
LAURIUS JOINS FORCES WITH AMBOS PARTNERS

Ambitious law firm expands and solidifies its position as a national firm

Laurius, one of the most prominent law firms in Belgium, will be strengthened by three partners and six lawyers from Ambos. The new partners and lawyers will join the firm on 1 September 2021. In one fell swoop, Laurius increases its number of lawyers by more than a third, underpinning its growth ambitions. By welcoming three of Ambos' leading partners on board, Laurius is broadening its expertise in the field of corporate law, real estate law, labour law and financial law. "This step allows Laurius to strengthen its core activities and occupy an even more prominent position on the national and international market", comments Dirk Wellens, managing partner of Laurius.

Some 15 years ago, Laurius and Ambos were pioneers in the Belgian legal profession when they branched off from the large international firms. The partners of both law firms chose not to pursue uncontrolled growth, but preferred to maintain closer contact with their clients. Both Laurius and Ambos have since emerged as leading law firms in Belgium and are permanent fixtures in prestigious rankings such as Legal 500 and Chambers & Partners.

"Laurius is at the top of the independent law firms in Belgium. We intend to stay there. This is why we are thrilled to welcome several of Ambos' leading partners. It is the perfect illustration of our ambition to consolidate our position and to focus on our existing strengths. Moreover, we remain true to our DNA: personal contact with the client."

Dirk Wellens, managing partner Laurius

Additional feminine touch

A total of three partners, Christina Trappeniers, Damien Stas De Richelle and Caroline Wildemeersch, are joining the firm from Ambos. The three partners will also bring six lawyers with them, immediately expanding the Laurius team by 40%, from 22 to 31 lawyers. The new partners will commence in the Laurius office in Brussels on 1 September.

The arrival of two female partners with expertise in mergers and acquisitions (M&A) is an especially significant step for Laurius. As of 1 September, Laurius will have not just one (Karen Vermaere), but three female partners.

"Ambos is known for its corporate team led by female partners. It is therefore no coincidence that two of the three partners making the move to Laurius are women. Given the male-dominated nature of M&A in our country, this step is of particular importance."

Christina Trappeniers

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Additional expertise in M&A, company law and labour law

With Christina Trappeniers, Caroline Wildemeersch and Damien Stas De Richelle, Laurius is also bringing decades of experience on board in the fields of M&A, company law, real estate law, labour law and financial law. Laurius, which is recognised in the market for its strong support in M&A, company law, advice to management teams in buy-outs, dispute resolution, corporate law and real estate transactions, is thus further expanding its expertise and network.

The transfer of the Ambos partners to the Brussels office will further strengthen Laurius' position not only in Belgium, but also internationally.

About Laurius

Laurius has 15 years of experience in mergers and acquisitions, advising management teams in buyouts, litigation, real estate transactions and corporate law. Laurius combines this experience with personal commitment, know-how, service and personal contact with its clients. Laurius counts a total of 22 lawyers in Brussels and Antwerp. The law firm is comprised of five partners: Dirk Wellens, Bert Luyten, David Ryckaert, Michael Bollen and Karen Vermaere.