



PRESS RELEASE

WTS Global significantly increases its footprint on the French tax advisory market

Paris, March 21, 2018 - WTS Global, a leading international tax network, expands its presence in France and wins the top-tier tax law boutique, Villemot, Barthès & Associés (VB&A) as a new member firm. At the same time Jean-Laurent Anglade is joining as partner the corporate tax advisory practice at WTS France. Both firms will enter into a close cooperation in France under the umbrella of WTS Global.

“WTS Global has built a successful presence in the French market already. We will continue to pursue this growth course in the future, focusing on expanding our high-end tax consulting services together with the classic tax compliance business. In doing so, we have strengthened our position in France with VB&A joining our network and Jean-Laurent Anglade as a new addition to our existing team at WTS France“, comments Wim Wuyts, CEO of WTS Global.

VB&A was founded in 1999 by **Dominique Villemot** after he left PricewaterhouseCoopers where he was heading the Consumer and Industrial Products division. Dominique is a renowned tax expert with a considerable experience, a creative agility and strong relationships, not only in the Direction Générale des Impôts (DGFiP) - the French internal revenue service -, but also in the tax departments and C-suites of French multinational companies (MNCs). The firm is widely acknowledged for international tax, tax restructurings, tax rulings and lobbying, transfer pricing, following up tax audits, negotiations with the tax authorities and tax litigation for high profile clients.

Next to Dominique Villemot the VB&A tax team includes 3 further tax partners **Nathalie Cormery, Catherine Cruveilhaer and Edgard Sarfati** who all have an extensive experience and strong track as tax lawyers with international corporations.

With effect from March 1, 2018, **Jean-Laurent Anglade** has joined the tax team at WTS France. He has almost 20 years of professional experience in tax consulting for multinational companies. Jean-Laurent, who started his career with Arthur Andersen and EY, comes from Mazars in Paris where he worked as partner in corporate, M&A and international tax consulting. At WTS France, he will lead the tax team and continue to forge ahead with its expansion.

“With the new set up, we have further expanded our capacity and expertise in corporate, M&A and restructuring tax advisory, at the highest standards. This makes us the ideal partner for national and international companies seeking tax advice in France“, stated Fritz Esterer, Chairman of the board of WTS Global. “ This set up is fully in line with the WTS Global strategy to build strong member firms which are deeply rooted in their local markets and have a strong client base consisting of international headquarter companies”.

About WTS Global

With representation in over 100 countries, WTS Global is a leading global tax practice offering the full range of tax services. WTS Global deliberately refrains from conducting annual audits in order to avoid any conflicts of interest and to be the long-term trusted advisor for its international clients. Clients of WTS Global include multinational companies, international mid-size companies as well as private clients and family offices.

The member firms of WTS Global are carefully selected through stringent quality reviews. They are strong local players in their home market who are united by the ambition of building a truly global practice that develops the tax leaders of the future and anticipates the new digital tax world.

WTS Global effectively combines senior tax expertise from different cultures and backgrounds and offers world-class skills in advisory, in-house, regulatory and digital, coupled to the ability to think like experienced business people in a constantly changing world.

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