

A UNIQUE LAW FIRM

Alexen is an international law firm originated in France. It is the consolidation of the following law firms: Ydès Avocats, a French law firm established in 1945 and specialized in private business law; CGCB, a French law firm established in 1984 and specialized in public business law; Gebran & Partners, a full practice Lebanese law firm established in 1997 and Rycx Legal Consultants, a full practice firm of legal advisors established in the United Arab Emirates in 1997.

Alexen has 10 offices, 4 of which are located outside France. It counts 100 lawyers including 30 partners.

A FRENCH REGIONAL CAPABILITY

In each of its offices located in France (Paris, Lyons, Marseilles, Montpellier, Bordeaux et Avignon), **Alexen** provides its clients with a specific expertise in the main areas of private business law and public business law as well as a perfect knowledge of the regional markets where it has offices.

A DIVERSIFIED EXPERTISE

Alexen represents numerous groups, national and international, listed or held by private capital, in the most various business sectors, such as :

- Industry,
- Textile,
- Agro business,
- Real estate,
- Insurance,
- Transport,
- Banking,
- Press and Publishing,
- Luxury,
- Sports,
- Hotels and Leisure,
- Computing,
- New technologies and Internet.

Alexen also advises small and medium-sized companies in more traditional sectors such as catering, retail trade, and corporate or individual service companies.

Ydes-Alexen's teams have been top-rated in France by IFLR1000 and Legal 500 in Mergers & Acquisitions and Privet Equity as well as the journal *Décideurs* in Mid-cap Mergers & Acquisitions (transactions ranging between 75M€ to 500M€), Capital-risk, Capital development, Trademarks, designs and models, IT, Internet and Personal Data.

A SPECIFIC INTERNATIONAL POSITIONING

Alexen's International Department is acting in all kinds of complex international transactional, litigation and arbitration operations.

The working and trust relationships developed by **Alexen** with a large number of associated foreign law firms also allow our lawyers to be involved in international transactions whenever a legal assistance abroad is required.

Resolutely focused on international expansion since its creation, **Alexen** has a specialized team of lawyers able/capable to assist French companies in their setting up and development abroad, as well as European and foreign companies (in particular North American) in their development and follow up activities in Europe and in particular in France.

The opening of the London office in 2001, then in Brussels in 2015 by **Ydes-Alexen** and the joining of the Lebanese law firm Gebran & Partners and the Emirati firm of legal advisors Rycx Legal Consultants in 2015 to the **EEIG Alexen International** reinforced the Firm's international dimension and allows to offer an excellent meeting point to all of our clients in Europe as well as in the Middle-East.

THE BENEFIT OF INTERNATIONAL NETWORKS OF LAW FIRMS

Alexen is the exclusive French member of the international network "*State Capital Group*" based in Washington D.C., comprising 148 law firms on five continents and ranked in 2015 as the best American international network of law firms by *Chambers & Partners*. With more than 11,000 attorneys and offices in more than 275 cities, 185 jurisdictions and 82 countries around the globe, the law firm members of the *State Capital Group* are present in all the countries in which our clients may conduct business.

Alexen is also the exclusive French member of the international network “*The Law Firm Network*”, comprising 50 law firms operating mainly in Europe.

Each member of each of these two networks allow **Alexen** to offer to our clients a high level of local expertise, in many countries and in all legal practices throw-out the world.

OUR STRATEGY

Alexen's strategy is two-fold:

- (i) to assist our clients abroad, either through our own offices and with the assistance of our own teams in France and the Middle-East, or in the context of our Firm's well-established relationships maintained with the leading foreign law firms and which are best suited to meet our clients' needs ; and
- (ii) to offer to clients of these foreign law firms competent and effective legal and judicial support in France and the Middle-East and remain an alternative to the multinational law firms.

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