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Dear members,

Welcome to our latest newsletter which is packed full of interesting articles and news items.

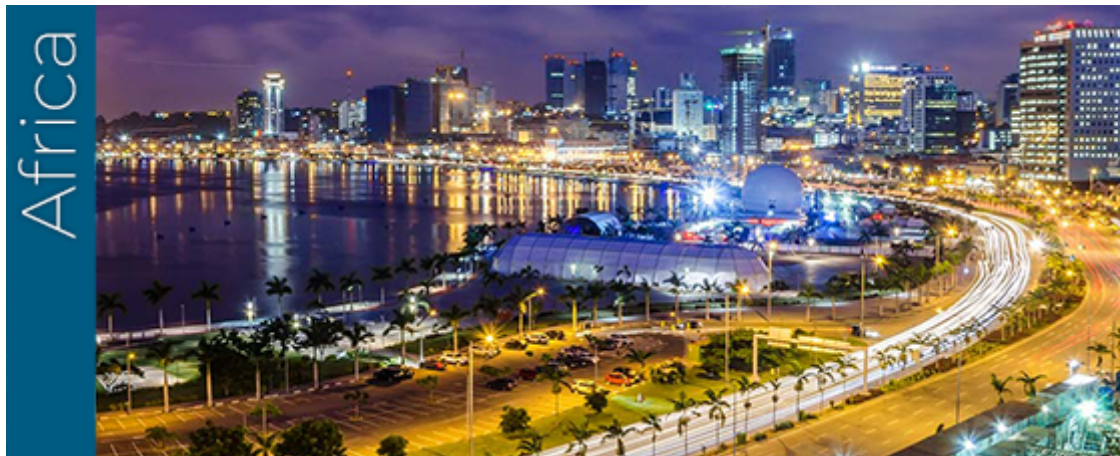
I am looking forward to seeing many of you in Berlin for the conference next week for what I know will be another super occasion to meet and exchange.

Watch out for future communications which are going to be frequent and more wide ranging in their coverage... all will be revealed in due course.

Best wishes,



[Nicholas Lakeland](#)



LEX Africa Annual General Meeting in Luanda, Angola

From April 28 to 30, 2023, I was delighted to represent IPG at the LEX Africa Annual General Meeting that took place in Luanda, Angola.

LEX Africa is a legal Alliance of leading African law firms for the propose of advising local and international clients on their trade, business, investment and other activities in Africa.

IPG and LEX Africa signed a memorandum of understanding in January 2020 with the aim of developing and strengthening their relationship. Since then, the two professional associations have increased their co-operation for mutual benefit enabling members to work together on international client matters, share information of interest to members and their clients and attend each others conferences.

LEX Africa is the first and largest African legal Alliance with a Pan African Legal team of more than 700 lawyers (30 countries).



It was a great experience to attend the conference and to share ideas with so many enthusiastic professionals who have not only a local but a worldwide vision of business opportunities. They

are motivated to co-operate with IPG members in other jurisdictions.

It is great to see the energy that those talented young lawyers put into their day-to-day work to assist and advise clients in Africa.

During the conference at the Intercontinental Luanda Miramar an internationally branded 5-star hotel, I listened to very interesting presentations and useful discussions: i) The impact of reforming financial regulatory measures on investment incentives, currency stability and economic development; ii) The importance of stringent environmental, social and governance requirements - why ESG underpins sustainability for Africa's investment prospects; iii) Doing Business in Oil & Gas in Africa; iv) Effective dispute resolution practice and the benefit to foreign direct investment. The keynote speakers always involved the LEX Africa members to allow an inside and outside approach.

Angola, with its natural wealth, oil resources and diamonds, attracts thousands of business travelers and expatriates every year and its economy is among the fastest-growing in the world – but economic growth is highly uneven.

It was also a privilege listening to a panel of high-level business influencers and members of very important institutions and companies with a worldwide outlook and how things can be changed in the future.

The format of the conference is very similar to the one of IPG, so I also had the opportunity to socialize and enjoy informal chats with the members in a very relaxed atmosphere, as one can see on the photos.



Many thanks to the Board of Directors of IPG for giving me the opportunity to represent our association on that occasion, and to Elke for all her support before and during my stay in Angola. It was a great discovery, honor, and a privilege for me.

