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Rankings A, B and C correspond to law firms specialising in Energy ranked by the **most prestigious legal directories** (Chambers & Partners and Legal 500).

A

Band 1

Band 2

Band 3

Rankings A, B and C are based on the average assessment (A, B and C) of qualities/expertise in the different practice areas (Finance, Project finance, Corporate M&A, Administrative and environmental, Litigation, Arbitration, Regulatory antitrust, Tax Energy, Criminal Law, Energy Efficency, Energy Innovation, Oil & gas, Utilities, Renewables).

#### More specifically:

A The firm has a well-established presence in the market with a wide range of operations carried out for leading clients in the Energy sector; the team has transversal skills and is active in all Energy sub specializations; wide recognition and "high" reputation according to clients, peers and in general by all market observers contacted by our Research Center, including competitors.

B The firm is present and active in the market; the team has excellences in one or more – but not all – sub specializations; well-established and partially widespread reputation according to its clients and other lawyers' clients.

The firm is present and active in the market; the team's expertise has a primary focus on a specific practice area; recommendations are mostly received by its clients.

The symbol indicates that the firm is included in the Report for the first time.

The following signs  $\triangle = \bigvee$  indicate:

- whether the firm ranking has changed compared to last year, i.e. whether it is moving up, moving down or is stable.
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# 2019 EVENTS CALENDAR





These awards refer to Legalcommunity, our digital title, and they reward the best law firms and lawyers by area of expertise. There are 8 Legalcommunity Awards each year.

Energy Awards	Past event 31 January
Finance Awards	Milan, 21 February
Tax Awards	Milan, 25 March
Ip & Tmt Awards	Milan, 13 May
Corporate Awards	Milan, 13 June
Italian Awards (by region)	Rome, II July
Labour Awards	Milan, 30 September
Marketing Awards	Milan, 29 October



We reward the protagonists of the food & beverage sector in Italy for their excellence and impact from a business point of view (Chefs, entrepreneurs, small artisan producers etc.)

Milan, 9 December **Foodcommunity Awards** 

#### **DIVERSITY** AWARDS

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This event contemplates a moment of discussion (roundtable) and a ceremony to celebrate the entities (companies and institutions) committed to the inclusion and the protection of rights of diversities.

**Diversity Awards** Milan, 4 July



These awards are dedicated to the Italian financial community and they reward the best bankers, advisors, investors, banks, private equity representatives, Sgr of the year.

Milan, 14 November Financecommunity Awards



This event intends to reward the best professionals within companies: from legal affairs, HR, financial to tax departments.

Milan, 17 October Inhousecommunity Awards Lugano, 21 November Inhousecommunity Awards Switzerland



The international week of events for the legal and business community in Milan.

Milan, 10-14 June Legalcommunity Week

#### SAVETHEBRAND

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This event celebrates Made in Italy in the 3F sector "Fashion, Food, Furniture" through its protagonists: the entrepreneurs.

Save the Brand Milan, 28 November

# A MARKET THAT CONFIRMS THE GROWTH TREND, EVER MORE FOCUSED ON THE DIGITAL EVOLUTION

a cura di alessandra benozzo

#### TOTAL VALUE

This year, fifty firms active in the energy sector collaborated with Legalcommunity's research center, allowing us to come up with an updated picture of the industry in Italy.

Our sample includes:



In 2018, as with last year, estimated turnover for business related to the energy industry is seeing growth. The estimate the research center has come up with is overall turnover of about 260 million euros, with 30% growth compared to last year's data. In this particular sample, the trend points to growth of 20% as well.

Below is the list of the ten firms with the greatest estimated turnover linked to energy dealings. The collective turnover for these ten firms amounts to 137 million euros, therefore, more than half of the overall turnover in the sector.

# TOP TEN FIRMS IN TERMS OF ESTIMATED TURNOVER

IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER

- ★ BonelliErede
- Cleary Gottlieb
- **★** Curtis
- ★ Dla Piper
- 🖈 Gianni Origoni Grippo cappelli & Partners
- ★ Chiomenti
- \star Grimaldi Studio Legale
- ★ Hogan Lovells
- ★ Legance
- ★ Paul Hastings

#### FIRMS WITH THE HIGHEST PERCENTAGE OF ENERGY-DRIVEN TURNOVER

Among the firms whose overall turnover is strongly tied to various activities in the energy sector, the one that stood out the most was L&B Partners, which reports that 90% of its revenue comes from work carried out in the energy industry. This is a boutique firm headed up by partner Michele di Terlizzi, with vertical specialization in renewable energy and an innovative business model that successfully combines financial advisory and legal services.

