



## Corporate and M&A

Our team offers trusted advisors who will provide you with **practical and business-wise solutions in all Corporate and M&A matters**, including mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance issues, corporate reorganisations, corporate advice, private equity, joint ventures and corporate litigation.

You can rely on our team, one of the largest in Belgium, for all types of transactions from the common to the most complex. By combining their expertise and knowledge, our lawyers can quickly address your corporate and M&A needs, whether they arise in Belgium or abroad. For cross-border transactions, we work on a daily basis with top-tier foreign law firms.

### OUR CLIENTS

Whether you are a start-up, a small, mid-cap or listed company, we can offer the appropriate solution for your business. In addition to companies of all types and sizes, we regularly assist government and other public entities and non-profit associations.

### OUR APPROACH: YOUR BUSINESS IS OUR BUSINESS

You can rely on our assistance to achieve your business goals. We contribute by acting responsively and professionally, by staffing your projects with talented and passionate lawyers and by identifying and mitigating legal risks.

We believe that delivering pragmatic legal advice requires a **close partnership with our clients** and we are willing to get to know you and become part of your team, for example through secondments, which we offer regularly.

Because decisions regarding Corporate and M&A matters cannot be taken without taking into account other legal aspects, whenever necessary we team up with the various other experts within Liedekerke (tax, environment, employment, real estate, etc.).

### OUR TEAM

We are **one of the largest Corporate and M&A teams** in the market. The team combines highly specialised expertise with broad knowledge of corporate law and M&A as well as strong experience in litigation relating to corporate and M&A issues.

Our lawyers are fluent in English, French and Dutch. Several members of the Corporate and M&A team also speak German, Italian or Spanish.

Members of our team teach in Belgium and abroad, publish frequently and are regularly called upon to advise on draft legislation. Some are asked to sit as arbitrators or judges.

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## OUR SERVICES

### Mergers and Acquisitions

Our expertise covers all types of negotiated transactions (share deals, asset deals, setting up of joint ventures, and corporate reorganisations pre- and post-transaction), whether domestic or cross-border:

- Through all steps of the process, from letter of intent to post-closing assistance;
- Acting for the purchaser, target, seller or financial advisor;
- For all types of legal entities;
- In any type of business sector.

In addition, we handle hostile and friendly take-over bids.

### Joint Ventures

We also regularly advise on all aspects of Belgian and cross-border joint ventures and business alliances. Joint ventures are often set up for purposes such as research, technology exchange, licensing, co-production or distribution. Whenever necessary, we collaborate closely with other departments within Liedekerke in order to produce a legal framework that adequately protects our client's position.

### Private Equity

We counsel institutional investors, private equity funds and portfolio companies on negotiating and documenting all types of investment (buyouts, minority stakes) and exits and on the management of their portfolios.

### Corporate Governance

We regularly assist companies with setting up, reviewing and restructuring their governance structure, from planning a new structure to implementation.

We have in-depth experience with companies that are subject to a specific supervisory regime, such as listed companies, financial institutions, collective investment funds, and government-controlled companies.

### Corporate reorganisations

We regularly assist our clients with group reorganisations. We provide practical and tailor-made solutions taking into account not only all legal constraints (corporate, tax, employment, regulatory issues, etc.) but also business needs.

### General Corporate Counselling

We assist clients with all general corporate matters, such as setting up companies or branches, advising on (minority) shareholders' rights, conflict of interest rules in corporate bodies, personal liability of board members, share capital increases, dividend distributions, corporate housekeeping, etc.

Our assistance includes identifying required corporate actions as well as drafting all necessary documentation, and maintaining relations with notaries, chambers of commerce, etc.

### Litigation

Clients frequently consult us about corporate litigation such as shareholders' disputes, enforcement of joint venture agreements, forced purchase of shares, etc.

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## PARTNERS

- Valérie Simonart
- Vincent Busschaert
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- Damien Conem
- Jacques Meunier
- Wim Dedecker

## WHAT OTHERS SAY ABOUT US

*'They are a very responsive team and easy to work with. They give accurate fee estimates and do not surprise with unexpected fees. Their lawyers are first-rate and provide commercially sensible and comprehensive advice.'*

*'Very reliable, reactive and sound approaches to issues at stake, avoiding unnecessary complexities but nevertheless achieving the objectives. A really effective and practical approach to legal advice!'*

*'Professionalism and collegial approach works perfectly. Working with them now for a number of years leads to a business understanding which gives a quick understanding of the issues leading to better/fast solutions.'*

*'Customer-oriented, dedicated and flexible.'*

*'The team led by Damien Conem is extremely well organized, prompt, competent and pragmatic. They make complex projects seem simple and run smoothly. Fees are reasonable.'*

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