I truly recommend and encourage fostering the relationship between IPG and LEX Africa members for mutual benefits.



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Legal 500 Ranks DGKV Top Tier for 2023

The prestigious The Legal 500 EMEA edition ranks Djingov, Gouginski, Kyutchukov and Velichkov a top tier law firm for 2023 for another consecutive year. The firm scores Tier one in 10 practice areas: Banking, Finance and Capital Markets, Commercial, Corporate and M&A, Dispute resolution, EU and Competition, Energy and Natural Resources, Healthcare and Life Sciences, Intellectual Property, Projects and PPP, Real Estate and Construction and TMT and is also recommended for its experience in Transport Practice area.

A total of 5 lawyers are listed in the elite “Leading lawyers” list, 2 – in the “Next generation lawyers” list, 9 lawyers are listed in the "Rising stars" group and a total of 20 lawyers are recommended.

Djingov, Gouginski, Kyutchukov and Velichkov Law Firm has received excellent reviews on the basis of market intelligence and clients’ recommendations.

The freshly published 2023 edition of The Legal 500 EMEA edition praises DGKV as “extremely knowledgeable, responsive and responsible” and “full coverage of all legal and regulatory matters.”



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Longan undertook Huzhou Nanxun "Helping Enterprise Development and Investment Promotion in 33 Cities - Seminar on Legal Compliance at Home and Abroad for Chinese Enterprises"

In order to optimize the business environment under the rule of law, on April 2023, 4, the "Seminar on Assisting Enterprise Development and Investment Promotion in 33 Cities - Legal Compliance Seminar for Chinese Enterprises at Home and Abroad" hosted by Longan was successfully held in Huzhou.

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Congratulations to Chrysanthi Varnava, TLS Partners- Chrysanthi Varnava & Co LLC

Congratulations to Chrysanthi Varnava for obtaining certifications in the following:

- Mediator in Civil and Commercial Disputes from Cyprus Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution!
- ICA Certification in AML from International Compliance Association!
- Licensed Compliance Officer from [International Compliance Association](#)!



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Boston Multi Family Office Announces Acquisition of Fedelta Trust Limited

Boston Multi Family Office is delighted to announce the acquisition of Fedelta Trust Limited as it continues to pursue its ambitions for long-term growth in the fiduciary market.

The move follows Boston's previous acquisition of IQE Ltd in 2020 and is the second major acquisition since CEO Katherine Ellis and COO Alex McNee led a management buyout of Boston in October 2019.

This latest deal will see the existing Fedelta team, led by Steven Quirk and David Brew, move to Boston's offices.



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Welcome to Aeternus Bert Schaareman

Aeternus BV continues to grow to 40 employees including 8 Register Valuers.

Bert Schaareman will join the Aeternus team as Advisor Corporate Finance as of 1 May 2023. With this Aeternus grow to 40 employees.

As a partner, Bert will be responsible for the valuation practice within Aeternus in addition to customer projects. Bert is Register Valuator and has previously earned his experience in the financial sector.

With Bert, Aeternus are expanding our M&A knowledge and experience even further. With his recent experience at EY, he will help shape the further development of our company. A thorough and experienced addition to our team!



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Spain promotes the first regulatory sandbox for the AI legal framework in Europe

Spanish government is about to publish the legislation basis for the development of the first regulatory sandbox regarding Artificial Intelligence (AI). The publication of the Spanish Royal Decree that regulates its functioning is envisaged for this April 2023.

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Capelleras & Villagra-Noriega included in Chambers Europe 2023 Guide Directory

We are pleased to announce that we have been included again in the Chambers Europe 2023 Guide Directory. Chambers & Partners is considered by the specialized media the most difficult to access Directory thanks to the rigor of its work, which is based on the opinions of clients, and which draws a very precise panorama of the leading firms in each specialty. As a significant fact, our firm is the only one of those mentioned by Chambers in our category that is dedicated exclusively to Taxation.



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Puente & Associates Estudio Juridico Rank Again in the Leaders League 2023

Congratulations to Puente & Associates Estudio Juridico for ranking in the Leaders League 2023.
Well done to all the team!



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next conferences

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11 - 14th May 2023

Madrid Autumn Conference

5 - 8th October 2023

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