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**SEBASTIAN FITZGERALD JOINS WILLKIE'S GLOBAL FINANCE
PRACTICE IN LONDON OFFICE**

London (July 26, 2016) – Willkie Farr & Gallagher (UK) LLP announced today that Sebastian FitzGerald is joining the firm as a partner in Willkie's Finance Practice in London.

Mr. FitzGerald, who joins from Freshfields, has broad banking experience focusing on leveraged finance, restructurings and special situations investing. He has acted for various leading private equity sponsors and financial investors, corporates and creditors on complex cross-border financings across a range of credit products, sectors and jurisdictions.

Mr. FitzGerald is the latest addition to the London Finance Practice, which continues to attract top market talent after welcoming in May Mark Fine from Bain Credit Capital. The collective experience of Messrs. FitzGerald and Fine representing both lenders and borrowers, particularly with respect to private equity transactions, further expands Willkie's premier finance capabilities in London and Europe.

Peter Burrell, managing partner of Willkie's London office, said, "We are excited about Mr. FitzGerald joining with Mr. Fine to spearhead the growth of our London finance practice."

The addition of Mr. FitzGerald continues Willkie's strategic growth in the London market.

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