

Press release

GOLTSBLAT BLP RECOGNISED AS REAL ESTATE LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR

Best Lawyers has awarded **Best Law Firm of the Year in Real Estate** to **Goltsblat BLP**, the Russian practice of the international law firm Berwin Leighton Paisner (BLP).

Vitaly Mozharowski, Head of Real Estate & Construction, has also been named Environmental Law Lawyer of the Year and **Rustam Aliev**, Partner, – Land Use and Zoning Law Lawyer of the Year.

The high-class professionals of the **Goltsblat BLP** Real Estate and Construction Practice team have an outstanding market reputation in providing legal support for real estate and construction projects in Russia. For several years now, the Practice has been top-ranked by various professional legal directories in virtually all key real estate and construction sectors. The Practice in Moscow is represented by Partners **Vitaly Mozharowski, Vladislav Surkov, Yury Chernobrivtsev and Rustam Aliev**.

The major projects handled by the Goltsblat BLP Real Estate and Construction Practice include:

- comprehensive advice to **Sheremetyevo International Airport** on all legal aspects involved in construction of new passenger Terminal B, a freight terminal, a unique underground terminal-to-terminal tunnel beneath the runway and fuelling facility at the airport;
- participation in purchase of two office buildings in the Metropolis Multi-Functional Complex (sold by Capital Partners and bought by Hines and PPF), the Commercial Real Estate journal's Deal of the Year 2016. The team led by Vladislav Surkov advised the **PPF Group** on both the purchase and the Hines – PPF joint-venture setup;
- integrated assistance in construction of the new **TEVA** pharmaceutical plant in Yaroslavl,
- and many others.

This year, Goltsblat BLP is a **Top 5** law firm in Russia in the number of associates included in the Best Lawyers rating (**22**) and the total number of references (**42**) and a **Top-3** law firm in Russia in practice areas (**19**).

Best Lawyers is one of the most reputable peer-review publications in the legal profession. Both clients and lawyers consider it a real privilege to receive a Best Lawyers ranking from their market peers. Since 2015, in addition to individual lawyer ratings, Best Lawyers has been giving awards to law firms in certain branches of law. Law Firm of the Year is chosen on the basis of several important criteria: client feedback, the number of offices and geographical coverage of services, analysis of all Lawyer of the Year awards given previously to firm associates, the scope of the firm's work and its practice areas.

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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;

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

The Most Effective and the 3rd largest law firm in Russia in 2015 – national ranking by Kommersant.ru;

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.

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