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# Soulier and Bunch merge to create Soulier Bunch, a multidisciplinary and international law firm

The law firms Soulier and Bunch are pleased to announce their merger and the creation of Soulier Bunch, effective October 6, 2025. With offices in Paris and Lyon, the new multidisciplinary and multi-sector law firm brings together more than 25 lawyers and leverages the global reach of the World Law Group to support companies and investors both in France and internationally.

#### A shared vision

A leading law firm for several decades, Soulier Avocats was co-founded by Jean-Luc Soulier, who built his career between France and the United States and developed a long-standing and highly recognized international business law practice.

Founded by Hubert Mortemard de Boisse (President-elect of the Lyon Bar for the 2026-2027 term), Estelle Rigal-Alexandre, Mohamed Bouzenada, Julien Chauplannaz, and Marie Frisch, Bunch quickly expanded in Paris and Lyon through a distinctly business-oriented positioning and an entrepreneurial, cross-disciplinary approach to business law.

#### A strategy firmly focused on cross-border and international matters

With their complementary expertise and a shared vision centered on international matters, the two firms decided to join forces to create Soulier Bunch in order to meet the growing needs of their French and foreign

clients to handle cross-border matters, including in corporate law, business law, environmental law, industry-specific regulations, arbitration, commercial litigation, restructuring & insolvency, and employment law.

Soulier Bunch also leverages the global network of the World Law Group and the expertise of its Senior Advisors, Simon Wesley, Franck Buffaud, and André Soulier, who bring their extensive experience to the firm.

#### **Statements from the partners**

"I found in Bunch brilliant, ambitious partners and associates with a strong entrepreneurial drive. I particularly appreciate their international outlook and language skills, which enhance our ability to assist clients in an increasingly globalized world. This merger reflects our shared commitment to building a leading, innovative, and forward-looking law firm."

#### Jean-Luc Soulier, Co-founder of Soulier Avocats

"This integration marks a decisive milestone in our development, three years after Bunch's creation in 2022. I would like to thank Jean-Luc Soulier for his trust and look forward to strengthening our joint presence within the World Law Group network."

#### Hubert Mortemard de Boisse, President-elect of the Lyon Bar, Partner in Commercial Litigation

"I am thrilled about this entrepreneurial project, which combines complementarity, dynamism, and an international outlook."

#### Claire Filliatre, Partner in Commercial Litigation, Compliance, and Press Law

"I am excited about this merger, which reinforces the firm's international standing and positions me to advise a prestigious client base on M&A, private equity, LBO, and corporate transactions."

#### Marie Frisch, Partner, Certified Specialist in Corporate Law

"The scale of our new firm and our positioning offer the perfect platform to address regulatory and competition law matters."

#### Estelle Rigal-Alexandre, Partner in Business Law, Head of the Paris Office

"This milestone strengthens our ambition to build a leading national multidisciplinary law firm with a strong international focus through the World Law Group, a major asset for the growth of our restructuring practice."

#### Mohamed Bouzenada, Partner heading the Restructuring & Insolvency Department

"From my first experience with a U.S. law firm, I knew the importance of an international focus. I look forward to representing SOULIER BUNCH in Seattle this November, alongside Jean-Luc Soulier and Hubert de Boisse, at the World Law Group Annual Summit."

#### Julien Chauplannaz, Partner in Commercial Litigation and Business Law



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We advise and defend our French and foreign clients on any and all legal and tax issues that may arise in connection with their day-to-day operations, specific transactions and strategic decisions.

Our clients, whatever their size, nationality and business sector, benefit from customized services that are tailored to their specific needs.

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