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**Partners of Goltsblat BLP,  the Russian practice of Berwin Leighton Paisner (BLP), ranked at the top of the 100 Most Authoritative Persons on the Russian Commercial Real Estate Market**

**Vitaly Mozharowski** and **Vladislav Sourkov**, Partners of the **Goltsblat BLP Real Estate and Construction Practice**, have been ranked in the top three **most authoritative persons on the commercial real estate market** by CRE-100, one of the most prestigious industry ratings in Russia. It is drawn up annually by the editorial board of the magazine Commercial Real Estate, an influential Russian specialised real estate publication. The rating focuses on company activities, as well as the professional achievements of its employees and their personal contribution to development of the market, and then selects the 100 most outstanding persons on the commercial real estate market.

**Vitaly Mozharowski, Partner,** Head of **Goltsblat BLP Real Estate and Construction Practice,** is one of the most authoritative lawyers on the Russian market. He advises on investment projects, industrial and commercial real estate transactions and land legislation matters. In the spring of 2014, Vitaly was honoured as “Lawyer of the Year” by Best Lawyers, one of the most highly-respected peer review guides to the legal profession worldwide.

**The Goltsblat BLP Real Estate and Construction Practice,** led by **Vitaly Mozharowski,** is a team of high-class professionals with a brilliant reputation on the market. They provide legal support for real estate and construction projects in Russia. For several years running, the team has been ranked very highly by different professional legal guides in all main sectors of commercial real estate.

“Our firm is well-known on the market as one of the strongest in the field of real estate and the fact that our lawyers are ranked at the top by the most authoritative ratings is further proof of the confidence shown by our clients and of the high quality service we provide. For many clients, real estate projects are not their main business. The many years’ of practical experience and the knowledge of our integrated international team allow them to help clients handle complicated situations and find the most effective solutions”, says Vitaly Mozharowski. “Perhaps that is why we not only enjoy the confidence of our regular clients but are also frequently contacted by new ones after we have worked on the opposing side.”

**Vladislav Sourkov,** Partner of **the Goltsblat BLP** **Real Estate and Construction Practice**, joined the Goltsblat BLP team at the end of 2013. Previously, Vladislav Sourkov led the real estate practice at Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld’s Moscow office for two years and, before that, he was the head of the CMS real estate practice. Vladislav has over ten years of real estate experience and is invariably included in such ratings as Legal 500, Chambers Partners and Best Lawyer as “one of the best Russian lawyers”.

**Vladislav Sourkov** says: “Real estate for us is the purpose of our professional life. Last year, we had a chance to work on many landmark transactions that are still unique on the market in terms of their scope. In particular, there was the sale by Capital Group to O1Propertie of the Legenda Tsvetnogo offices located in Moscow.”

**The BLP Real Estate and Construction** team is one of the most authoritative international teams, with more than 360 lawyers all over the world, and one of the biggest practices in Russia and the UK.

CRE100 Project

This is a unique publication about the most authoritative persons on the commercial real estate market. CRE100 is prepared by a team of professionals who, for seven years running, have issued the Commercial Real Estate magazine, a leader among real estate media.

**About Goltsblat BLP**

Goltsblat BLP is the Russian practice of Berwin Leighton Paisner (BLP), an award-winning international law firm with offices in London, Moscow, Abu Dhabi, Beijing, Berlin, Brussels, Dubai, Frankfurt, Hong Kong, Paris and Singapore, including more than 800 lawyers worldwide.

In Moscow, Goltsblat BLP has 100 lawyers, qualified under Russian, English and US law. The Moscow-based international team at Goltsblat BLP provides transaction support for Russian and global investments by both Russian and international clients.

Goltsblat BLP provides comprehensive legal support covering any business need, from handling complex cross-border transactions, to day-to-day operational legal support on corporate, commercial, real estate, tax, customs, finance, competition, employment and IP-related matters. The English lawyers in the Goltsblat BLP office provide English law banking & finance, corporate finance, real estate and infrastructure advice, working closely with BLP’s other international offices. Goltsblat BLP’s expertise reaches across more than 50 legal specialisations and 20 industry sectors.

Goltsblat BLP currently has over 800 clients among the major international investors operating in Russia, including 37 Fortune 500 companies, leading Russian and international financial institutions, and Russian corporate leaders in the national market.

Goltsblat BLP is the winner of: International Law Firm of the Year 2014 – The Lawyer European Awards, 1 Tier Real Estate and Competition Firm according to Legal 500 EMEA 2014, shortlisted for Chambers Europe Awards for Excellence 2014 and for the International Tax Review European Tax Awards 2014 and LexisNexis Taxation Awards 2014, recommended as a 1st Tier firm in the Real Estate Competition practice areas, according to the results of Legal 500 2014, International Office of the Year 2010 – The Legal Business Awards (Legal 500); Best Client Service / Award for Excellence 2010 - Chambers Europe Awards; Best Law Firm in Russia 2010 – ILO Client Choice Awards; Innovation in International Expansion 2011 – Financial Times Innovative Lawyer Awards (a short-list nominee), shortlisted for an Award for Excellence by Chambers Europe Awards 2014 in the category Russia (International Firms).

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