

Gibson Dunn Hires Nine-Lawyer Projects and Infrastructure Team in Paris

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Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP has bolstered its global energy and infrastructure offerings with the hire of a nine-lawyer team in Paris led by partner Darko Adamovic, and including of counsel Vincent Poilleux and Alex Bluett, along with Pauline Portos, Romain Marchand, Etienne Paletto, Youssef Berrada, Emma Lavaysse di Battista and Farida Ouriachi. The team advises on project development and finance in the energy and infrastructure sectors, both in France and internationally. “The addition of Darko and his team - together with the recent expansion of our teams in London led by Federico Fruhbeck, in Dubai led by Marwan Elaraby, and in Abu Dhabi led by Renad Younes - represents yet another important step in cementing our market-leading and comprehensive infrastructure product offering around the world,” said New York-based Tomer Pinkusiewicz, Co-Chair of Gibson Dunn’s Projects and Infrastructure Practice Group. Commenting on the hires, Co-Partner in Charge of Gibson Dunn’s Paris office, Amanda Bevan-de Bernède, said: “We are pleased to welcome Darko and the entire team to the Paris office, and to offer our clients the benefit of their significant energy and infrastructure transactions experience.” “We believe the team will fit perfectly at the firm, and are excited to add their notable talent to our platform,” added Bernard Grinspan, Co-Partner-in-Charge of the Paris office. “Gibson Dunn has a fantastic global platform, with an enviable and growing energy and infrastructure practice,” said Darko. “The team is looking forward to working with members of the firm’s Projects and Infrastructure Practice Group, as well as with colleagues across practices and offices worldwide.” The addition of Darko and the team follows a period of extensive growth for Gibson Dunn’s Projects and Infrastructure Practice Group, along with the firm’s energy practices. Recent high-profile hires in these spaces include Marwan Elaraby, Renad Younes, Laleh Shahabi, Jade Chu and Samuel Ogunlaja in the UAE, Federico Fruhbeck, Alice Brogi, Trinh Chubbock, Rob Dixon and Ben Shorten in London, and Rahul Vashi in Houston. **About Darko Adamovic** Darko advises on major domestic and international infrastructure, telecommunications, energy transition, and conventional energy (including renewables) and transport projects, including in the electric vehicle (EV) sector. He has significant experience advising sponsors, lenders, multilateral institutions, contractors and host governments on the development, structuring and financing (including loans, bonds, hybrid and derivatives financings) of major projects in France and internationally. Additionally, he has significant experience in M&A transactions in the infrastructure and energy sectors. His clients include sponsors, lenders, multilateral institutions, contractors, and governments on the development of major projects in France and internationally, including financing. Darko is ranked as a leading individual in *Chambers Europe* for Projects & Energy, and also ranked in *Legal 500 EMEA* for Project Finance in France. **About Gibson Dunn’s Projects and Infrastructure Practice Group** Gibson Dunn’s Projects and Infrastructure Practice Group has in-depth knowledge and experience ranging from green field project development, major disposals, and acquisitions, across energy and infrastructure and complex asset restructurings. The group advises all stakeholders, from government, corporate and financial sponsors, through to lenders and other credit providers. **About Gibson Dunn’s Energy Practice Group** The Energy Practice Group has a wide array of experience across all parts of the sector – from traditional sources of energy such as oil and gas, and electric utilities, to renewable forms such as solar and wind. The firm has handled energy-related matters involving numerous practice areas, including mergers, acquisitions and divestitures; debt and project finance; capital markets; joint ventures; fund formation; dispute resolution; commercial arrangements; and all manner of energy-related regulatory

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