

Camilleri Preziosi: "An excellent team; it gives good advice and gets back to us quickly. The lawyers never let us down."

Camilleri Preziosi has again this year received accolades from Chambers Europe, 2013 edition, an international independent legal directory.

Camilleri Preziosi was awarded band 1 status, being the highest score, for Corporate/Commercial as well as Competition/European Law. The firm was also awarded band 2 for its work in Dispute Resolution and Financial Services.

On an individual level, the two senior Partners, Louis de Gabriele and Henri Mizzi, were each acknowledged in band 1 status in two practice areas: Louis de Gabriele for Corporate/Commercial and Financial Services and Henri Mizzi for Competition/European Law and Corporate/Commercial.

Please find below extracts from Chambers Europe 2013 for your perusal:

Competition/European Law: BAND 1

THE FIRM Camilleri Preziosi handles a wide range of competition issues such as merger controls, state aid, and EU law rules and regulations. The firm enjoys long-standing relationships with key clients such as Enemalta, Melita, the Petroleum Tanking Consortium and Malta International Airport.

Sources say: *"A superb service with a personal element. The firm is always on time for anything we ask for and gives suitable follow-ups. Unlike many law firms it doesn't try to charge us for every query."*

KEY INDIVIDUALS Sources are impressed with **Henri Mizzi's** leadership and client care, saying: *"He is extremely thorough, bright and responsive."* Mizzi handles a wide range of practice areas including competition, corporate, litigation and TMT.

Aaron Galea Cavallazzi is enjoying increased visibility in this field and wins praise for his responsiveness. As one client enthuses: *"He is always available. He'd have to be unconscious to not get back to us!"*

Clients pick out **Kristina Rapa Manché** as a talented young associate who has *"potential to grow."* She covers EU and competition law as well as administrative and IP law.

Lawyer in BAND 1:

Henri Mizzi

Corporate/Commercial: BAND 1

THE FIRM This outstanding team continues to be one of the most active in the corporate field. It handles a variety of issues such as M&A, corporate governance, compliance and insolvency, and attracts a wide range of clients including Melita Capital, Mediterranean Bank, Island Hotels Group and International Hotel Investments. A recent highlight saw the team advise the Bank of Valletta on the preparation of an MTN programme and on the listing of securities.

Sources say: *"The lawyers give great advice and don't drag their feet. An excellent team."*

KEY INDIVIDUALS **Louis de Gabriele** is held in high regard by both clients and peers. His broad practice covers M&A, banking and tax, allowing him exceptional insight into all types of corporate/commercial work.

Sources are quick to praise **Henri Mizzi** for his technical understanding and negotiation skills: *"He has a fantastic legal mind and can unite both parties in negotiations."*

Laragh Cassar is picked out for her hard-working and dedicated approach. She is particularly active in commercial work related to investment funds.

Malcolm Falzon was recently made a partner at the firm and peers say: *"He has the potential to grow and grow."*

"Rising star" **Donald Vella** impresses clients with his broad skill set that covers corporate and tax law.

Lawyers in BAND 1:

Louis de Gabriele
Henri Mizzi

Dispute Resolution: BAND 2

THE FIRM Camilleri Preziosi's dispute resolution practice often advises on contentious issues relating to construction, shipping and competition. It is also adept in mediation and arbitration. As well as a strong domestic reputation the firm has also seen an increase in work for international clients.

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KEY INDIVIDUALS **Henri Mizzi** is often involved in the market's most significant cases. Sources say that *"he is extremely commercial and takes good care of his clients."*

Louis de Gabriele's broad practice covers corporate, commercial and banking. He often advises clients from the banking and finance sector.

Marisa Azzopardi is highly regarded by peers, who describe her as "*one of the best litigators of the younger generation.*"

Financial Services: BAND 2

THE FIRM Clients benefit from this firm's established reputation in banking and capital markets, which allows it to handle a broad spectrum of financial services matters. Notable areas of expertise include bond issues, loan asset sales, insurance and refinancings. The team also comes recommended for project finance, Islamic finance and regulatory matters.

Sources say: "*We use the firm extensively for investment-related issues. It's great at structuring funds and negotiating with the regulator.*"

KEY INDIVIDUALS A popular figure in both banking and capital markets, **Louis de Gabriele** draws praise from all quarters. "*He has a very strategic mind and is great in negotiations. He's one of the top lawyers in Malta,*" report sources.

Laragh Cassar wins acclaim for her dedicated work ethic and commercial awareness: "*She understands our business very well and is very good at pulling all the necessary documents together.*"

Lawyer in BAND 1:

Louis de Gabriele

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