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## LBP AM names Michel Courtois Head of Legal – European Private Assets

LBP AM expands its European private asset platform by recruiting Michel Courtois, who has been appointed Head of Legal – European Private Assets.

This recruitment is a step towards meeting LBP AM's ambition in growing its private assets capabilities. LPB AM European private assets platform has a track record of investing in the key European private debt verticals of Corporate direct lending, Real Estate and Infrastructure debt going back to 2012.

LBP AM private assets platform manages EUR 9.5 billion in AUM with a deep ESG integration from investing, portfolio management and reporting<sup>1</sup>.

"Michel's arrival reinforces our strengths in legal structuring, a key skill that brings value to the financing operations we undertake," says Peter Arnold, Head of LBP AM European private assets platform.

"Michel's wealth of experience working in the debt segment alongside international players has given him a deep understanding of different financing models and the variety of challenges faced by stakeholders," adds Valérie Cluzel, Chief Legal Officer of LBP AM and the person to whom Michel Courtois will report.

Michel Courtois had been practising at White & Case since 2017. As a counsel in the law firm's Global Debt Finance Practice in Paris, he advised banks, other financial institutions and borrowers on acquisition, syndicated, LBO and mezzanine financing. He previously worked as an Associate at Linklaters and Orrick.

Michel Courtois has been a member of the Paris Bar since 2014. He holds a master's degree in Commercial Law from Université Paris Cité and an LLM in Business Law from Paris 2 Panthéon-Assas University – INSEAD.

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## About LBP AM (<u>www.lbpam.com</u>)

Owned 75% by La Banque Postale and 25% by Aegon Asset Management, LBP AM is a leading multispecialist in sustainable finance, solutions and conviction-based management via its subsidiary La Financière de l'Échiquier (LFDE). LBP AM has 3 investment divisions: real & private assets, multi-asset & absolute return, and quantitative solutions. Covering all types of clients – institutional investors, distributors, private clients – LBP AM Group leverages its expertise and that of its subsidiary LFDE to offer a wide range of open-ended funds and its know-how in dedicated solutions and mandates, on listed and unlisted assets. LBP AM Group's consolidated assets under management totalled close to 72 billion euros as of 30 September 2024.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>By the end of September 2024. AUM include EUR 4 billion of Dutch mortgages issued by Aegon Asset Management, marketed by LBP AM.

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