Then there are various firms specialized in the administrative field, such as CDRA, Fidanza Gigliola, Sticchi Damiani and Todarello. In addition, there are three international firms, with turnover of 50% or more in this industry: Ashurst, Watson Farley & Williams, and Curtis, which is especially well known for its work in litigation and international arbitration.

% of Energy & Infrastructure revenu	es on overall turnov
L&B Partners Avvocati Associati	90%
Fidanza Gigliola Studio Legale	60%
Natson Farley & Williams	60%
Ashurst	50%
Curtis	50%
Fodarello & Partners	50%
Sticchi Damiani	40%
CDRA	40%
1Legal	40%

#### **TEAMS**

	2017		2018	
Total	850	<b>^</b>	923	+8,5%
Partner	235	¥	229	

There are 923 legal professionals, including partners, attorneys, associates and trainees, working in this area (full or part time), showing growth of 8.5% as compared to the professionals working in the sector in 2017. However, the number of partners has decreased from 229 this year as compared to 235 in 2017. Data having to do exclusively with the firms in the 2017 study paints a different picture: a decrease in the total number of professionals, as well as the number of partners, down 7% and 19% respectively.

#### THE LARGEST TEAMS

According to the study are Grimaldi (56), DLA Piper (50), Legance (48) and Gianni Origoni Grippo Cappelli & Partners (41).

The rankings have remained more or less the same as compared to 2017 with Legance moving up the list and bypassing Gianni Origoni Grippo Cappelli & Partners, which still maintains a leading position despite losing 8 employees dedicated to the industry.

Firm	Team	Partners	% Partners
Grimaldi Studio Legale	56	17	30%
2 Dla Piper	50	15	30%
3 Legance	48	7	14.5%
4 Gianni Origoni Grippo Cappelli & Partners	41	10	24.3%
Hogan Lovells	35	6	17%
PwC TLS	35	4	II. <b>4</b> %

Looking at all of the 50 firms that took part in the survey, the average ratio of partners to the team is just over 25%. At the opposite ends of this range, there's PwC's 11.4% and LCA's 44.4%.

#### TEAMS THAT HAVE GROWN THE MOST

Firm	Team 2018	Team 2017	Difference 📥	Who joined the team
Rödl & Partners	25	16	+9	9 associates
Linklaters	18	13	+5	1 partner (Roberto Casati), 2 associates and 2 trainees
L&B Partners Avvocati Associati	15	12	+5	1 partner (Antonella Cozzoli), 2 associates, 2 trainees
Lipani Catricalà & Partners	12	8	+4	1 partner (Roberto Nigro), 3 associates
Paul Hastings	15	12	+3	3 associates
McDermott Will & Emery	13	10	+3	3 associates, 1 counsel
Gebbia Bortolotto	16	13	+3	3 counsels

# THE TEAMS THAT HAVE SEE THE GREATEST DECREASE:

Firm	Team 2018	Team 2017	Difference 🔻
Chiomenti	16	36	-20
Hogan Lovells	35	44	-11
Gianni Origoni Grippo Cappelli & Partners	41	49	-8
Macchi di Cellere Gangemi	32	25	-7
Watson Farley & Williams	18	24	-6

#### NEW HIRES IN 2018

There were a total of 67 new hires in energy teams at the various firms. In most cases, these hires included associates but there were also new partners brought in along with those in more senior roles. This trend seems destined to continue through 2019 as evidenced by Cristina Martorana's recent move from Orrick to Legance.

