

Stratulat Albulescu bolsters its Corporate/ M&A practice with the hire of two Senior Associates

Stratulat Albulescu has announced the strengthening of their Mergers and Acquisitions team with the addition of Senior Associates Vlad Sandulescu and Adrian Hlistei-Muresan.

With these latest hires the firm now has 10 fee earners in the Corporate/M&A Group. The Group is led by 3 Partners and also includes 3 Senior Associates and 4 Associates, making the practice one of the largest in the Romanian market.

Vlad Sandulescu joins SAA from Schoenherr, and, in addition to Corporate and M&A he is also experienced in Capital Markets. Drawing on his 7 years of experience in an international law firm, Vlad has acted on several landmark M&A transactions and also has experience advising on a range of Capital Markets matters, such as equity and debt private placements or public offers and listings of such instruments. Vlad has expertise in working for national and international clients on both M&A and Capital Markets matters across a range of sectors including investment and financial services, insurance, healthcare and FMCG. Additionally, Vlad is passionate about Japanese culture, also having international certifications for Japanese language.

M&A lawyer **Adrian Hlistei-Muresan** joins from Reff & Associates, the associated law firm of Deloitte, and prior to this he also worked for Schoenherr and Radu & Associates - the associated law firm of Ernst & Young in Romania. Adrian has a broad range of industry expertise and more than 7 years of experience in advising on M&A transactions of all sizes for private equity funds, investment companies and strategic investors. With Adrian, SAA gains a renowned corporate lawyer with proven expertise in national and cross-border M&A transactions.

Silviu Stratulat, *Managing Partner and Head of Corporate/M&A* commented: "We are delighted to have Adrian and Vlad join our Corporate and M&A Department which is the central pillar of our firm. Both have the experience required to help our team deliver its services to clients faster and better but are young enough to absorb our firm's strategy and innovative approach to matters such as managing client relations and relationship building."

Silviu Stratulat added that the firm will continue to invest in its Corporate/M&A practice area, one of the two engines of the firm. The arrival of Vlad Sandulescu and Adrian Hlistei-Muresan to the Stratulat Albulescu team follows the promotions of Cristina Man and Octav Stan to Partners in January 2021 and represents a strengthening for the Corporate and M&A practice, key in the Firm's strategy.