

## Press release

### **GOLTSBLAT BLP IS NAMED M&A LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR IN RUSSIA AT THE ANNUAL M&A ATLAS AWARDS**

Goltsblat BLP, the Russian practice of international law firm Berwin Leighton Paisner (BLP), remains a leader in the corporate/M&A market in Russia. The firm was named the 2016 **M&A Law Firm of the Year in Russia** at the 5<sup>th</sup> annual M&A Atlas Awards.

Apart from Goltsblat BLP, the nominees' list for Russia included such high-profile international law firms as Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld, Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton, Linklaters and Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom.

In selecting the winners, the organisers evaluated a set of performance criteria including the firm's key role as advisor on the top transactions in the market, the team's experience, client service and year-to-year performance improvements.

**Anton Sitnikov**, Partner, Head of Corporate / M&A, Goltsblat BLP, says: "*We are very happy to receive this award and are grateful to the organisers for the recognition. For us, it is very important that our results are noted not only by major Russian rating providers but also by international agencies. We would like to thank our clients for the trust they place in our firm and also tall colleagues in the Corporate practice and our other practices for their exceptional professionalism, focus and commitment*".

Our international M&A team, mostly based in London and Moscow, has extensive experience of complex deals, including multi-jurisdictional projects. Corporate Practice lawyers are also available at our offices in [Abu Dhabi](#), [Berlin](#), [Brussels](#), [Dubai](#), [Frankfurt](#), [Hong Kong](#), [Paris](#), [Beijing](#), [Tel Aviv](#), [Singapore](#) and [Yangon](#). Our corporate team includes competition and antitrust, finance and international tax specialists and this cross-functional approach enables us to address our clients' individual needs and specific project requirements in the most effective way. This gives us a leading edge over other law firms and makes our service offering stand apart in terms of quality.

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#### **Goltsblat BLP summary**

Goltsblat BLP is the Russian practice of Berwin Leighton Paisner (BLP), a leading international law firm headquartered in London, with its offices operating in major commercial and financial centres throughout the world – Moscow, Abu Dhabi, Beijing, Berlin, Brussels, Dubai, Frankfurt, Hong Kong, Paris, Singapore, Tel Aviv and Yangon.

As many as 100 lawyers qualified in Russian, English and US law are based in Goltsblat BLP's office in Moscow, with lawyers in BLP's international offices numbering over 1000.

Goltsblat BLP's international team provides transactional support for inbound and outbound investments by Russian and international clients, offers legal support for corporate, M&A, real estate and banking and finance transactions, dispute resolution, infrastructure and other complex projects and represents its clients on multi-jurisdiction matters.

Among Goltsblat BLP's clients are over 1300 companies, including major multinational investors operating in Russia (including 37 Fortune 500 clients), Russian and international banks and financial institutions and Russian industry-leading companies.

Goltsblat BLP is the winner of 25 national and international awards over the past five years, including:

Russia Law Firm of the Year – Chambers Europe Awards 2015 and shortlisted for 2016;

International Law Firm of the Year – The Lawyer European Awards 2014 and shortlisted in 2015; Legal Business Awards 2010 / Legal 500 and shortlisted in 2015, 2016;

Client Service Law Firm of the Year – Chambers Europe Awards 2014 and 2010;

A Top-3 major international law firm in Russia for two years in a row (2015 and 2016) – the national ranking by the prestigious Russian business publication Kommersant;

A Top-3 international law firm in Russia by income and by income per lawyer – Pravo.ru 2015 national ranking.

Full Service Law Firm of the Year – Annual ACQ Country Awards 2011;

Law Firm of the Year for Russia – Finance Monthly Law Awards 2011;

Innovation in International Expansion – Financial Times Innovative Lawyer Awards 2011 (shortlisted);

Best Law Firm in Russia – ILO Client Choice Awards 2010.