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1.
   o Latham & Watkins
   o Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP

2.
   o Ashurst LLP
   o Clifford Chance
   o King & Wood Mallesons
   o Linklaters LLP
   o Mayer Brown
   o Scotto & Associés

Other recommended firms

1.
   o Ayache Salama
   o DLA Piper
   o De Pardieu Brocas Maffei A.A.R.P.I
   o Paul Hastings LLP
   o White & Case LLP
   o Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP

2.
   o Archers
   o CMS

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K&L Gates LLP
LL Berg
Opleo Avocats
Pinot de Villechenon & Associés
STC Partners
Sekri Valentin Zerrouk
Stephenson Harwood

Leading individuals

1.
- David Aknin - Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP
- Maxence Bloch - King & Wood Mallesons
- Fabrice de la Morandièure - Linklaters LLP
- Olivier du Mottay - Latham & Watkins
- Thomas Forschbach - Latham & Watkins

Pinot de Villechenon & Associés’ ‘responsive and available’ team produces ‘an excellent quality of work’ in mid-cap LBOs and is a key player in the venture capital field, advising investment funds and start-ups. Recent highlights include assisting Actility with its €22.5m fundraising. The key figures are ‘deal-maker’ Morgan Hunault-Berret, who ‘quickly understands matters’, as well as Erwan Tostivint, Isabelle Burel-Blasoni, practice head Gilles Roux – who is ‘especially recommended for complex LBO transactions’ – and Tristan Segonds, who is ‘pleasant, rigorous and responsive’.