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OYAT strengthens its Digital & Innovation division with the arrival of Stéphanie Lapeyre-Castellane as a partner

OYAT is pleased to announce the arrival of Stéphanie Lapeyre-Castellane as a partner. She joins the Digital & Innovation team to head up the 'Personal Data & Cybersecurity' practice and co-lead the firm's 'Artificial Intelligence' offering with Marie-Hélène Tonnellier, who is in charge of the IT, e-commerce and telecoms practice.

A recognised lawyer in digital law, Stéphanie Lapeyre-Castellane has over eleven years of experience gained in leading French and international law firms. She provides both strategic advice and litigation services to major French and foreign players - large groups, investment funds, public actors and technology companies - in a variety of sectors such as luxury goods, retail, media, energy, transport, health, finance and tech.

Comprehensive expertise at the service of the most sensitive digital issues

Her expertise covers in particular:

- GDPR compliance (data governance, international transfers, targeted advertising, fraud prevention, cookies and tracking technologies, internal investigations, processing of sensitive data, etc.);
- the contractual structuring of data processing, sharing and transfers;
- the management of CNIL (French Data Protection Authority) inspections and litigation, as well as proceedings before civil and criminal courts;
- support during cyber crises and data breaches;
- compliance with European cybersecurity regulations (NIS 2, DORA, CRA);
- compliance with the Artificial Intelligence Regulation and risk management related to the use of AI.

She has worked on data-driven advertising transformation operations for CAC 40 groups, international transactions involving complex data protection issues, large-scale cyberattacks, strategic projects related to artificial intelligence and cybersecurity in highly regulated environments, as well as pre-litigation and litigation proceedings before the authorities for several companies, including GAFAM and other major players.

Natural synergies at the heart of the OYAT project

The arrival of Stéphanie Lapeyre-Castellane strengthens and structures the firm's digital offering, alongside Marie-Hélène Tonnellier, and is fully in line with OYAT's cross-functional approach.

Her expertise will be closely linked to:

- the Private Equity and M&A practice, to secure transactions involving data, cyber or AI issues;
- the employment law team, in order to address the growing issues at the interface between human resources and technology (employee privacy, internal investigations, labour disputes involving GDPR issues);
- the public law offering, to support public sector players in their digital and digital transformation projects.

Statement by Stéphanie Lapeyre-Castellane

"Joining OYAT is both a professional and personal choice for me. I wanted to join a French, independent and fast-growing firm that combines technical excellence, agility and entrepreneurial vision. I am particularly enthusiastic about the firm's collective dynamic, the quality of its international network and its dynamism. I was also attracted by Marie-Hélène Tonnellier's vision, which places a central focus on new technology law and team synergies. In a context of rapid economic and regulatory change, we want to offer a clear and structured service that can support clients in a comprehensive, proactive and pragmatic way."

Statement by Marie-Hélène Tonnellier

"Stéphanie's arrival marks a key milestone in the development of our Digital & Innovation team. Her recognised expertise in data protection, cybersecurity and the management of sensitive situations will strengthen the firm's competence in new technology law. The development of a service dedicated to artificial intelligence issues, which we will co-manage, is part of a shared desire to support our clients in all their projects. Our goal is to provide them with cross-functional expertise, both strategic and operational, tailored to the challenges posed by innovation and
