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## **Press Release**

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## Goltsblat BLP Real Estate practice head Vitaly Mozharowski named "Lawyer of the Year"

**Vitaly Mozharowski Partner**, Head of the Real Estate and Construction Practice of **Goltsblat BLP**, the Russian practice of Berwin Leighton Paisner (BLP), has been named **Real Estate Law "Lawyer of the Year"**, according to **Best Lawyers**, one of the major international directories that makes lists of the best lawyers based on peer opinion.

**Vitaly Mozharowski** focuses on investment project support, commercial and industrial real estate transactions, land law etc. He has extensive experience in dealing with structuring and implementing of commercial and industrial real property transactions, dealing with local authorities and privatization, acquisitions, leases, mortgages, easements, etc.

Real Estate and Construction Practice of **Goltsblat BLP** led by Vitaly Mozharowski, is well-established team with an excellent reputation on the market providing legal support for real estate and construction projects in Russia. His professional team is regarded as being capable of delivering effective solutions and crystal clear advice in both routine/ standardized matters and "rocket science technology" projects like unique facilities, projects or lawmaking.

The global team of Real Estate & Construction Practice of BLP is one of the major international teams and has more than 360 lawyers worldwide. It is one of the biggest practices in Russia and the United Kingdom.

Additionally **22** lawyer of **Goltsblat BLP** in **19** practice areas have been listed in **Best Lawyers**. Three lawyers of **Goltsblat BLP** this year are listed for the first time.

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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, Berlin, Brussels, Dubai, Frankfurt, Hong Kong, Paris, Beijing and Singapore.

As many as 100 lawyers qualified in Russian, English and US law are based in Goltsblat BLP's office in Moscow, with the total number of lawyers in BLP's international offices being over 800.

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 in multi-jurisdiction matters.

Among Goltsblat BLP's clients are over 800 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: International Law Firm of the Year – The Lawyer European Awards 2015 (shortlisted), International Law Firm of the Year – The Lawyer European Awards 2014, Law Firm of the Year Chambers Europe

Awards 2015 (shortlisted), Chambers Europe Awards for Excellence – Client Service Law Firm of the Year 2014, International Tax Review European Tax Awards 2014 and LexisNexis Taxation Awards 2014 (a short-list nominee); Best Client Service –The Chambers Europe Awards for Excellence 2010; International Office of the Year 2010 – The Legal Business Awards (Legal 500); Best Law Firm in Russia 2010 – ILO Client Choice Awards; Law Firm of the Year: Russia and the CIS – The Lawyer European Awards 2011 (a nominee); Best Motivation of Employees award by the Legal Success magazine. Goltsblat BLP's Real Estate & Construction and Antitrust Practices were ranked as Tier 1 in Legal 500 EMEA.

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