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### **Marccus Partners expansion in Paris**

Marccus Partners is expanding in France, with the arrival of Christophe Clerc and Pierre Forget, Avocats à la Cour, as partners in the Paris office. They have joined the firm respectively on 1<sup>st</sup> September and 15<sup>th</sup> September 2008 in the Corporate/M&A and Restructuring departments. Both have previously gained extensive prime transactional experience in leading international practices.

Christophe Clerc, a Corporate/M&A, Capital Markets and Corporate Governance specialist, was formerly with Shearman & Sterling. He practices corporate and securities law, with a focus on cross-border public and private mergers and acquisitions, joint-ventures and group reorganizations. He has also extensive expertise in capital markets and corporate governance issues. He is a member of a permanent advisory committee of the French securities regulator (*AMF*) and of the Legal Panel of *ANSA* (a leading corporate law authority); he teaches corporate governance at the *Institut d'Etudes Politiques* (Paris). He was also closely involved in the implementation in France of the Takeover Directive.

Pierre Forget, a French qualified restructuring and insolvency specialist, was formerly with Clifford Chance in Paris. With more than 15 years of practice Pierre has extensive experience of French and cross-border restructuring and insolvency situations. His practice includes distressed M&A, in court or out-of-court restructuring, debt restructuring, bankruptcy proceedings, dispute resolution and litigation related to distressed or insolvent situations. Pierre acts for a broad range of parties-in-interest involved with financially troubled situations, such as companies in difficulty, creditors, distressed debt investors, equity investors (financial/industrial), court-appointed insolvency officers.

Commenting on the arrival of the two new partners, Dr. Bernd Sagasser, Managing Partner, said:

"We are extremely pleased to have attracted such highly qualified and experienced practitioners as are Christophe Clerc and Pierre Forget. Both are well known in their respective areas and their practices are complementary to ours. Their expertise will, in

particular, benefit our clients. It will also provide us with certain synergies and enlarge our offering on the market.

Beyond our traditionally strong Franco-German practice and our core areas of Corporate, Finance, Real Estate, Competition and Tax, Christophe Clerc will strengthen our cross border M&A practice, for both private and public companies and will develop our capital markets and corporate governance practices, whilst Pierre Forget will head our domestic and cross border restructuring and insolvency practices”.

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Marccus Partners gives access to the recognized skills and expertise of the 8 000 professionals of the Mazars international integrated partnership, which enables its clients to draw on additional resources on tax and accounting in the major business and finance centers around the world.



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