#### In detail:

Name	Joined the firm	From
<b>Pierpaolo Mastromarini</b> Partner	Bird & Bird	Watson Farley & Williams
<b>Giovanni Diotallevi</b> Partner	Dentons	Chiomenti
<b>Roberto Nigro</b> Partner	Lipani Catricalà	Eunomia
<b>Sergio Fienga</b> Partner	Pedersoli Studio Legale	Caiazzo Donnin Pappalardo
<b>Enrico Maria Mancuso</b> Partner	Pedersoli Studio Legale	Baker McKenzie
<b>Mario D'Ovidio</b> Partner	Watson Farley & Williams	Dla Piper
Carmine Oncia Partner	Giliberti Triscornia	Grimaldi Studio Legale
<b>Claudia Bruscaglioni</b> Partner	LMCR	Macchi di Cellere Gangemi
<b>Cristina Ajroldi</b> Of Counsel	Gebbia Bortolotto	-
<b>Alessia Marconi</b> Legal Director	Dla Piper	Watson Farley & Williams
<b>Katia Zulberti</b> Senior Attorney	Chiomenti	NCTM

If we look at internal promotions, Ashurst certainly stands out. In 2018, two attorneys were promoted to partner: Umberto Antonelli who specializes in project finance and Elena Giuffrè who specializes in administrative law.

#### ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES

Finally, we'd like to point out the rebranding of the Amministrativisti Europei Associati firm to Fidanzia Gigliola, which took place in 2018, and the creation of an administrative law department as well as a white-collar defense department by Pedersoli. The administrative-law department was created at the end of 2017 and is headed up by lawyer Sergio Fienga while professor Enrico Maria Mancuso leads the white-collar defense team created in January 2018.

# FIRMS/ LAWYERS MENTIONED MOST FREQUENTLY BY THOSE IN THE MARKET

Professionals in the market clearly categorize the firms in two major ways: those that can handle energy deals from A to Z, guaranteeing the highest levels of service in all areas, and those firms that have one or more areas of specific expertise.

In the first group, the firms that were mentioned most often included, in first place, Gianni Origoni Grippo Cappelli & Partners, followed by Legance and DLA, tied for second place, and with Ashurst taking the third spot.

In terms of the individual specializations, the following names got the most mentions:

#### M&A

- DLA Piper Francesco Novelli
- Gianni Origoni Grippo Cappelli & Partners -Francesco Puntillo
- Paul Hastings Lorenzo Parola
- Orrick Carlo Montella

#### Finance and Project Finance

- BonelliErede- Catia Tomasetti
- Legance Monica Colombera

- Chiomenti Carola Anonini
- Ashurst Carloandrea Meacci

#### Administrative

- Studio Sticchi Damiani Andrea Sticchi Damiani
- Gianni Origoni Grippo Cappelli & Partners -Giuseppe Velluto
- CDRA Carlo Comandè
- DLA Piper Germana Cassar

#### Litigation and arbitration

- Fraccastoro Fraccastoro Giorgio
- Lipani Catricalà & Partners Damiano Lipani
- Cleary Gottlieb Ferdinando Emanuele
- Watson Farley & Williams Elvezio Santarelli

#### Regulation/Antitrust

- CDP Rino Caiazzo
- Clifford Chance Luciano Di Via
- Grimaldi Studio Legale Francesco Sciaudone
- Paul Hastings Francesca Morra
- Todarello &Partners Federico Novelli,

#### TAX

- Puri Bracco Lenzi Pietro Bracco
- CMS Stefano Chirichigno
- Legance Claudia Gregori
- Ludovici Piccone & Partners Paolo Ludovici

#### Crimina

- Bertolini Clerici Nicolò Bertolini Clerici
- Gebbia Bortolotto Maurizio Bortolotto
- Perroni e Associati Giorgio Perroni
- Pavia e Ansaldo Francesco Bruno.

#### Ranking of those most mentioned by peers



#### GIANNI ORIGONI GRIPPO CAPPELLI & PARTNERS



#### **LEGANCE**



#### **DLA PIPER**

ORRICK

#### Ranking of those most mentioned by the market



#### GIANNI ORIGONI GRIPPO CAPPELLI & PARTNERS



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**ASHURST** 

#### MARKET TRENDS

The challenges of energy transition. Key words: technological evolution and the digitalization of energy.\*

Europe is aiming for the objective of having 32% of its energy production come from renewable sources by 2030.

This is motivating Italy to revise the more conservative objectives laid out by the Strategia Energetica Nazionale (SEN) in 2017, aiming higher than the 28% target made at that time for renewable energy.

