

Benelux law firm AKD expands with McGuireWoodsâ€™™ Brussels team



Benelux law firm **AKD** expands its Brussels office by adding McGuireWoods' Brussels team, following AKD's strategy to be the first choice full-service legal and tax services provider in the Benelux. The incoming team consists of partners **Hubert André-Dumont**, **Paul van den Bulck**, **Timothy Speelman**, **Steven Ongena**, counsel **Pol Cools**, and four associates.

Erwin Rademakers, managing partner of AKD: "The expansion of our Brussels office is excellent news for our clients operating in the Benelux, and those around the world who are or want to be active in the Benelux. Our new colleagues have a broad legal practice with a focus on the upper mid-market and an explicit international profile. The addition to our solid European and competition law team in Brussels enables us to advise our clients under Dutch, Luxembourg and Belgian law on areas including corporate and M&A, real estate, IP, ICT, data privacy & security, and commercial litigation. We help them to easily navigate through the complex legal arena and benefit from a truly integrated service".

Hubert André-Dumont, the newly appointed chairman of the AKD Brussels office, adds: "We are thrilled to be part of AKD now, to jointly expand our Brussels practice and to contribute to the growth and success of the firm. Our entire team is excited to work together with all 445 ambitious and enthusiastic lawyers, civil-notaries, tax advisers and staff in Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg. We wish our many friends and colleagues at McGuireWoods well and look forward to continuing our mutually beneficial relationship".

"Both the opening of our Luxembourg office two years ago and the current expansion of our Brussels office illustrate the way our firm responds to market developments and to our clients' needs", **Erwin Rademakers** continues. "Our changing landscape, Brexit, internationalisation – they all contribute to the strategic choices we make. Expanding our Brussels practice helps us to further strengthen the solid base for our firm's future".

McGuireWoods will continue to refer its clients to AKD for their needs in the Benelux region.

About AKD Benelux lawyers

With 275 lawyers, civil-law notaries and tax advisors, AKD is the independent and internationally focused legal and tax advisor for any business dealing with the Benelux countries. AKD combines expertise in all legal practice areas with sector knowledge and understanding of the clients' business, both nationally and internationally. Outside the Benelux, AKD partners with an extensive network of highly reputable law firms to form fully integrated, experienced and

multidisciplinary teams. With this collaborative approach, AKD can comprehensively assist her clients in doing business around the globe. AKD has offices in Amsterdam, Breda, Brussels, Eindhoven, Luxembourg and Rotterdam.

About McGuireWoods

McGuireWoods is an AM LAW Top 100 law firm with 1100 lawyers in 22 offices across the US, Europe and Asia.