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CREATION OF ARKWOOD TAX BOUTIQUE LAW FIRM DEDICATED TO PRIVATE CLIENTS

*Paris, On October 7th 2015
Stéphanie Aufferil, Marine Dupas, Michaël Khayat and Julien Riahi
announce the creation of Arkwood, a Paris based
boutique law firm specialized in tax matters for private clients.*

Based on their common experience with Baker McKenzie in Paris, the four founders of Arkwood have decided to create a reference law firm, prevailing technical excellence, active implication of partners, tailor-made solutions and collective brainstorming.

Arkwood advises private clients, such as French or foreign families, as well as major financial institutions, such as life-insurance companies, banks, trustees, family offices, on all tax aspects of complex structuring issues, particularly regarding cross border situations. Those very specific expertises have made this highly qualified team recognized on the market regarding estate planning, life insurance, trusts, real estate structuring, particularly for non-French tax residents.

Arkwood's team is made of 12 people willing to start an entrepreneurial law firm addressing the market as they would: **dynamic, human-sized and dedicated to its clients.**

Arkwood's partners have already gathered a worldwide network of correspondent law firms, selected based on their common values, their expertise and their dedication to clients.

Arkwood will move in its brand new offices in the heart of Paris business district (40 rue François 1^{er}) in October 2015.

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Marine Dupas graduated from the DJCE / Magistère de juriste d'affaire in Assas University (Paris II). In 2015, she has been elected as a Local Partner of the Wealth Management team of Baker & McKenzie in Paris, where she had been working for more than 8 years.

Michaël Khayat graduated from the D.E.S.S. de Fiscalité de l'Entreprise of Paris Dauphine University and obtained the French CPA degree (DESCF). He has been working for more than 8 years in the Wealth Management and Employee Benefit teams of Baker & McKenzie in Paris. He is admitted to the Paris Bar since 2007. Michael is a regular speaker in Master 2 of Paris Dauphine University and in various professional seminars and conferences.

Stéphanie Aufferil graduated with a degree in Tax Law from the University of Paris 5. She worked until 2015 in the Tax Group of Baker & McKenzie in Paris, and became Head of the Wealth Management team and Chairman of the European Steering Committee for the Wealth Management practice.

Before joining Baker & McKenzie, Stéphanie Aufferil had worked with Arthur Andersen International and JC Goldsmith & Associés. She is admitted to the Paris Bar since 1995.

Stéphanie is involved in certain projects of STEP and is a lecturer at UNIL (Lausanne University) in the context of the MASIT.

Julien Riahi graduated from the D.E.S.S. de Fiscalité de l'Entreprise of Paris Dauphine University and obtained the French CPA degree (DESCF). Before starting his own law firm, CJR Avocats, in 2012, he had been working with the Tax team of Baker & McKenzie in Paris for almost 6 years. He is admitted to the Paris Bar since 2007. Julien is a lecturer in the Master 2 de Fiscalité de l'Entreprise of Paris Dauphine University.