

DLA Piper continues to grow its Tax practice with new partner hire in Belgium



DLA Piper is pleased to announce that **Philippe Hinnekens** is joining the firm as a partner in its Tax practice, based in Brussels. This is the sixth partner hire for the firm's Tax group in the last five months.

Philippe joins from law firm Laurius, where he was a senior partner and head of the tax team in Brussels. He advises and assists on all tax aspects of business life (including real estate investments, mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, reorganisations, project financing, employee incentive schemes). He also advises and assists private clients in the area of wealth and estate planning with a particular focus on family businesses. He has also extensive experience in assisting clients in tax disputes.

Commenting on the appointment, **Roderik Bouwman**, partner and Co-Global Head of Tax, said: "*Philippe's appointment adds significant additional weight to our capabilities in Belgium and we are delighted to have him on board. He is a first-rate lawyer and I am sure he will make a significant contribution to our international Tax offering.*"

Kristof De Vulder and **Annelies Verlinden**, Co-Country Managing Partners for **DLA Piper** in Belgium, added: "*Philippe is well-respected in the Belgian market and very experienced. His arrival significantly bolsters our tax offering in the region and he will help us capitalise on the many opportunities we continue to see in this area across the European market.*"

Phillipe's appointment continues the busy period for **DLA Piper's** international Tax group. In the last few months, the firm has announced the hire of Vienna-based partner, **Dimitar Hristov**, to lead the Tax practice in Austria; the hire of a three-partner tax team in Paris; the hire of Milan-based partner, **Federico Pacelli**, to lead the Italian Transfer Pricing team; and the hire of Leeds-based corporate tax partner **David Smith**.