

Press Release

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GOLTSBLAT BLP ADVISES ON ACQUISITION OF A 90.99% STAKE IN ONEXIM'S OPIN

Goltsblat BLP, the Russian practice of the international law firm **Berwin Leighton Paisner (BLP)**, advised on the acquisition by Rossium group of companies of a 90.99% stake in ONEXIM's PJSC OPIN. The purchaser's beneficiary is Credit Bank of Moscow majority shareholder Roman Avdeev.

The deal also gives Rossium Concern control over all development projects, including the Torpedo Stadium site and a land bank of 28 thousand ha.

Goltsblat BLP's dedicated team was led by the firm's Partner **Rustam Aliev**. The working group also consisted of Partner **Ian Ivory**, Heads of Group **Dmitry Maltsev** and **Dmitry Ilyin**, Senior Associate **Dimitri Antipin** and Associate **Victoria Bodrova**.

Rustam Aliev comments: *"It was a complex transaction with a very intense timeline and high level of proficiency and expertise of all parties involved translated into smooth completion. We were happy to be a part of that."*

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Goltsblat BLP summary

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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 1700 companies, including major multinational investors operating in Russia (including 130 Forbes Global 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.