These are aggressive objectives that will lead to a great deal of investment, but Italy does not seem unprepared to take on the challenges and all of the movement taking place in this industry as our country fully takes part in this energy transition. The main driver behind this evolution is technology. For a long time, the digital revolution had a very gradual, marginal impact on the energy sector. Today, technology, innovation and digitalization are the main drivers of the energy transition and are changing the confines in the sector in a major way, introducing new paradigms when it comes to production, transportation, storage and consumption.

Market data shows a great deal of growth in investments in various areas of renewable energy, starting with solar and wind energy along with smartenergy projects, with a specific focus on e-mobility projects. The importance of this sector can be seen by the fact that the electric industry has unequivocally chosen renewable as the fundamental element in the future of energy.

Along with trend that sees the renewable sector being further strengthened, it is ever more evident

that, consequently, innovative business solutions are being developed for the increase in storage, intelligent networks, microgrids, the Internet of Things and digitalization, and this means that new key players are entering the market. These are companies that don't come from the energy sector and are 100% technological.

While deals that rely on the use of innovative technologies and efficiency and flexibility solutions are still limited, it is in this exact area where the most interesting innovations are taking place. By looking to the storage market, for example—which is still in its infancy stages in many ways—at the end of November 2018, an important and innovative agreement between Edison and Knutsen OAS Shipping was announced for chartering a ship to transport LNG, starting in 2021, supplying the first small-scale LNG deposit in the Italian peninsula. The agreement is part of the Small-Scale LNG project whereby Edison aims to introduce liquefied natural gas as an alternative fuel for sustainable mobility in naval and truck transportation. Another very hot area that is seeing a lot of investment, and not just in Italy, is e-mobility. According to data from Bloomberg New Energy Finance, this was the big driver in 2018 in developing the green economy worldwide. This is the area where we are seeing a real battle for dominance, with Asian countries currently coming out on top, specifically China, which has listed electric mobility as one of its 10 key sectors of the economy, promoting a great deal of cash flow and support from companies in the industry. This rapid transformation and unstoppable technological development means that there is ever greater urgency in developing and updating the regulatory framework in order to facilitate and harmonize the advances taking place. Many of those interviewed point out that legal and tax-law firms need to better prepare themselves to understand this business in-depth in order to guide their clients toward possible future scenarios in the industry.

# THE MOST IMPORTANT DEALS OF THE YEAR

In 2018, various deals took place that were significant for their size or the professionals and firms involved. "Deal of the year for 2018" is most certainly **F2i's** acquisition of Italian solar assets held by RTR Rete Rinnovabile S.r.l from the international Terra Firma fund. Negotiations for the divestiture of Rtr began at the end of 2017. The agreement, which was signed in July, was completed in October of 2018.

This was the most important divestiture of solarenergy assets ever to take place in Italy, with 334 MW distributed across 134 production sites, for an enterprise value of 1.3 billion euros.

This deal makes F2i the third main producer in this industry in Europe with over 800 MW of installed capacity.

#### Participating firms:

- Legance helped F2i and its subsidiary F2i Energie Rinnovabili 3 with a team led by Senior Partner Monica Colombera for the M&A aspects for the structuring and execution of financing for the deal, as well as in terms of refinancing all existing debt.
- Gianni Origoni Grippo Cappelli & partners worked with Terra Firma with a team led by Francesco Puntillo that included partner Francesco Bruno, counsel Maria Panetta and counsel Angelo Crisafulli.
- Ashurst assisted the financing banks. The Ashurst team led by partner Carloandrea Meacci included partner Umberto Antonelli and counsel Fabio Balza for the fiscal aspects.

#### OTHER IMPORTANT DEALS:

#### Divestiture of Total Erg to API

The divestiture of 100% TotalErg's shares, held by ERG and Total Marketing Services, to the Api Group. With this deal, API establishes itself as a leader in the industry with the ability to refine more than 6 million tons per year, and a network made up of more than 5,000 retailers. ERG has taken leave of the oil industry definitively in order to focus on renewable energy.

#### Advisors

- **DLA Piper** with ERG and Total Marketing Services
- BonelliErede with Gruppo Api
- CMS with Total Marketing Services in the duediligence and negotiation phases in terms of contract guarantees and the splitting of TotalErg in the oil industry
- Ashurst for notifying AGCM of the divestiture of Total Italia to Total MS
- Legance with the financial institutions.

#### The divestiture of Gas Natural to Edison

Edison acquired Gas Natural Vendita Italia from Gas Natural Fenosa. This transaction allowed Edison to strengthen its position on the domestic market, increasing its customer base by 50% and extending its presence on the national market.

