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Congratulations to all the winners of InterContinental Finance magazine's prestigious ICFM Highly Commended Awards, the true measure of a global law firm's real success.

In this special issue we celebrate the firms that have been voted by our readers as the best in their field.

The ICFM Highly Commended Awards celebrate excellence and innovation among the world's top law firms and is a good indicator of a firm's tangible and intangible value.

We would like to thank all those who took the time to vote, and congratulations again to all our winners – you are indeed the true champions of your profession.

The list of this year's winners including:

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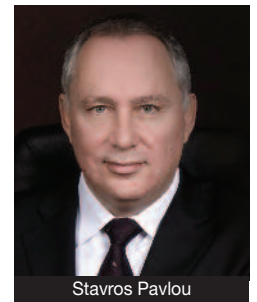
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Stavros Pavlou

All set to excel in Cyprus

A multi-award winning international law firm based in Cyprus, Patrikios Pavlou & Associates reputation is built on its vision, dedication, professional approach and experience

Founded in 1963 by Patrikios Pavlou, a Barrister-at-Law (Gray's Inn, UK) from Limassol, the firm developed into a partnership, Patrikios Pavlou & Co, in the late 1970s. Through the years, the firm has witnessed a steady and successful growth that has led to its evolution into new entity Patrikios Pavlou & Associates LLC in July 2010.

Patrikios Pavlou & Associates LLC is today considered among the largest law firms in Cyprus with a network of associates, memberships in professional international bodies and a global client portfolio. It has particularly strong associations in Europe, Russia, Middle East, and Asia.

Its network of associates include law firms such as Freshfields, White & Case, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, Baker Botts and others.

A Barrister-at-Law from Gray's Inn 1985 and admitted to the Cyprus Bar in 1986, the Senior and Managing Partner Stavros Pavlou is a very experienced litigator in the commercial field including banking and financial law. He specialises in cross-border securities and has been extensively involved in cross-border transactions involving multinational private and public companies. He is also well-regarded as a legal consultant in this field.

Dwelling on his firm's success, Pavlou says: "With over 45 years of experience in the legal

market, our firm provides clients with high-quality legal advice and practical guidance covering the full range of their business activities in respect of both domestic and international transactions, with integrity and professionalism.

"Our lawyers with their combined skills and knowledge provide clients with specialised comprehensive legal solutions on corporate and commercial law, mergers and acquisitions, banking and finance law, capital markets, litigation and dispute resolution, tax law and international tax planning, real estate, trusts and asset protection, intellectual property, IT, internet and e-commerce, administrative and constitutional law, and shipping and admiralty law. Indeed, over the past years, we have been recognised as a top performing firm by prestigious international legal directories in respect of our distinctive and professional client services, which has also led to our winning numerous international awards."

Over the years, the firm has carefully expanded its client base to allow it to meet the varied demands of today's cross-border legal market. Our clients include public and private companies, multinational corporations that have their regional hub in Cyprus, institutions, entrepreneurs as well as a host of individual clients from Cyprus and abroad. In the

banking and finance sector, we represent a number of local and international banks and financial institutions," says Pavlou.

One of the firm's recent top deals was advising on the proposed merger of two European companies engaged in dairy business in Russia, Belarus, Ukraine and Kazakhstan. It advised particularly on the Cyprus aspects of the transaction involving a local joint venture between Dutch and Cyprus shareholders. Says Pavlou: "This was a high-profile deal involving sums up to \$2.5 billion and advice requests on several diversified matters."

As for future aspirations, Pavlou says: "The aim is to further grow the portfolio of associates through strengthening current collaborations and creating new ones."

"The participation of the firm in international professional bodies as well as the prominent relationships with international law firms seeking a reliable Cyprus partner in their multinational projects are the cornerstones of our future plans and strategies."

"We look forward to the future and the challenges it will bring, confident that with team spirit and commitment, it will continue to provide top quality legal services with diligence, integrity and professionalism." ●