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## THE FIRM

Effective on 1 January 2014, Craca Di Carlo Guffanti Pisapia Tatozzi & Associati started its activity as a new player in the law services market within the Italian jurisdiction. The firm has five partners and 30 professionals. The firm combines the well-established firm Craca Pisapia Tatozzi Studio Legale, which has extensive and consolidated experience in the field of contentious issues, and the team of Francesco Di Carlo and Edoardo Guffanti, formerly partners of a leading law firm in the field of banking, financial, investments and insurance services. The firm is now capable of offering assistance in all these fields in pre-litigation, litigation and arbitration and with extra-jurisdictional advice on banking, financial, investments and insurance issues.

## AREAS OF PRACTICE

The firm provides advice in the fields of corporate and commercial law and of banking, financial investment and insurance services. The firm devises the structure and handles the subsequent implementation of capital transactions and the issue of bonds, debt instruments and financial instruments in general, and offers assistance with reference to company and business reorganisations, and incentive plans aimed at directors and executives. The firm advises listed and unlisted companies on matters relating to the administration of the company and the liabilities of its administration and controlling bodies. The firm also provides advice to industrial and commercial enterprises, including medium-sized and family businesses, in the drafting and negotiation of commercial agreements such as franchising, distribution, agency and mediation, and supply agreements, commercial joint ventures, leases of businesses and business divisions, and leases of real estate for industrial and commercial use.

The firm provides legal assistance to commercial and industrial companies, including SMEs, and to financial institutions, in extraordinary corporate transactions such as mergers and acquisitions (transfers of shares and assets, businesses and business divisions, and investment portfolios), joint ventures and co-investment agreements. The firm offers support with respect to the financial aspects connected with such transactions. In structuring transactions, drafting and negotiating contractual documents, the firm avails itself the specific skills gained in the field of corporate litigation, and specifically in the management of court and arbitration proceedings relating to M&A transactions.

The firm provides advice on bankruptcy law, with respect to all insolvency issues, including the identification of the procedures applicable and the preparation of the corresponding documentation. The firm also operates in the field of out-of-court management of company crises, assisting clients in the negotiation of debt restructuring agreements or compositions with creditors.

The firm has a strong and reputed experience in the field of banking, financial, investment, insurance services and asset management business. In particular, the firm's banking and finance team provides advice in relation to the full spectrum of financial issues, including advising investment funds, industrial clients, banks, financial and insurance institutions, drafting and negotiating documentation, delivering opinions and devising sophisticated legal structures with respect to a wide variety of transactions. The firm also provides assistance in extraordinary corporate transactions involving regulated companies, as well as in every issue connected to market abuse regulations, including regulatory procedures in front of the different surveillance



**LANGUAGES  
SPOKEN**

English  
French  
Italian

authorities. The firm also provides advice and assistance with reference to the establishment of banking/financial/insurance companies or branches with respect to both corporate and regulatory aspects and to listed issuers in relation to their ongoing duties, including disclosure requirements and treatment of price sensitive information.

The firm in relation to all areas of practice (contentious and non-contentious matters) works on a regular basis for foreign companies and foreign law firms.

## **MAIN AREAS OF WORK**

Business and corporate advisory services  
Mergers and acquisitions  
Corporate finance  
Private equity  
Financing  
Insolvency proceedings  
Corporate liability issues  
Investments services  
Banking services  
Funds  
Banking and financial regulation  
Private banking  
Structured finance and banking  
Insurance regulation  
Regulation of listed users  
Market abuse  
Anti-money laundering  
Domestic and international arbitration  
Company litigation  
Bankruptcy, insolvency and debt restructuring  
Litigation  
Tort  
Financial litigation  
Civil law and international civil law  
Real estate  
Contract litigation

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## Banking and finance: Bank regulatory

### Tier 3

**FIVELEX Studio Legale** assists banks, fund managers, investment firms, family offices, financial advisory firms, insurance companies and trust companies on financial regulatory matters. It also advises on litigation involving the breach of business conduct rules. **Edoardo Guffanti** provides regulatory advice to financial intermediaries, and **Francesco Di Carlo** has longstanding experience of advising financial institutions and Italian and foreign funds. Regulatory specialist **Matteo Catenacci** is also noted.

#### Leading individuals

Edoardo Guffanti

#### Next Generation Partners

Matteo Catenacci

## Investment funds

### Tier 3

“**FIVELEX Studio Legale**’s key areas of work include establishing new generation funds and the structuring of AIFs, including private equity, real estate and credit funds; authorisation, sanction and enforcement proceedings; ongoing assistance, including issuance of new financial products, anti-money laundering, market abuse and corporate governance issues; and cross-border issues. **Francesco Di Carlo** is experienced in the incorporation and authorisation of funds, and **Edoardo Guffanti**’s clients include banks and asset management companies.”

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## Dispute resolution

### Tier 4

At **FIVELEX Studio Legale**, corporate disputes are a highlight of the team's portfolio, while the firm also draws on its expertise in financial markets to effectively handle finance-related litigation. Managing partner and recognised arbitrator **Alfredo Craca** is the among the key contacts. A series of promotions in early 2019 at all levels saw, among others, the advancement to partnership of civil and commercial litigator and arbitrator **Carlo Sbochelli**.

## Commercial, corporate and M&A

### Tier 7

“**FIVELEX Studio Legale** has expertise in significant M&A transactions, particularly for mid-cap companies mainly involved in industrial and commercial activities in the Italian as well as the wider European market. Clients include investment companies; private equity funds; family offices; listed companies; and industrial and commercial companies. **Alfredo Craca** and **Claudio Tatozzi** are the key names.”