#### Advisors:

- **Gianni Origoni Grippo Cappelli & Partners** with Gas Natural Fenosa
- Paul Hastings with Edison

#### Aggregation among multi-utility companies

#### in the Lombardy region

This has to do with the corporate and industrial partnership among multi-utility companies Acsm-Agam, Aspem, Aevv, Lario Reti Holding and A2A. This was an important part of the consolidation process for the utilities sector in Italy.

#### **Advisors:**

- **PwC TLS** helped the parties jointly as a strategic and financial advisor for the aggregation project.
- Gianni Origoni Grippo Cappelli & Partners with A2A
- BonelliErede with the aggregate Acsm-Agam
- **Gatti Pavesi Bianchi** with the Comitato Parti Correlate from Acsm-Agam

On the infrastructure front, the following deserves a mention:

#### Open Fiber broadband project

Financing of 3.5 billion to support the Open Fiber growth plan for the development of the first Italian ultra-broadband network in fiber optics. This is the largest structured-finance deal in the EMEA area for the development of a fiber-optic network.

#### Advisor:

- White & Case with Open Fiber
- Lombardi Segni e Associati with CDP Equity
- Gianni Origoni Grippo Cappelli & Partners with the banks
- Ashurst with Banca Europea degli Investimenti
- Ludovici Piccone & Partners took care of the structuring of the deal and followed the fiscal aspects of it.

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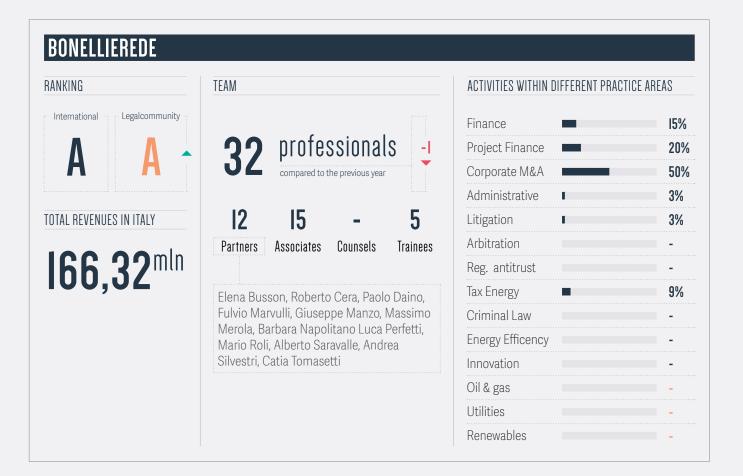






