ARGO GROUP SOLD ITS ITALIAN BUSINESS TO PHILANTRA: THE ADVISORS

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Argo Group, an underwriter of specialty insurance products in the property and casualty market, signed a sale agreement of its Italian operations (ArgoGlobal Assicurazioni) to the Swiss group **Philantra**. The deal is subject to customary regulatory approvals.

The cross-border **Hogan Lovells** team <u>advising Argo Group</u> was led <u>in Italy</u> by corporate partner **Francesco Stella** with the support from counsel **Silvia Lolli**, (regulatory insurance), senior associate **Martina Di Nicola** (corporate), counsel **Serena Pietrosanti** (tax) and senior associate **Maria Cristina Conte** (tax). The UK team was led by corporate partner **Jonathan Russell** with the support from **Catherine Lah**, **Eustace Will**, **Aaron Burchell**, and **Adela Komorowska**. The Hogan Lovells team was advised by **Walder Wyss** for Swiss law issues and collaborated closely with Argo Group's in-house team led by **Stewart Muirhead**, Head of Legal UK and EMEA.

Fivelex Studio Legale advised Philantra, with a team consisting of **Francesco Di Carlo** (co-managing partner, corporate m & a - finance, banking and insurance), **Flavio Acerbi** (salary partner, corporate m & a - finance, banking and insurance) and **Debora Gobbo** (senior associate, finance, banking and insurance), and for the aspects of English law by the law firm **Crowell & Moring**, with a team composed of **Simon Evers** (partner, corporate practice), **Mark Meyer** (European insurance practice).