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Poulain & Associés is highly respected by the market, mainly for the firm's leading lawyer Jean-Paul Poulain. Competitors believe the departures of Philippe Dubois and Gabriel Sonier will affect the practice, but with Poulain at the helm, commentators believe the firm will maintain its strong position in the market.

"He is an old-fashioned, aggressive, good lawyer, who specialises in mid-size deals," says one competitor of Poulain. "He has an appealing combination of skills: half lawyer and half banking specialist. He's a dealmaker, and extremely successful in his career."

The firm has taken part in some big transactions this year, representing well-known clients such as Ebrex, Cavenham, Eppic and Home Institut.

Leading lawyers

Jean-Paul Poulain