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The facts about **Linklaters in Belgium**



Linklaters is a leading global law firm, supporting clients in achieving their strategies wherever they do business. We use our expertise and resources to help clients pursue opportunities and manage risk across emerging and developed markets around the world.

In Belgium, Linklaters is recognised as the market-leading law firm, with a presence in the market dating from 1969, and with offices in both Antwerp and Brussels. Our lawyers are multilingual, and combine local and international experience.

Linklaters in Belgium offers an in-depth specialist capacity in all those practice areas which are relevant for our international clients doing business in Belgium.

We are familiar with the issues involved in large and complex transactions but also advise on operational, day-to-day business issues.

Linklaters is above all renowned for the excellence of its work and its ability to “get the job done”. Our lawyers are driven not only by their legal expertise but also provide sound commercial judgement, allowing them to understand the business drivers behind a transaction. We thus anticipate and meet the actual need behind a transaction, a major project or litigation case.

Our global approach and commitment to excellence ensure the highest standards of quality and service across all our relationships. We bring discipline, teamwork and agility to help our clients navigate important business challenges successfully.

Number of partners in Belgium	26
Number of lawyers, including partners in Belgium	130
Number of partners worldwide	470
Number of lawyers, including partners worldwide	2,600

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Driven by excellence

Belgian law firm of the year
IFLR 2010 and 2012

Belgian tax firm of the year
ITR Awards 2010, 2011 and 2012

Belgian law firm of the year
Who's Who Legal Awards 2010, 2011 and 2012

Belgian law firm of the year
Chambers Europe Awards 2010 and 2011

Real Estate law firm of the year
Finance Monthly 2011

Competition Team of the year
Acquisitions Monthly 2010

Benelux law firm of the year
PLC 2009

M&A law firm of the year
ACQ Law Awards 2009

Banking and Finance law firm of the year
Belgian Legal Awards 2009

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How can we assist you?

When investing or doing business in Belgium, Linklaters is ideally placed to cater for your legal needs. We have a top-tier **M&A** team in Brussels, covering the full range of M&A work, including public takeovers, cross-border and multijurisdictional share and asset deals, mergers and IPOs. We also have a market-leading reputation for advice on joint ventures, shareholder agreements and all forms of foreign investment in Belgium and Europe.

Linklaters' **tax** team is highly experienced in advising clients with the planning of their most challenging transactions for optimum tax results. Besides our core Belgian tax advisory work, we also have a long-standing practice of international tax law and tax litigation. Our **real estate** team in Belgium provides international clients with market-leading real estate-related advice and includes specialists in real estate M&A, real estate investment and development, real estate finance, projects and project finance, real estate disputes, as well as construction, environment, and planning/zoning issues. Our **competition / antitrust** team advises leading companies on merger control, cartels and dawn raids, competition litigation, market and sector investigations, abuse of dominance, state aid, public procurement and utilities regulation. Our **employment and pension** law team covers a breadth of different types of work, from complex litigation and general advisory work to corporate transactional and business restructuring projects. We have also acted with our **litigation and arbitration** group on post-acquisition claims and minority shareholders' claims arising from foreign investments in Belgium. When you work with our corporate lawyers, you also gain access to top-quality advice from Linklaters' **TMT** and **IP** groups.

Our China Desk in Brussels

Linklaters created a cross-practice, cross-sector China desk in Brussels, dedicated to providing tailored legal services to Chinese companies and investors doing business in Belgium and Europe. Our Brussels office can count on Mandarin speaking lawyers and we have experience in dealing with Chinese clients and counterparties. Our team in Brussels benefits from its close interaction with other Linklaters China desks in London and throughout Europe, as well as with our offices in Beijing, Shanghai and Hong Kong.

“A **titan of the international legal world**, Linklaters has made a significant impression on the Belgian legal scene. It is well placed to serve its broad portfolio of clients with multi-jurisdictional advice on even the most complex transactional work. The firm's lawyers are **renowned for their innovative approach** and high level of commercial acumen.”

Law firm of the year: Belgium, Chambers Europe Awards 2011

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