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**NATHALIE DUGUAY JOINS WILLKIE'S PARIS OFFICE**

**New York, NY (January 6, 2017)** – Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP today announced that Nathalie Duguay will join the firm as an alternative investment fund formation - asset management partner in the firm's Paris office.

Ms. Duguay's practice focuses on private equity investment funds (buyout funds, mezzanine funds, distressed funds, debt funds, venture funds, property funds, funds of funds, infrastructure, etc.) and related transactions. She assists clients in the creation of worldwide private equity investment funds and in establishing regulated portfolio management companies and carried-interest schemes for management teams. She also advises investment funds and international institutional investors on their portfolio investments and divestments (secondaries).

“Nathalie is widely regarded as one of the most knowledgeable and innovative fund formation attorneys in the French market. Her long-standing relationships with leading private equity players, including certain key Willkie clients, will be a natural fit with our premier Asset Management Group as well as our Paris private equity and finance teams,” said Jacques-Philippe Gunther, Managing Partner of the Paris office.

The arrival of Ms. Duguay, which marks the expansion of Willkie’s asset management capabilities to its Paris office, follows the firm’s establishment in 2015 of its London asset management practice with the arrival of partner Solomon Wifa.

“I look forward to collaborating with my new colleagues in Willkie’s leading private equity and finance practices in Paris, as well as the firm’s highly regarded fund formation teams in New York and London,” said Ms. Duguay.

Ms. Duguay, formerly co-head of the Fund Formation Department of King & Wood Mallesons, played a key role in the establishment and development of the asset management practice at King & Wood Mallesons and its predecessor firm in Paris, SJ Berwin. Key associates of hers are expected to follow.

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.

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