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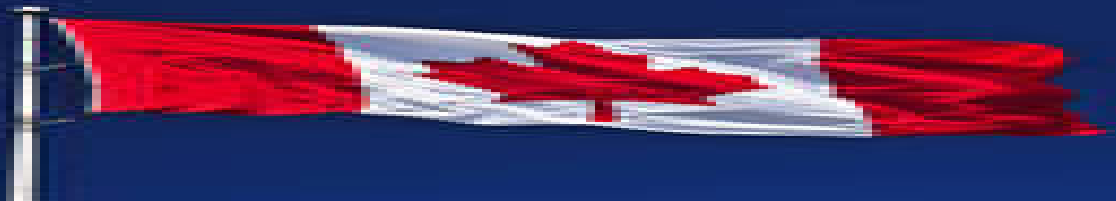
“CANADA DESK”

The Firm has formed a “Canada Desk” within its offices in New York, consisting of bilingual staff and, therefore, perfectly capable of assisting our clients in both Italian and English; the *Desk* also uses the services of our affiliated Canadian legal and tax consultants based and working directly in Canada.

The main function of our Canada Desk is to support the commercial initiatives and investments from the United States and Italy to Canada and to provide, working in team with our affiliated Canadian attorneys and tax consultants, the related (legal, fiscal, strategic, commercial, etc.) advice and assistance. At the same time, our Canada Desk operates as facilitator and consultant in connection with commercial/trade activities and investments from Canada and geared toward the United States and the Italian market. Canada, in fact, is the first trading partner of the United States and is a market more and more interesting also for Italian companies, investors and commercial operators.

Canada is one of the largest world economies, is a country very rich in natural resources, and offers an advanced and stable economic and financial system, as well as a social and entrepreneurial tissue that is dynamic and full of opportunities which in part have yet to be exploited in full. From a demographic point of view, the population of Canada is largely multiethnic and multilingual and characterized by a large percentage of young people; furthermore, in Canada there is a strong and large community of citizens and residents of Italian origin and nationality. Canada’s financial and banking stability has been confirmed even in this current period of global economic and financial crisis, so that the “*World Economic Forum*” in Davos (Switzerland) has ranked the Canadian banking system, in its recent report of October 2008, as the most secure and sound in the world. Canada, therefore, presents itself as a very attractive market for investments by U.S. and Italian companies and investors.

Similarly, Canada is experiencing more and more a phenomenon of fast globalization of its economy; Canadian companies, commercial operators and investors are very active players in the U.S.A. and have an already established presence in the American market (and, given the geographical proximity, especially in the State of New York). In addition, essentially for climatic reasons, a substantial and growing number of private Canadian investors have been active for many years in the field of real estate investments along the coast of Florida. At the same time, Canadian companies, commercial operators and investors are looking with increasing interest and attention at the Italian market also seen as a valid and effective port of entry to the European market for Canadian products and services.



The Firm, in order to provide to its clients comprehensive and integrated professional services, has established a strategic alliance with Canadian professionals (lawyers, accountants, tax advisors, financial and business consultants, etc.) of proven legal, fiscal, trade and immigration experience, so to be able to efficiently and effectively assist, even on a local basis, the (U.S. and/or Italian) investor and commercial operator in all their needs of assistance, including daily and ongoing, in cross-border U.S.A.-Canada and Italy-Canada matters and transactions. At the same time, the Canadian commercial operator and investor have available to them the professional assistance of bilingual staff, qualified and authorized to practice law both in the USA and in Italy, and the logistical support provided by our offices in the USA and Italy (as well as by those of our local correspondents and affiliated professionals) for everything that is related to all of their needs of assistance, including daily and ongoing, in cross-border Canada-USA and Canada-Italy matters and transactions.

Moreover, the Firm has, since many years, an ongoing and very well established professional collaboration with the major Canadian financial institution (and one of the largest financial groups worldwide) and can thus offer to its clients - private and business - a privileged access to a full range of banking, financial, wealth management and trust services offered (by bilingual Italian and English personnel) by the domestic/Canadian platform of the bank, by its network of offices and branches in the U.S.A. (especially in New York and Miami), as well as by its international network of over 30 offices in major financial centers worldwide.

In conclusion, our **Canada Desk** concretely offers to the (Italian, American and Canadian) client:

- Assistance in both Italian and English
- Extensive knowledge of the Canadian market (since 1997) and of the American and Italian markets
- Synergistic link with Canadian professionals for any need of support and assistance on a local basis (in Canada), including daily and continuous
- Assistance and advice of U.S., Italian and Canadian law (commercial, corporate, financial, tax, real estate, immigration, succession, etc.), provided by our professionals qualified in both the USA and in Italy and by our Canadian legal and tax consultants based in Canada
- Synergistic link and privileged access to the network of domestic offices (in Canada), offices in the U.S.A. (especially in New York and Miami), and offices in other countries (in over 30 financial centers in the world) of the major Canadian financial institution, with dedicated staff fluent in both Italian and English

For any further information and/or for any need of assistance, our **Canada Desk** can be reached via telephone (in Italian and English) or via email or facsimile:

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