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New promotions at RTPR



Following the announcement related to the consolidation of the team of partners with the internal appointment of <u>Roxana Ionescu</u> and <u>Cosmin Tilea</u>, RTPR announces new promotions within its team of lawyers. <u>Vlad Stamatescu</u> was promoted to Senior Associate, while <u>Andrei Tosa</u>, <u>Marina Fecheta-Giurgica</u> and <u>Cezara Urzica</u> to Managing Associates. <u>Iustina Nastasa</u>, <u>Laura Costea</u> and <u>Radu Manu</u> become Associates.

Other news is that <u>Vlad Druta</u> re-joined RTPR as a Senior Associate, after he graduated with an LL.M from Harvard Law School and worked for a year for a reputable law firm in London, Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison. Vlad is a member of the Bucharest and New York bars and has experience in advising domestic and international companies in complex mergers and acquisitions, as well as on capital markets deals. At the same time, <u>Bogdan Cordos</u>, one of the most experienced and appreciated lawyers in projects in the energy industry, will provide sector expertise for RTPR's complex mandates in the field of energy as an Energy Law Consultant. In parallel, Bogdan will join an entrepreneurial program in his area of expertise, energy. His extensive experience in this industry has brought him international recognition, Bogdan being recommended as a *Rising Star* by the prestigious international legal directory Legal 500 for many years.

"I would like to thank all the colleagues in the RTPR team for a new year in which, despite all challenges, we have managed to continue to deliver advanced legal work and to obtain remarkable achievements for our clients. And I especially congratulate the lawyers who were noticed by their clients and senior colleagues and impressed with their professionalism, involvement, attitude, creativity and courage. RTPR standards are very high, otherwise we would not be able to maintain this top level. We have a very challenging year ahead, we are ready to continue with new complex mandates and to remain at the top of the industry rankings", said Costin Taracila, Managing Partner.

Vlad Stamatescu provides legal advice to local and international companies on various commercial transactions, including mergers and acquisitions, day-to-day corporate advice, incorporation, restructuring and reorganisation of companies, as well as on capital markets deals. His recent projects include advising private equity fund Morphosis Capital and a consortium of investors from Belgium on the acquisition of a majority stake in EMI Equipement Maintenance Industrie, market leader in industrial access systems from the founder Jerome France; private equity fund Sarmis Capital on the acquisition of a majority stake in Corporate Office Solutions (COS), the leading integrated office fit-out services provider in Romania; and Autonom Services S.A. on the implementation of the first corporate bond offer programme established by a local issuer and respectively, on the private placement of the first tranche of corporate bonds issued under the offer programme through which Autonom attracted over EUR 48 million funds.

Andrei Tosa has experience in advising domestic and international companies in various restructuring projects and commercial transactions, including national and cross-border mergers and spin-offs, acquisitions and day-to-day corporate matters. Recently Andrei assisted the founders of Berg Software on the sale of 100% of the company to AROBS Transilvania Software, a provider of software services and solutions for various industries, as well as the founders of Keez on the sale of the majority stake to Visma group, one of the largest software development companies in Romania, based in Norway.

Marina Fecheta-Giurgica is specialised in advising domestic and international companies on commercial transactions, mergers and



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acquisitions and day-to-day corporate matters, as well as on capital markets matters. Marina is recommended as *Rising Star* for M&A practice in the latest edition of the IFLR1000 legal guide. Recently, Marina advised Abris Capital Partners and GTS Global Intelligence S.A. in relation to the acquisition of Knowledge Investment Group SRL, operating under the Lummetry.AI brand, a Romanian artificial intelligence business, as well as an international company, a global leader in the renewable energy sector, on the acquisition of a cca 105MW wind project under development located in Bacau County.

Cezara Urzica has extensive experience in advising on commercial transactions, corporate law matters, mergers and acquisitions, as well as on employment mandates involving various aspects such as problematic dismissals, collective bargaining agreements, negotiations, specific labour issues related to the Covid-19 pandemics. Cezara played a key role in the mandate regarding the investment of the private equity fund Morphosis Capital in Cronos Med Group, founded by Dr. Constantin Stan, leader in aesthetic medicine in Romania. She also advised Innova Capital on the acquisition of PayPoint Services SRL and Payzone SA, a market leading consumer payments operator in Romania, from LSE-listed PayPoint group.

Passing the *Definitivat* exam (final qualification exam for lawyers) is a necessary condition, but it is not enough to continue as an Associate at RTPR, and Iustina Nastasa, Laura Costea and Radu Manu were highly appreciated by their mentors and senior colleagues and thus they have the opportunity to continue and promote in RTPR as Associates. Iustina is part of the banking and finance team, and Laura and Radu are members of the litigation, arbitration and dispute resolution department. The three lawyers have been involved in many mandates, providing legal assistance and representation for clients in various industries.

RTPR is one of the most experienced and highly regarded law firms in Romania, recognised as such by the Legal 500, Chambers and IFLR1000, which every year rank the firm in top positions in their rankings for various practice areas, such as Banking & finance, Corporate/M&A, Capital Markets, Dispute resolution, Competition, Energy and natural resources, Real estate and Construction, Employment and Intellectual Property.