

## Press release

### **GOLTSBLAT BLP RANKED IN TIER 1 FOR PRIVATE WEALTH LAW IN RUSSIA BY THE FIRST EVER CHAMBERS HNW GUIDE**

**Goltsblat BLP** has been top ranked (Tier 1) for **Private Wealth Law** in Russia by the first ever **Chambers High Net Worth (HNW)** guide, making the firm one of only three law firms in Russia to be recommended for legal and tax work for high net worth individuals.

Chambers HNW is the first directory for the private wealth market organised by Chambers & Partners, one of the most prestigious publications for lawyers worldwide. Objective, independent and research-based, the guide recognises the world's leading high net worth advisers.

**Goltsblat BLP's** cross-border work for HWIs and joint expertise with the leading private client practice of BLP in London have been particularly highlighted by the researchers.

The practice, both for tax and legal work for HNWIs, is led by **Evgeny Timofeev, Partner, Head of Russia/ CIS Tax Practice**, who has also been ranked in Band 1 by Chambers & Partners for several years now, making him one of the six most recommended tax lawyers in Russia. In 2016, the Tax Practice of Goltsblat BLP has been shortlisted for the Russia Tax Firm of the Year award (International Tax Review European Tax Awards).

#### **Chambers HNW 2016 reports the following comments on Goltsblat BLP:**

*"The "very professional and well-organised" Russian practice of international firm Berwin Leighton Paisner is described by sources as "one of a small number of law firms that can provide cross-border advice on those topics relevant to private clients." The firm's ability to call on expertise from its network of offices, and in particular its headquarters in London, is noted by commentators for its usefulness to Russian clients.*

*Goltsblat BLP regularly advises Russian individuals and families on issues related to cross-jurisdictional work, investments in Russia, matters of wealth structuring and governance, and establishing family offices, trusts and funds. Market observers repeatedly highlight the firm's co-operative approach to advice, saying that "it's a pleasure working with them" and that "everything's very smooth."*

*Notable practitioners: Evgeny Timofeev is a key contact for this practice area."*

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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.