

Dentons expands in Italy with a new office in Rome



Global law firm **Dentons** announced today the opening of its new office in Rome. This is **Dentons'** second office in Italy after Milan.

*"When we entered the Italian market last October, we had a clear vision to build **Dentons** into a full service firm within two years and one of the top international law firms in Italy within three years,"* said Managing Partner **Federico Sutti** *"Opening an office in the capital city of Rome is one of the cornerstones of that strategy."*

Sutti will lead both the Rome and Milan offices as **Dentons'** Italy Managing Partner. The initial team in Rome will include Antitrust Partner **Michele Carpagnano** and Corporate Partner **Luca Pocobelli** along with a team of associates. The team will grow over the coming year as **Dentons** continues to recruit local talent. In addition, several Milan-based partners, who serve a large portfolio of clients in Rome, such as **Stefano Speroni**, **Matteo Falcione** and **Federico Sutti** himself will split their time between the two offices.

Tomasz Dabrowski, Chief Executive Officer for **Dentons Europe** commented, *"Under **Federico Sutti's** strong leadership, **Dentons** has transformed the legal market in Italy. In less than a year since we opened the Milan office, our team has more than doubled in size and we have added a wide range of practice capabilities. I am confident that Federico and his team will continue to build the momentum in Rome."*

"This investment was very much driven by our clients. Although Rome is Italy's largest city and second largest legal services market, many international law firms have reduced their presence in Rome, meaning companies cannot benefit from the same legal offering as in Milan," said **Joe Andrew**, Global Chairman. *"By opening in Rome, we will give our clients access to **Dentons'** truly global reach."*

Elliott Portnoy, Global CEO, added, *"**Dentons'** polycentric model is about being present in the key markets where our clients do business. Many major Italian companies are headquartered in Rome, including several state-controlled enterprises, as well as large infrastructure and energy companies. Opening an office in Rome is the natural next step in our efforts to offer more to clients."*

Dentons now has in Italy more than 50 lawyers including 12 partners, and the main practice areas are Corporate, M&A, Real Estate, Energy, Litigation and Arbitration, Employment Competition and Antitrust and Tax.