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

2.  
   o Ashurst LLP  
   o Clifford Chance  
   o DLA Piper  
   o De Pardieu Brocas Maffei  
   o Goodwin  
   o Linklaters  
   o Mayer Brown  
   o Paul Hastings LLP  
   o Scotto & Associés  
   o Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP

Other recommended firms

1.  
   o Ayache Salama  
   o Bredin Prat  
   o Desfilis  
   o K&L Gates LLP  
   o Hoche Société d’Avocats  
   o McDermott Will & Emery AARPI  
   o White & Case LLP
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- Archers
- HPML
- LL Berg
- Piotraut Giné Avocats (PGA)
- Sekri Valentin Zerrouk
- Stephenson Harwood
- Villechenon

**Leading individuals**

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- David Aknin - Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP
- Maxence Bloch - Goodwin
- Olivier du Mottay - Latham & Watkins
- Thomas Forschbach - Latham & Watkins

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