

## New Of Counsel and launch of Tax practice at Fieldfisher



European law firm **Fieldfisher** is delighted to announce the launch of its Belgian tax practice with the appointment (as of 1 June 2020) of **Geoffroy Galeï** as Of Counsel who will head up the tax practice in its Brussels office.

**Geoffroy Galeï** gained extensive experience in various tax aspects within Deloitte Legal (and previously Liedekerke) where he became the trusted tax adviser of clients active mainly in the technology, life sciences, private equity and real estate sectors, managing their tax risks, creating (tax) value within the framework of reorganizations, conducting audits and representing them in tax litigations.

He is also Professor at the ICHEC Brussels Management School and Teaching Assistant at the University of Liège. He authored numerous publications and he frequently lectures and gives speeches on Belgian and international tax topics.

**Geoffroy Galeï** holds a Master's degree in law from the University of Louvain-la-Neuve (UCL), a Master's degree in political sciences from the same university and a post Master's degree in tax from the Solvay Brussels School.

He will head and develop a broad-ranging tax practice covering notably income taxation, withholding taxes, transfer pricing, VAT and registration duties. Of course, Geoffroy Galeï will work in close collaboration with **Fieldfisher's** Belgian and foreign leading lawyers in relevant areas, creating synergies to his clients' benefit.

Commenting on the appointment, **Jean-François Germain**, Co-Managing Partner, said: "*We are proud that **Fieldfisher** has been able to attract a top talent like Geoffroy. The arrival of Geoffroy brings new opportunities and adds new capabilities to our firm, further complementing our recognized practices. It is a pleasure to have him on board.*"

**Claudio Mereu**, Co-Managing Partner, added: "*Furthermore, Geoffroy will be able to leverage on our international tax network, which will definitely add value to our clients. With his appointment, Fieldfisher continues to focus on growth and confirm its ambition to invest in young talents to whom we give the opportunity to develop their practice in an inspiring and ambitious environment.*"

**Louis-François du Castillon**, head of corporate, in Brussels, commented: "*Geoffroy's profile perfectly complements our corporate group. With the launch of the banking and finance practice in February this year by **Sofie Heremans**, the corporate group has the full scope of services to serve our clients in the corporate field and in their M&A transactions*"

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On this appointment, **Geoffroy Gale** commented: *"I am very pleased to join **Fieldfisher** to take up the exciting challenge of developing its Belgian tax practice. Created 13 years ago, **Fieldfisher** Brussels now enjoys a strong reputation on the Belgian market. The full service offering of the Brussels office (more than 45 lawyers with a wide variety of specialties) and **Fieldfisher**'s fast-growing and strong network (25 offices across 11 countries) will provide me with the full capabilities to develop the Belgian tax practice and to create synergies that will add further value to my clients, both locally and internationally."*