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Macchi di Cellere partner breaks away to launch boutique

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By Julia Cahill

Macchi di Cellere e Gangemi partner Marco Padovan has left the firm to launch his own boutique, specialising in banking, project finance, corporate and litigation.

Formerly chief counsel at the European Investment Bank, Padovan joined Baker & McKenzie to head its project finance practice in 2000 and then went on to join Macchi in late 2002.

The independent Italian firm, which counts Slaughter and May among the UK firms it works with, expanded its equity partnership from five to 12 last year, prompting Padovan to branch out on his own.

"I felt I had enough clients and was strong enough to support my own practice," he said.

Padovan has hired 10 fee-earners, some of them from Macchi, and a senior litigator to launch the boutique.

Studio Legale Padovan has offices in Milan and Treviso and there are also plans for a Rome office, where Padovan is in talks with a number of public procurement lawyers.

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