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ARIAS, FABREGA & FABREGA –ARIFA– has been at the forefront of the legal profession, advising leading international financial institutions and multinational corporations, as well as some of the largest companies in Panama, for nearly 100 years. As a full-service law firm, our practice spans over 28 areas of law, organized into 12 practice groups, as follows:

Capital Markets & Banking Group

- *Securities Regulation*
- *Banking & Finance*

Commercial and Real Estate Group

- *Commercial Transactions & Contracts*
- *Real Estate and Property*

Corporate Services Group

- *Offshore Corporate Services*

Estates and Private Clients Group

- *Estates, Trusts & Foundations*
- *Family Law*

Government Contracts & Permits Group

- *Government Contracts & Concessions*
- *Government Permits & Administrative*

Intellectual Property Group

- *Intellectual Property*

Labor & Immigration Group

- *Labor and Employment*
- *Immigration*

Litigation & Arbitration Group

- *Administrative*
- *Commercial & Civil Matters*
- *Intellectual Property*
- *Labor*
- *Shipping*
- *Taxation*
- *Arbitration*

M&A and Corporations Group

- *Mergers, Acquisitions & Joint Ventures*
- *Corporations*

Regulatory Work Group

- *Antitrust, Trade and Competition*
- *Environmental Matters*
- *Media and Communications*
- *Mining, Oil & Gas*
- *Public Utilities*

Shipping & Transportation Group

- *Shipping Ports*
- *Aviation*

Taxation Group

- *Taxation*

The firm also has a strong offshore practice, for which it has developed its own network of affiliates in London, Luxembourg, Geneva, Hong Kong, The British Virgin Islands and Belize. Under our brand name ARIFA CORPORATE SERVICES, we offer clients a complete list of offshore solutions, including company formation and management services, as well as trust and foundation services. For selected clients, we offer more sophisticated estate and family planning services, as well as trustee services, through our affiliate SWISSARIFA.

The firm has a distinguished reputation for consistently providing the highest quality legal advice and is highly recognized for its unparalleled expertise in structuring complex, innovative and sophisticated mergers and acquisitions and capital market and financial transactions in Panama and the Central America region.

Our success is the result of the superior quality of our lawyers. Most of our lawyers have been educated in leading law schools in the United States and Europe or trained in law firms in New York. This unique background of our legal team enables the firm to act as a bridge between legal and business cultures and to provide effective legal services to clients, particularly in challenging cross-border transactions.

The firm and many of its lawyers have always been top-ranked by the leading international legal publications, including Chambers & Partners, IFLR1000, Who's Who Legal, PLC WhichLawyer? and LatinLawyer 250.

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