

## Press Release

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### **BRYAN CAVE LEIGHTON PAISNER (RUSSIA) LLP RANKED FIRST BY M&A DEAL COUNT IN MERGERMARKET LEAGUE TABLE**

Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner (Russia) LLP has been placed first by M&A deal count\* among all law firms in Russia for H1 2018, according to the renowned Mergermarket league table.

Behind the firm's top position are big-ticket transactions handled by the Corporate / M&A Practice over the past six months, including sale of a majority stake in the **Sailfish OS developer**; **Ecolab's** acquisition of a chemical plant; acquisition by **Siberian Generating Company** of 78% of the shares in Sibeco; **Alfa-Bank's** acquisition of a stake in the fin-tech company Pay-Me, which develops mobile acquiring platforms.

**Anton Sitnikov**, Partner, Head of Corporate / M&A, Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner (Russia) LLP, says: *"We are delighted to be placed at the top of the Mergermarket ranking once again: this is yet further proof that we have a successful strategy chosen several years ago when we set ourselves the goal of being among the top transactional firms on the Russian market. Today, we have perhaps the most resourceful, experienced and diversified M&A team in Russia. Working hand-in-glove with other key, market-leading practices of our firm, such as Real Estate and Construction, IP, Antitrust and Competition, Tax, Labour and Employment, etc., we can effectively assist with deals of any complexity and in any industry. Particular thanks go to our clients for their cooperation and trust, which are so important to us."*

**Mergermarket**, a leading M&A data and intelligence provider, relies on its network of key M&A media and experts in America, Europe, Asia and the Pacific, Central Europe and Africa to rank law firms worldwide based on their work on major M&A deals.

\*The deal size is not disclosed for confidentiality reasons.

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