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BonelliErede Loses 18-Person Tax Team to Rival Italian Firm

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The arrivals more than double the tax team at Legance to 33 professionals, including six partners. The firm, with offices in Rome, Milan and London, counts 350 professionals.

The team is led by Andrea Silvestri, who practiced as a partner for 20 years at BonelliErede, where he was founder and head of the tax department.

The other two partners are Matteo Fanni, who practiced at Bonelli for 13 years, rising to partner, and Giulio Mazzotti, who practiced at Bonelli for 12 years, rising to partner.

Nine associates and six chartered accountants make up the rest of the team.

Their practice includes tax law advice, litigation, taxation of M&A and private equity investments, private and institutional taxation, and dispute resolution.

Seven members of the new team will be based in Legance's Rome office and 11 will be based in its Milan office, the firm said.

The firm placed 13th on Refinitiv's M&A league table for 2022 on the back of its role on the largest deal of the year: the \$52 billion acquisition of Atlantia, the Italian manager of airports and superhighways, by Blackstone Group and Edizione, the Benetton family investment vehicle.

BonelliErede's president, Stefano Simontacchi, and managing partner, Andrea Carta Mantiglia, said of the tax team: "We appreciate the contributions they have made during their time with us and wish them success in their future endeavors."