

Gianni, Origoni, Grippo, Cappelli & Partners launches GOP4Venture dedicated to venture capital and technology transfer

The firm has created a team that will service the needs of an ever more important segment of the country's economy

Rome, 21 October 2016 - The international law firm Gianni, Origoni, Grippo, Cappelli & Partners expands its services and launches GOP4Venture, a new specialised group dedicated to venture capital and technology transfer. This project is ground-breaking for the Italian, legal market and combines traditional M&A skills, for which the firm has been recognised as market leader for years, with those needed for the commercial exploitation of new and evolving technologies, including intellectual property, joint ventures and in particular fundraising.

GOP4Venture is targeted at venture capitals funds, accelerators, incubators, start-ups, research spin-offs and small-medium innovative companies. Through the sharper focus of specialisation, the firm will be able to engage better with the dynamic market of innovation and technology transfer, both expanding sectors that have attracted the commitment and resources of Italian and foreign institutional investors, universities and research centres.

GOP4Venture therefore represents a synthesis of the track record that has made Gianni, Origoni, Grippo, Cappelli & Partners a first point of reference not only for financial players, start-ups and the country's principle incubators, but also for all those public institutions who have taken part in developing the policies destined to govern research and innovation for the future in Italy, in which the firm has been an active participant for months.

The head of the GOP4Venture team - which includes 8 of the firm's professionals able to cover a large breadth of expertise, from corporate law, intellectual property to tax, commercial and administrative law as well as assistance in accessing capital markets – is partner Renato Giallombardo who has long-standing and in-depth experience in M&A and private equity.

Antonio Auricchio, co-managing partner of Gianni, Origoni, Grippo, Cappelli & Partners, states: "We have brought together in GOP4Venture all the skills necessary to address the increasing and ever more complex needs arising from tech transfer and start-ups, a rapidly expanding field that fuels both our economic and social advancement. This project bears witness to the firm's core belief in the importance of innovation, which has always been a cornerstone of our approach to servicing the needs of our clients."

In 2014 the Firm was nominated "Law Firm of the Year" for Italy by the "The Lawyer" magazine.

Notes to Editor:

Gianni, Origoni, Grippo, Cappelli & Partners is an international law firm with about 380 lawyers distributed in the offices of Rome, Milan, Bologna, Padua, Turin, Abu Dhabi, Brussels, Hong Kong, London and New York.

The Firm is considered among the leaders in Italy in global business services and is active in the field of M&A, Corporate, Banking and Finance, Capital Markets, Antitrust and Regulatory, Real Estate, Litigation and Arbitration, Restructuring, Public Law and Tenders, Environmental, Projects, Tax, Labour, IP, Wealth and Trust.



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