

## Stibbe expands its Luxembourg practice with the hire of a funds partner and the appointment of three counsels

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The Luxembourg office of **Stibbe** expands its practice with the appointment of **Renaud Graas** as funds partner as per 1 January 2017 and the appointment of three new counsels. With these new hires, our Luxembourg office strengthens its service offering on the Luxembourg market.

**Renaud Graas** joins from Allen&Overy where he spent his career for more than a decade. Renaud has extensive experience in fund structuring and asset management regulatory matters (including the setting up of UCITS management companies and Alternative Investment Fund Managers). His practice focuses on alternative funds, where he advises fund sponsors as well as institutional investors.

**Stibbe's** Funds practice serves a broad range of fund managers and investment funds, including UCITS, and (regulated or unregulated) alternative funds such as real estate funds, private equity/venture capital funds, infrastructure funds, debt/loans funds and hedge funds. Our team provides pragmatic solutions with regards to setup, structuring and distribution of regulated and unregulated funds as well as the set up and operation of asset management firms (UCITS and AIFMs) and related regulatory issues.

Commenting on this move, Renaud said: “**Stibbe's funds team has built up an excellent market reputation. I look forward to contributing to the further development of the practice and supporting the growth of its Luxembourg office.**”

With the recent recruitment of **Miriam Keusen** (tax counsel) and **Michaël Meylan** (corporate counsel) and the promotion of **Tom Storckas** counsel in charge of the litigation, employment law and general commercial law practice, Stibbe enhances its offering in Luxembourg in order to respond to market needs. This reinforcement at senior level will allow **Stibbe** to continue to attract high profile matters and contribute to the further development of its Luxembourg practice.

**Jan Peeters**, Managing Partner of the Brussels office and **Gérald Origer**, Executive Partner of the Luxembourg office, comment: “*Following the opening of the Luxembourg office six years ago, our office has known a significant growth. It is now time to move up to the next level. We consider the funds industry as a strategic business and are therefore proud that with the hire of Renaud—together with the appointments and promotions as counsels of **Michaël Meylan, Tom Storck** and **Miriam Keusen**—we can strengthen our service offering.*”

**Derk Lemstra**, Managing Partner of the Amsterdam office, adds: “*We are delighted that Renaud will join our Luxembourg funds team. His arrival will further strengthen our already premium international funds practice. I am sure that clients will benefit from this expansion of our service in*

*integrated investment management advice. The arrival of these four senior professionals underpins our leading position in the markets in which we operate.”*