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FD Solutions expansion

Interim finance director providers FD Solutions (FDS) has set up new operations in Paris as well as a new service in London, offering part-time legal directors. Italian Giuseppe Albanese, has founded FD Solutions France, in which he is the largest shareholder. Nigel McEwen has joined the firm as managing director of its new offering, Legal Director Solutions (LDS).

FD Solutions France will target smaller venture-backed businesses in France, which need an FD to move them to the next stage of growth. Financial investors and entrepreneurs look for part-time experienced directors to fill this role in the critical pre or post-money phases.

'These two ventures fit our strategy for providing more services in more places and becoming a widely known flexible director service,' said Malcolm Durham,

FDS chairman. 'FD Solutions France is an associate business established by Giuseppe, who is very well connected in the Parisian financial community.'

McEwen is a former managing partner of City law firm Tarlo Lyons, which under his leadership grew by 400%. He predicts increased demand for such services as a result of the Legal Services Act as well as changes to how businesses procure legal advice. Interim legal directors will give legal input, where specialist advice or additional assistance is required.

'Nigel knows what clients want from their legal services and will carve out a niche as the Legal Services Act opens up the market,' added Durham. 'Again our reputation and his contacts will create a reliable high-quality service which many clients will benefit from.'

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