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## Pepeliaev Group Impresses in the IFLR 1000 Ratings

## Moscow

The annual international IFLR 1000 ratings have named Pepeliaev Group among the top firms for legal support on restructuring and bankruptcy projects (Tier 3) and in the energy sector (Tier 4).

According to the compilers of the ratings, the firm "deserves the highest evaluation in restructuring and bankruptcy". Clients describe the Head of the Dispute Resolution and Mediation Practice Group, Yulia Litovtseva as "a consummate professional in this area".

In the energy and infrastructure sector, it was Head of the Offshore Projects and PSA Group Pavel Kondukov who was named as Pepeliaev Group's foremost specialist.

Pepeliaev Group was also recommended for its legal advisory work in Russia in banking and finance, infrastructure projects, mergers and acquisitions, and capital markets (debt).

The success of our Banking and Finance Practice owes to the experience gained across more than two decades by Partner Igor Marmalidi, who joined Pepeliaev Group's team in 2012. Igor had previously spent 14 years heading the legal department at Citibank, where he directed legal support for the bank's operations in Ukraine and Kazakhstan as well as Russia.

In M&A, our practice is flourishing under the direction of Senior Partner Vladimir Sokov. According to one of our clients, Vladimir is an eminent professional who is capable of "seeing the whole picture", pays "close attention to detail" and is "a master of his craft." Another client gave top marks to Partner Ilya Bolotnov: "I thoroughly enjoyed working with Ilya. He is a first-rate specialist who understands in depth what it takes to get M&A deals done in Russia."

**PEPELIAEV GROUP** is a leading Russian law firm offering the full range of legal services in all regions of Russia, most former Soviet countries, and abroad. Over 160 lawyers in three offices (Moscow, St Petersburg, and Krasnoyarsk) provide legal support to more than 1,500 companies from various industries. 60% of our clients are international corporations which are making strategic investments in the Russian economy.

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