

Press Release

IFLR 1000 2020 HIGHLY RECOMMENDS BRYAN CAVE LEIGHTON PAISNER RUSSIA

The International Financial Law Review 2020 has mentioned **Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner Russia, formerly Goltsblat BLP in Russia**, as one of the leading law firms in the following practice areas – M&A, Project Development: Power, Project Development: Mining, Banking, Project Finance, Restructuring & Insolvency, PPP/PFI. **The firm is ranked as «renowned in the Russian market for its work in the M&A and projects space».**

Andrey Goltsblat, Country Managing Partner (Russia), **Anton Sitnikov**, Partner, Head of Corporate / M&A, **Vitaly Mozharowski**, Real Estate and Construction Partner, **Matvey Kaploukhiy**, Corporate / M&A Partner, **Oleg Khokhlov** and **Tatiana Parshak**, Banking and Finance Partners, **Dmitry Ilyin**, Real Estate and Construction Counsel, and **Igor Zhivotov**, Senior Associate, Banking and Finance, are recognised by the legal directory as leading individuals.

Behind the firm's top position are big-ticket transactions handled over the last year; the ranking specifically highlights the following projects the firm has worked on:

M&A

"The M&A team was particularly active in acting for clients seeking cross-border acquisitions, sales, mergers and joint ventures during the research period."

- Advised on a RUB 15.5 bn (approx. USD 240 m) investment sale of a controlling stake in Obolenskoe Pharm, a leading Russian pharmaceutical company. The stake was acquired by Sistema (LSE: SSA, MOEX: AFKS), a large Russian diversified holding company, jointly with VTB Bank from Alvansa Ltd, a holding company controlled by Gazprombank and UFG Private Equity.
- Providing comprehensive legal and tax advisory support to Rusklimat Group, the biggest Russian manufacturer and importer of climate control equipment, in relation to its programme for restructuring the Group's business units and divisions.
- Advised H.M.S. Technologies Limited (HMST), the major shareholder in HMS Group, on restructuring its 71.51% shareholding in HMS Hydraulic Machines & Systems Group Plc (LSE: HMSG) (HMS Group Plc), the Cyprus-based parent of HMS Group.
- Advised Da Vinci Capital Management, a leading emerging markets private equity firm, on investing in DataArt, a leading global technology consultancy that designs and develops unique software solutions for supporting company growth momentum in key industries.

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Banking

"The banking team is strong across the board and has expertise in matters such as asset finance, structured finance and securitisation. The firm acts for a mix of borrowers and lenders on its financing transactions."

- Advising International Investment Bank (IIB), multilateral development bank mainly operating in Eastern Europe and Asia, on RUB 3.6 and RUB 6 bn multi-asset secured facilities to State Transport Leasing Company (GTLK) for financing and refinancing the acquisition of regional passenger jets Let L-410 Turbolet, Bell, Ansat and Mi-8 helicopters with medical modules and BELAZ coal mining trucks.

Project Development

"In the projects space the firm is involved in several ongoing infrastructure projects of national significance, working for clients ranging from oil and gas corporates to international development banks."

- Advised Nord Stream AG, Nord Stream 2 AG on the legal aspects of construction of the Russian component of the submarine gas pipeline.
- Comprehensive legal support on the USD 1 bn reconstruction of Sheremetyevo International Airport: construction of two passenger and one cargo terminals, demolition of an old terminal and construction of a unique tunnel under the runway to connect the passenger terminals.
- Acted for the Far East and Baikal Region Development Fund on a RUB 2 bn secured loan for construction of a new terminal at Khabarovsk International Airport servicing domestic flights and the airport infrastructure.

Restructuring and insolvency

"The firm's restructuring and insolvency team regularly acts for creditors and borrowers on a mix of international and domestic restructurings, loan workouts, distressed sales and bankruptcies."

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