Partners LLP, Permira Funds and The Vitol Group, among others, in strategic M&A transactions. Skadden ranked first by deal value among legal advisers globally in the Bloomberg, Thomson Reuters and mergermarket third-quarter M&A league tables for 2014.

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