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Italian arbitration boutique Arblit has hired its third partner, bringing on board Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer partner Massimo Benedettelli.



Massimo Benedettelli

Benedettelli joins former [Bonelli Erede Pappalardo](#) arbitrator Luca Radicati di Brozolo at Arblit, which was founded just over a year ago ([12 June 2013](#)). Former [Bonelli](#) associate Michele Sabatini is also a partner at the firm.

Benedettelli is the latest in a string of senior arbitrators to

leave [Freshfields](#) across Europe. In the past year Cologne-based partner Christian Borris launched Borris Hennecke Kneisel with fellow Freshfields arbitrators Sebastian Kneisel and Rudolph Hennecke ([14 March 2014](#)) while London arbitration head Constantine Partasides handed in his resignation to set up boutique Three Crowns with former star partner Jan Paulsson and Paris partner Georgios

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Following the move, Arblit has changed its full name from Arblit - Radicati di Brozolo Sabatini to Arblit – Radicati di Brozolo Sabatini Benedettelli.

The arrival of Benedettelli and Santacroce brings the number of lawyers at Arblit to eight.

Benedettelli joined Freshfields in 2001 from Italian firm [Chiomenti](#). He is also a professor of international law at the University Aldo Moro in Bari.

Since its foundation Arblit has picked up instructions on a number of commercial and investment arbitrations, including six against the Czech Republic.

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