

Verhaegen Walravens Announces Arrival of New Members and Partners

Verhaegen Walravens is pleased to announce that it will further develop its activities in the areas of Estate Planning & Tax, TMT & Public Procurement and Employment & Business Immigration with the arrival of specialised attorneys experienced in these fields. The teams entrusted with developing these practice areas will work in close cooperation with the firm's existing M&A, Corporate Real Estate, Banking and Finance, and Commercial Law and Litigation teams.

In tandem, owing to the international scope of its clients' activities, the firm will continue to call upon its excellent relations with similar full-service or specialised firms in other jurisdictions. This consistent strategy allows notably for the necessary degree of independence and flexibility when dealing with clients that have existing or preferred relations in certain jurisdictions.

In this context, Verhaegen Walravens confirms that Henry Hachez will join the firm as partner in June 2007.

Henry specialises in employment and immigration law, with a focus on international employment issues. After graduating from K.U. Leuven, Henry obtained a post-graduate degree in business and employment law from the Universiteit Gent, as well as a specialised degree in philosophy from the University of Louvain (UCL). He also holds an LL.M in International Legal Studies from Georgetown University Law Center (Washington, DC). For the past ten years, Henry has worked for the law firms of (Linklaters) De Bandt and Loyens in Brussels, including a one-year stint as a Foreign Visa Advisor with Fragomen in Washington, DC.

In his practice, Henry will benefit from the support and expertise of the firm's other teams, as well as from its international network. In that regard, Verhaegen Walravens has taken the opportunity of Henry's arrival to join the international network of Visalaw International (www.visalawint.com), the first worldwide alliance of business immigration lawyers, to allow it to better assist its clients in all legal aspects of their employment immigration needs, to and from all major business centers worldwide.

Philip Walravens on Hachez's arrival: "Henry is an excellent lawyer, who will greatly enhance our ability to work with international corporate clients. He shares our approach to the law aimed at delivering high quality, yet accessible, corporate legal services, and we at Verhaegen Walravens look forward to developing our business with him."

Verhaegen Walravens is an independent Brussels-based law firm that provides high quality legal services to Belgian and international clients, ranging from local entrepreneurs to large multinationals and their shareholders. Our focus is on business law, in particular corporate and M&A, commercial transactions and litigation, employment law and employee benefits, and banking and restructuring.

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