

Taylor Wessing expands in Brussels with a new IP team

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International law firm **Taylor Wessing** has expanded in Brussels with the hire of Christian Dekoninck as partner.

Christian will head the firm's office in Brussels. He specialises in patent litigation and is recognised for his expertise in trade marks. He is joined by **Marie Keup** who returns to Taylor Wessing as Counsel from litigation firm Strelia, and **Marie-Dominique Van de Gucht** who joins as a paralegal.

Operating in French, Dutch and English, the office provides capability in intellectual property, trade marks, copyright, design, patents, competition and trade.

Partner and head of the firm's international IP group, **Jörg Wimmers** said: *"Expanding our IP team in Brussels continues to enhance our international offering, as demand for trade marks and patents experts who can plead cases in every Benelux court continues to increase."*

"Under Christian's leadership, the team's expertise is a valuable addition for us and for our clients as they identify further growth opportunities through increased trade prospects with the Netherlands, Germany, France and the UK."

New partner and head of the firm's Brussels office, Christian Dekoninck said: *"I am delighted to join Taylor Wessing and look forward to further developing our outstanding IP practice in Europe. Our Brussels based IP team is highly committed to supporting this network, which enables us to serve our clients even better."*