

## Press Release

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### GOLTSBLAT BLP ADVISES ON MERGER OF TWO MAJOR TAXI AGGREGATORS IN RUSSIA

**Goltsblat BLP**, the Russian practice of the international law firm **Berwin Leighton Paisner (BLP)**, has advised Fasten (owner of Saturn and RedTaxi brands), a major player on the taxi aggregator market in Russia, on its merger with RuTaxi (Vezyet / Везет and Leader / Лидер brands).

UFG Private Equity, an existing investor in Fasten, has now become both investor and main shareholder in the newly merged company, which aims at increasing fulfilled orders by almost 25% (up to 1.5 million per day), and so joining the World Top 5 ROD Apps (ride on demand) rated by number of orders per day.

The agreement has established a single shareholding structure combining the personnel, technologies, software packages etc, of both companies.

**Goltsblat BLP's** dedicated team was led by Corporate / M&A Partner **Matvey Kaploukhiy**. Associates **Mikhail Filatov** and **Anastasia Kudryashova** were also on the team.

**Matvey Kaploukhiy** comments: *"We are delighted to be part of this landmark deal merging two major players on the Russian taxi aggregator market. We would like to wish our client all the best in delivering its objectives and thank it for the trust put in our firm."*

**Anton Sitnikov**, Partner, Head of Corporate / M&A: *"We are happy that our wealth of expertise and experience in advising on M&A transactions enabled us to support this momentous project. I would like to say a special thank-you to all members of the team contributing to the project."*

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#### Goltsblat BLP in brief

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