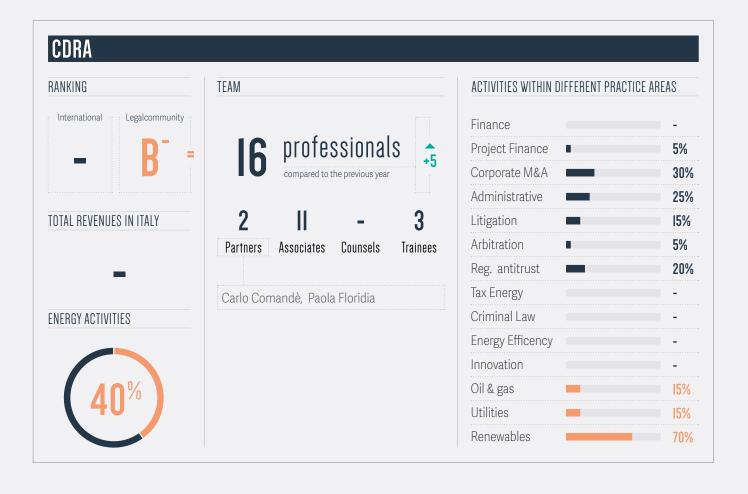


































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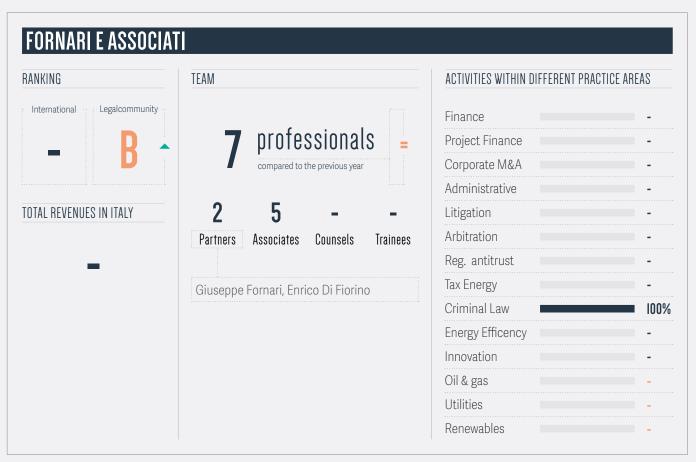
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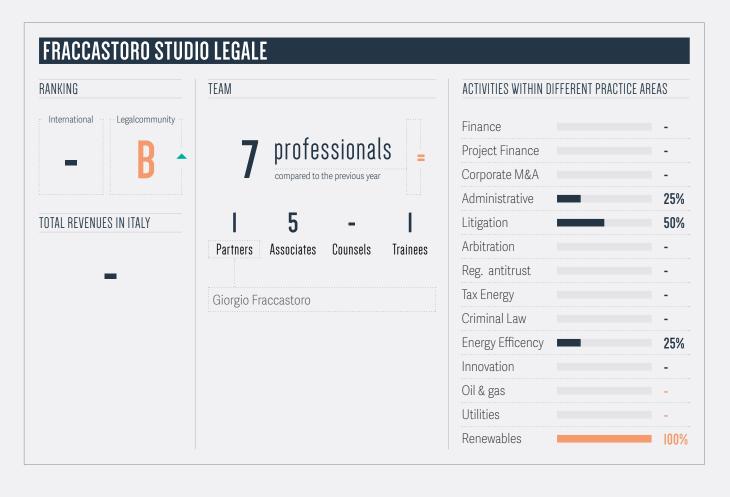
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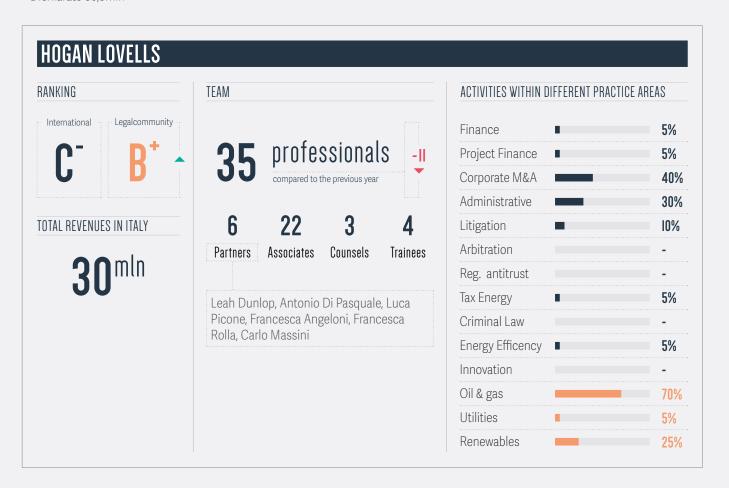








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The latest site (April 2018), InhousecommunityUS.com is the international magazine, in English, that covers legal and inhouse affairs in the United States, through experiences beyond Italy's borders to reach overseas destinations and all over the world.



