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SOLOMON WIFA JOINS WILLKIE FARR & GALLAGHER

*Firm continues expansion of London office,
Launches global expansion of Asset Management Practice*

New York, NY (June 15, 2015) --- Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP today announced that Solomon Wifa has joined the firm as a partner in London.

Mr. Wifa, a well-established investment funds lawyer with experience across a diverse range of asset classes, has represented sponsors in the formation of, and institutional investors with respect to their investments in, global private equity, hedge, buyout, mezzanine and venture capital funds. Mr. Wifa has advised on a wide range of secondary transactions involving private equity and hedge funds and on formation of emerging market funds investing in China, sub-Saharan Africa, India, Turkey and Central and Eastern Europe.

“Sol’s addition is an important step forward for us and expands our asset management practice to the global stage,” said Barry Barbash, co-head of Willkie’s Asset Management Group. “At a time when regulatory challenges of all sorts faced by the asset management industry are on the rise, the combination of U.S. and U.K. knowledge will allow us to provide comprehensive solutions to clients whose needs are both domestic and international.”

“We are delighted to welcome Sol to Willkie and to our London office,” said Peter Burrell, head of Willkie’s London office. “Our expansion in London continues to attract top talent,

and Sol will be a key component in our growth. We expect to continue this expansion over the near term.”

Mr. Wifa is Co-Chair of the African Venture Capital Association’s (AVCA) Legal & Regulatory Committee and a member of the Emerging Markets Private Equity Association (EMPEA) Legal and Regulatory Council. He is ranked as a leading adviser by *Chambers UK* and was listed in *The Lawyer’s* 2013 “Hot 100 list,” among other recognitions.

Willkie’s Asset Management Group provides legal services to clients in the asset management industry, including privately owned investment advisers, publicly traded asset management firms, broker dealers, insurance companies and banks. The firm advises asset managers on subjects ranging from operations and fund formations to compliance and regulation.

Willkie represents more than 75 U.S. and international private equity sponsors, U.S. and foreign fund investors and a significant number of portfolio companies and management teams across a broad range of industries, including energy.

Willkie’s London office provides comprehensive advice in the areas of private equity, cross-border M&A, capital markets, compliance and enforcement, financial services regulation, white collar criminal and civil litigation, restructurings and tax.

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