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**FABRICE COHEN JOINS WILLKIE'S PARIS OFFICE**

**New York, NY (September 6, 2012)** --- Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP today announced that Fabrice Cohen has joined the firm as a partner in the Paris office. Mr. Cohen, who is recognized as one of Europe's leading M&A and private equity legal advisors, will practice in the firm's Corporate and Financial Services Department. He joins the firm with special European counsel Gabriel Flandin and senior associate Basma Paradin.

Mr. Cohen specializes in domestic and cross-border M&A and private equity transactions, as well as securities law. He is also regarded on an international scale for regularly representing a range of listed companies in both national and pan-European reorganizations.

"We are delighted to welcome Fabrice to the firm," stated Jacques-Philippe Gunther, Managing Partner of Willkie's Paris office. "Having worked with him on various transactions over the years, we look forward to benefiting from his considerable expertise and experience, particularly with respect to advising multinational corporations and handling complex securities matters."

"Fabrice joins a terrific team in Paris," added Willkie Co-Chairman Thomas Cerabino. "As one of Europe's leading corporate lawyers, Fabrice is an important addition to our international M&A, private equity and securities practices, and will further broaden the platform of services we offer to multinational clients."

Mr. Cohen was previously a partner at Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP, where he served as the corporate practice group leader in the Paris office and was a member of the firm's worldwide corporate administrative group.

Willkie's corporate team in Paris now comprises approximately 30 lawyers, including eight partners and five counsel, further enhancing the firm's longstanding position as one of the leading practices in the Paris market.

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