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## OOSTVOGELS PFISTER FEYTEN ADDS RESIDENT INVESTMENT FUNDS PARTNER IN LONDON

### *HAROLD PARIZE JOINS THE UK TEAM*

Oostvogels Pfister Feyten has once again reinforced its London arm with the appointment of a resident investment funds partner. Harold Parize joins the team from the Luxembourg office and will now be responsible for developing the UK funds practice going forwards. Harold will also play an instrumental part in the overall management and direction of the London office as a whole.

Harold joined the firm in January 2008 and has since been assisting clients with specific projects such as structuring cross border transactions through Luxembourg and the creation of widely used investment vehicles such as SICARs and SIFs among other activities. He will now provide these legal services directly from the London office and will be supported by the firm's larger investment funds team which continues to reside in Luxembourg.

Stef Oostvogels, Managing Partner, commented: "The further expansion of the London office is in line with our ongoing mission to closely serve the UK financial communities and to ensure access to Luxembourg law is an easy process. Harold's move also follows other key enhancements including the introduction of Luxembourg tax capabilities in London with the recent appointment of Chokri Bouzidi."

Harold Parize, added: "I am very excited with this new opportunity. The UK is a very important market as many of our clients and key contacts reside here. We want to ensure they have direct access to Luxembourg law on a local scale. This means that clients and legal practitioners can maximise further on this expertise, especially for the preplanning and preparation of various projects."

Harold joined Oostvogels Pfister Feyten in January 2008 prior to which he acted as head of Legal & Compliance at HSBC Securities Services Luxembourg. Harold is an active member of The Luxembourg Bankers Association (ABBL) and previously, of committees of professional associations such as The Association of Luxemburg Compliance Officers for the Financial Sector (ALCO).

These appointments also coincide with key developments in Luxembourg law, such as the modernised SICAR regime introduced in October, the abolition of capital duty and dividend withholding tax and the ratification of new double tax treaties.

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#### **Notes to Editors**

Based in Luxembourg and London, Oostvogels Pfister Feyten is one of Luxembourg's largest independent international business law firms. Specialising exclusively in Luxembourg law, the firm's expertise lies in a

number of key practice areas including Corporate law, Corporate Finance & M&A, Private Equity & Venture Capital, Tax, Investment Funds, Banking & Finance, Real Estate, Restructuring & Insolvency and Litigation.



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