

Mazars pursues its development in Europe by integrating Gjini Consulting in Albania

The firm Gjini Consulting joined Mazars' International Integrated Partnership

Tirana, 5 June 2015 – Mazars, an international, integrated and independent organisation specialized in audit, accountancy, tax, legal and advisory services, celebrated on 4 June the full integration of Gjini Consulting, one of the key audit, tax and outsourcing firms in Albania.

As part of its global growth strategy, Mazars constantly strives to identify and integrate top talents from firms that share its values and demonstrate excellence and continued professionalism. The clients of Mazars in Albania will hence benefit from comprehensive, state-of-the-art services in Audit, Tax, Accountancy and Outsourcing and Financial Advisory.

Mr. Loïc Wallert, Partner in charge of international development and Advisor to Mazars' Group Executive Board, underlines: *"We view Albania as a promising and fast-growing country, as highlighted by its official status of EU membership candidate. We found in Albania a very dynamic and professional team who matches our international standards and provides qualitative services to our clients. Welcoming this team into Mazars strengthens our position in this region, which is key to access the Balkan markets."*

"We share with Mazars a culture that is demanding, independent and entrepreneurial and strongly believe in Mazars' unique business model. We offer tailor-made services and we have a true spirit of partnership. Mazars' personalized approach and international dimension allow us to combine the best practices gathered from its various offices worldwide, to reach optimal solutions to meet our clients' needs", emphasises Mr. Teit Gjini, Managing Partner of Mazars in Albania.

"Joining Mazars' partnership provides us with unprecedented opportunities to attract larger companies and assist our customers in Albania, Kosovo and the rest of the world, through cooperation with our international partners. Mazars' way of working is based on an integrated global partnership, where diversity and culture across many countries enrich and develop the business," adds Mrs. Diana Ylli, Audit Partner of Mazars in Albania.

The merger is effective since 1 January 2015.

To celebrate this entry into the Albanian market, Mazars hosted a reception on 4 June at the Sheraton Hotel of Tirana, in presence of His Excellency Bernard Fitoussi, the French Ambassador to Albania and Mr. Julien Roche, President of the French Chamber of Commerce in Albania. The event was well attended by over 300 guests including industry leaders and executives from top corporations and institutional sector, as well as executives from Mazars in France, Italy, Turkey, and Greece.

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About Mazars

Mazars is an international, integrated and independent organization, specializing in audit, accountancy, tax, legal and advisory services. The Group draws on the expertise of 15,000 professionals to assist major international groups, SMEs, private investors and public bodies in 73 countries that are part of its integrated partnership.

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Mazars in Albania

Mazars in Albania became fully integrated to the Mazars Group in 1 January 2015. Founded in 2000 by Teit Gjini, the company soon became well established in providing audit, tax and outsourcing services.

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Mazars contributes to shape a new international audit and services market:

All the information concerning our financial year has been published in the tenth edition of our annual report, which presents consolidated financial statements, joint-audited and prepared under IFRS.

Currently, Mazars is the only global audit and consulting group to satisfy this demanding exercise in transparency and publishes its financial statements co-audited by two external auditors: <http://annualreport.mazars.com/en/>

More than ever, in a time of evolution of the audit and consulting professions, this decisive and pioneering decision by the Group demonstrates its commitment to transparency and contributes to the climate of trust that is essential for all of its stakeholders.

Mazars' objective is simple: to contribute to shape a new international audit and services market, more open, more competitive and consistent with the public interest. Mazars has undeniable advantages and the positive feedback received about the Group's vision confirms its determination.

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