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**PHILIPP GIRARDET JOINS WILLKIE'S**

**ANTITRUST AND COMPETITION DEPARTMENT IN LONDON AND BRUSSELS**

**New York, NY (October 25, 2016)** – Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP today announced that Philipp Girardet will join the firm as a partner to set up the antitrust and competition practice in the firm's London office.

Mr. Girardet advises on a broad range of EU and UK competition law, competition litigation and regulatory issues across numerous industry sectors. He has particular experience in the areas of mergers, cartels, dominance cases and competition litigation, often involving complex cross-border and intellectual property-related issues. He also has experience in advising on UK criminal cartel investigations.

“Philipp's facility and deep experience with both EU and UK competition law will further expand Willkie's litigation, enforcement and compliance capabilities in London,” commented Peter Burrell, Managing Partner of Willkie's London office.

Jacques-Philippe Gunther, Head of the firm's European Competition and Antitrust practice, added: “The addition of Philipp, a highly respected UK-qualified competition practitioner, together with a strong existing competition team across the firm's European and U.S. offices, is another major step in our strategy to develop a first class platform for complex European

merger, investigation and litigation matters; it follows our recent hiring of a top German antitrust partner Suzanne Zuehlke last year.”

“I am excited to join Willkie,” said Mr. Girardet. “The firm’s leading competition and litigation capabilities are well recognized across many markets. I am looking forward to joining Willkie’s impressive antitrust and competition team, expanding the team's already strong European footprint beyond France, Germany and Brussels to the UK market.”

From 2005 to 2007, Mr. Girardet was the Deputy Director of the Cartels branch of the UK competition authority (then the Office of Fair Trading), where he was primarily responsible for civil cartel cases and for developing and operating the authority’s leniency policy. During that period, he co-chaired the Leniency Working Group of the European Competition Network (ECN). He also worked closely with the European Commission, the U.S. Department of Justice and the OECD Competition Section on competition policy and enforcement issues.

Mr. Girardet holds a B.A. (hons.) from the University of Oxford and a C.E.P. degree from Sciences Po (Paris).

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