

Banque SYZ strengthens its Swiss private banking team

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Banque SYZ has strengthened its Swiss Private Banking Team. Mehdi Lakhdar and Andrea Bodini-Nocent, two experienced private bankers, will cater to a broad spectrum of local clients from Geneva and Lugano, respectively.

The recruitment of the two experienced private bankers is in line with the bank's strategy of expanding activities in Switzerland to meet the evolving needs of local clients. Lakhdar and Bodini-Nocent will focus on entrepreneurial clients, amongst others.

Based in Geneva, Mehdi Lakhdar brings more than a decade of experience in the banking sector, having held various client facing roles at Swiss and international institutions, including UBS and Barclays and most recently, Banque Cantonale de Genève. He has a natural affinity with SYZ's business model and brings a large network of local and international entrepreneurs, as well as proven expertise in pension funds solutions and a certification in wealth management (CMWA).

Andrea Bodini-Nocent, based in Lugano, has held roles in corporate advisory, covering merger and acquisition's transactions for mid-cap companies. Most recently, he worked in the private banking division for international markets at EFG in Luxembourg. He graduated from the Università Bocconi in Milan and brings a deep understanding of clients alongside his in-depth knowledge of complex transactions.

In addition to multi-disciplinary and individualised wealth management services, SYZ offers mortgages, retirement services and products for professionals (LPP2). SYZ Group has also built new capabilities in the area of personalised financial planning and created SYZ Capital, a business unit specialising in investments and advice in private markets.

Mehdi Lakhdar and Andrea Bodini-Nocent will report directly to Lorenzo Romano, Head of Switzerland and Europe, based in Geneva. Romano says: "While SYZ has expanded internationally over the last two decades, we remain first and foremost committed to the Swiss market, our home market, where we will continue our strategic recruitment. Andrea and Mehdi's appointments are in keeping with our desire to diversify the profile of SYZ bankers and connect with a broader array of local entrepreneurs. Clients need dynamic advisors who are able to understand and resolve complex situations. Both demonstrate intellectual flexibility and are fully equipped to serve their existing clients and a new generation of clients and entrepreneurs."