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Not only was 2015 another exceptional year financially for the firm, with London revenues up a striking 41% to £36.9m, but this top-performing firm has also extended its coverage in the City, launching a London competition practice with the hire of Hausfeld partner Boris Bronfentrinker and a white-collar crime practice with the relocation of US partner Stephen Hauss. It also hired commercial litigation partner Nick Marsh from DLA Piper, bringing the total number of London partners to 14.

Significant cases include representing FIFA in US and Swiss criminal investigations into allegations of bribery and corruption and one of the lead claimant groups in the £4bn RBS rights issue litigation.

Mike Morrison, managing director at KPMG, comments: 'QE has developed its London team in the past year with the addition of a number of senior and well-regarded lawyers... The strengthening of the team has ensured that its strong client service has not been impacted by the firm becoming increasingly a popular alternative to the larger city firms.'

HIGHLY COMMENDED

AKIN GUMP STRAUSS HAUER & FELD

James Roome

2015 saw Akin Gump make one of the boldest plays by a US firm in the City, with its takeover of Bingham McCutchen's well-respected London operation. It more than doubled the size of Akin Gump's office, creating one of the most significant cross-border financial restructuring practices.

BOIES, SCHILLER & FLEXNER

Natasha Harrison

Led in London by highly regarded former Bingham partner Harrison since 2013, this US disputes boutique has won some impressive mandates in the past year, including acting for Barclays in structured finance-related disputes.

GIBSON, DUNN & CRUTCHER

Jeffrey Trinklein

Since the eye-catching recruitment of Charlie Geffen and Stephen Gillespie in 2014, the London office of this firm has kicked on in 2015, notably hiring Philip Crump from Kirkland & Ellis as well as Herbert Smith Freehills capital markets partners Steve Thierbach and Chris Haynes.

LATHAM & WATKINS

Jay Sadanandan

Latham continues to demonstrate its considerable strength in London, boasting an offering that has become a serious challenger to the City elite, particularly in private equity work where it is now regarded as the US firm with the strongest prospects of building a genuinely market-leading practice.

PAUL HASTINGS

Ronan O'Sullivan

Globally Paul Hastings broke the \$1bn revenue mark in 2014 and in 2015 the London office also saw strong growth with a number of heavyweight lateral hires, including Paul Severs from Berwin Leighton Paisner; David Ereira from Linklaters; and Duncan Woollard from King & Wood Mallesons.

ROPES & GRAY

Maurice Allen

Underlining the firm's City ambitions, Ropes & Gray last year signed a deal to move to larger offices, nearly doubling its current space in line with its ambition to have between 120 and 150 lawyers in the UK by 2017. Deals include Liberty Global's proposed acquisition of Cable & Wireless.

Congratulations to Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan US Law Firm of the Year

Quinn Emanuel win the award for the third time in five years,
following another year of exceptional performance and
the successful integration of a number of key strategic hires.

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