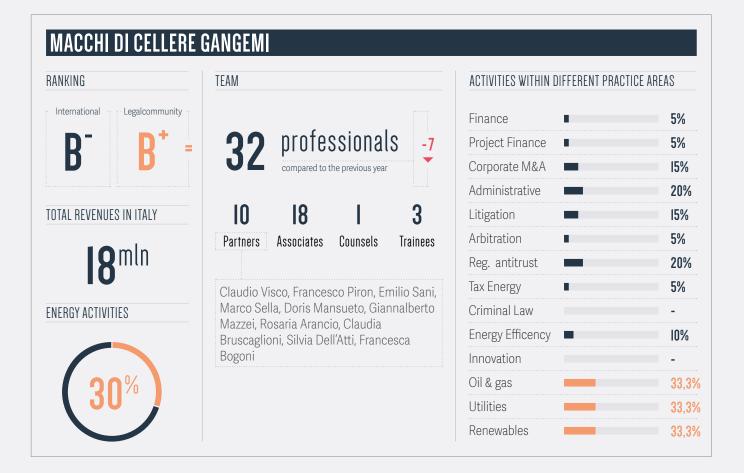
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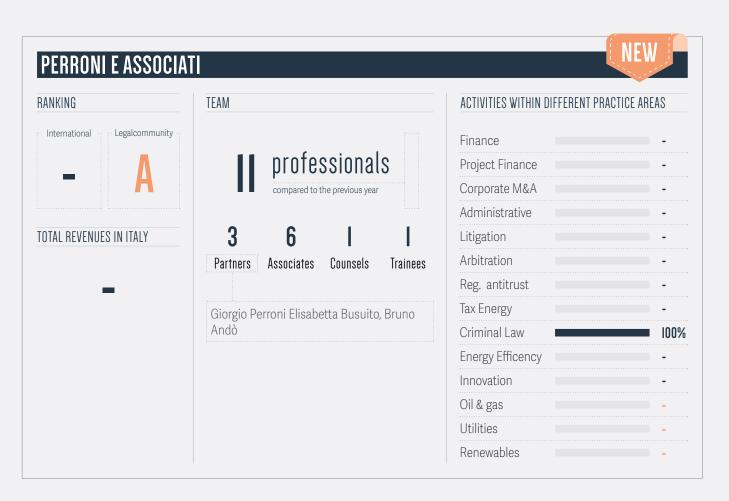








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professionals	Finance I	1%
compared to the previous year	Project Finance	-
	Corporate M&A	45%
5 7 2 -	Administrative	25%
Partners Associates Counsels Trainees	Litigation	20%
Sergio Fienga, Enrico Maria Mancuso, Antonio Pedersoli , Ascanio Cibrario, Luca Saraceni	Arbitration	-
	Reg. antitrust	-
	Tax Energy	-
NEWS	Criminal Law	3%
Two lateral hires: Sergio Fienga, Equity	Energy Efficency	3%
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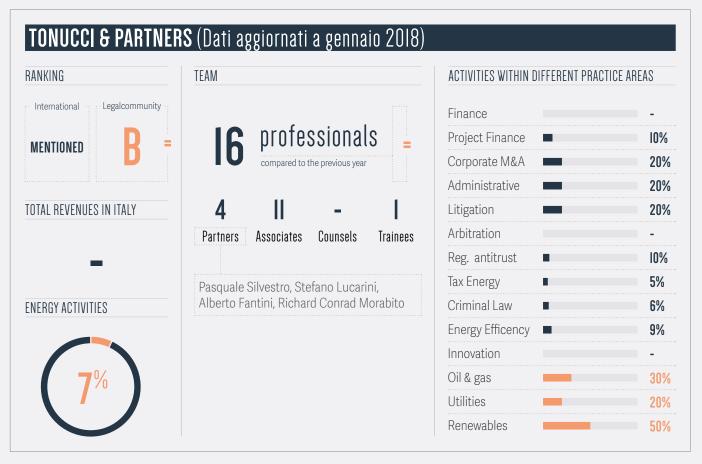


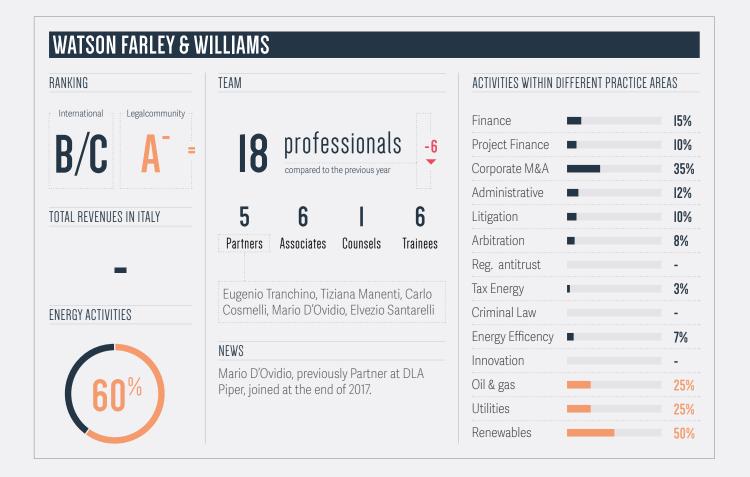














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