



## London set welcomes Italian arbitrator

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Fresh from setting up a new boutique in Milan, arbitrator and counsel **Luca Radicati di Brozolo** has joined Fountain Court Chambers in London.



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Radicati di Brozolo, a dual Italian-British national, joined the chambers on 7 April as a door tenant.

He will continue to practise at Arblit Radicati di Brozolo Sabatini, the Milan boutique he co-founded after leaving Italian firm Bonelli Erede Pappalardo in September last year.

At Arblit, he is acting for Italian holdout creditors in two collective claims against Argentina at ICSID relating to its 2002 sovereign debt default – one of which, Ambiente Ufficio, cleared the jurisdictional phase last year. He is also acting for a group of European investors in six separate UNCITRAL cases against the Czech Republic relating to reforms to its solar energy sector.

It also emerged last week that he is representing Italian investors in two separate cases against Ethiopian and Djiboutian state-owned entities, which are being heard under the rules of the European Development Fund at the Permanent Court of Arbitration.

As an arbitrator, Radicati di Brozolo has sat in cases at the ICC, LCIA, SCC, Geneva Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Danish Institute of Arbitration, the Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration and the Milan Chamber of Arbitration.

Aside from his arbitration practice, he practises in competition law and has appeared before the General Court of the European Union and the Italian courts on competition cases. In June, he will chair a panel at GAR Live Frankfurt looking at the interplay of arbitration and competition law.

His career began in 1978 at the Bank for International Settlements in Basel, where he was a member of the Office of the Legal Advisor. He joined Italian firm Chiomenti Studio Legale in 1984 as an associate, later becoming partner and head of its Brussels office and competition department. He joined Bonelli in 2001, becoming a member of its international arbitration practice group and heading the firm's dispute resolution desk in London.

He left Bonelli last year after 12 years with the firm, together with Bonelli senior associate **Michele Sabatini**. The pair, who are partners in the new venture, said the

move was motivated by a desire to take on more interesting cases and avoid conflicts of interest.

Aside from his legal practice, Radicati di Brozolo is also an academic. He is chair of private international law at the Catholic University of Milan, where he teaches international arbitration and transnational commercial law. He is the author and editor or co-editor of six books, and has published over 100 articles in Italian and international journals.

He says, "I am excited at the prospect of my association with one of the finest sets of commercial chambers in London. This is a wonderful opportunity for me to broaden the scope of my practice as counsel and arbitrator and to work with Fountain Court to expand further their reach in international arbitration. "

Radicati di Brozolo's arrival at Fountain Court coincides with that of **Sebastian Said**, who practises banking and financial services law in the Cayman Islands.

**Stephen Moriarty QC**, Fountain Court's head of chambers, says, "I am delighted to have such highly regarded and talented international lawyers joining us. They add an extra dimension to our international expertise: we can offer our clients an even greater choice of experience as a result. Fountain Court is very proud to be their London base."