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**GOLTSBLAT BLP NAMED LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR
BY CORPORATE LIVEWIRE M&A AWARDS 2017**

Goltsblat BLP, the Russian practice of international law firm Berwin Leighton Paisner (BLP), was named **Business Law Firm of the Year** by Corporate LiveWire M&A Awards 2017.

With the Russian M&A market showing signs of recovery, the award organisers were inundated with nominations and the judges found choosing the winner in each awards category a hard task. Goltsblat BLP led the race with its impressive range of landmark deals and projects handled in 2016.

Last year's excellent performance by Goltsblat BLP's Corporate / M&A Practice has won recognition from numerous Russian and international rankings and directories. In January 2017, the firm came in the **TOP-3 M&A legal advisors in Russia by deal count in 2016** according to Mergermarket; in December 2016, the Pravo.ru 300 annual ranking placed the firm in **Band 1 for Corporate Law**; at the annual Russia M&A Awards delivered by Cbonds-Congress and PREQVECA agency, Goltsblat BLP was celebrated among the **TOP-3 Corporate / M&A legal advisors in Russia**; the firm was named **Russia Law Firm of the Year for M&A** at the annual M&A Atlas Awards 2016, etc.

Our international M&A team, mostly based in London and Moscow, has extensive experience of complex deals, including multi-jurisdictional projects. Corporate Practice lawyers are also available at our offices in Abu Dhabi, Berlin, Brussels, Dubai, Frankfurt, Hong Kong, Paris, Beijing, Tel Aviv, Singapore and Yangon. Our corporate team includes competition and antitrust, finance and international tax specialists and this cross-functional approach enables us to address our clients' individual needs and specific project requirements in the most effective way. This gives us a leading edge over other law firms and makes our service offering stand apart in terms of quality.

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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 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.