

## Corporate - M&A

### A wealth of expertise



**Laga's Corporate-M&A department consists of more than 30 qualified lawyers, with a practice focus on all aspects of corporate law, M&A, private equity and capital markets. Our team provides a full range of services and is involved in Belgian and cross border transactions as well as advisory work.**

**Our practice is recognised as one of the leading practices in Belgium by Chambers & Partners (Global and Europe editions), Legal 500 and IFLR. Our team acts for the different stakeholders in transactions.**

#### **Areas of expertise**

Our team advises clients in connection with:

- IPO and secondary public offering
- Takeover bids
- M&A / Private equity
- Corporate restructurings
- Shareholders structures
- Corporate governance
- Share based incentive schemes
- General corporate law

Where appropriate to ensure a seamless and comprehensive high-quality service, the Laga team very regularly works closely and on a good friends basis with select local law firms that are prominent in their respective jurisdictions, as well as with financial, assurance and advisory, tax and consulting specialists. Through its proven experience with foreign law firms, the Laga Corporate - M&A practice therefore provides a very credible choice for cross-border corporate and corporate finance transactions.

# Credentials

## A selection of recently closed transactions

Laga's Corporate and M&A team advised:

### **Accent Jobs For People**

on its various M&A transactions and restructurings as part of the national and international expansion of the group, a.o. the acquisition of a majority stake in Logi-Technic, a subcontractor in building projects.

### **The shareholders of Arets Graphics**

on the MBO of Arets Graphics arranged by Fortis Private Equity.

### **Cobepa**

on its divestment of All Crump to Natra.

### **Crédit-Mutuelle Nord Europe Belgium**

on its public takeover bid on the shares of West-Vlaamse Bank and CP Banque.

### **Datascope Belgium**

in respect of a simplified cross-border merger with the Dutch company Maquet Netherlands BV.

### **De Post**

on its divestiture of its French division Asterion to Pitney Bowes.

### **Dillen & Le Jeune Cargo**

on its merger with the Swiss group Crossrail (belonging to UK private equity fund Babcock & Brown).

### **Fortis Private Equity**

on a series of the management buyouts, including the recent acquisition of Penne and Artstone.

### **Geodis Group**

on various acquisitions of shares and assets within the Benelux as well as on the restructuring of the corporate capital of the acquired companies.

### **GIMV**

on the sale of SFINC to Axa Private Equity.

### **The shareholders of Grada International**

a large Belgian company with international branches active in a.o. airco components, on the sale of 100 % of their shares to Pentahold.

### **HDI-Gerling**

on the restructuring of its Belgian companies through several transfers of branches of activities.

### **Immo Moury**

a real estate Sicafi/Bevak (REIT), on its IPO on Euronext.

### **Imsol**

on the joint venture between CM Antwerpen and Dexia Immo Real Estate for the development of the real estate of the CM.

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Laga is able to supply a strong talented team that will find investor-pleasing, pragmatic solutions at short notice.

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**ING, Petercam**

as underwriter's counsel in connection with the 76 million EUR public offering of real estate REIT Warehouses De Pauw Comm VA on Euronext Brussels and Euronext Paris.

**Isuzu Motors Europe**

on the opening of a branch in Belgium and the contribution of a branch of activity of a British company to the newly incorporated company.

**Lyreco**

on the sale of part of its Belgian activities and the negotiations of a supply service agreement.

**Participatiemaatschappij Vlaanderen (PMV)**

on a number of transactions, including the acquisition of Norkring België NV, the company which has purchased the transmitter tower infrastructure from the Belgian public broadcasting company VRT.

**Picanol NV**

on its 15 million EUR capital increase and the exit of minority shareholders through public offering of shares.

**Pinguin**

on its acquisition of Lutosa for a purchase price of 175 million EUR, one of Europe's largest producers of frozen potato products and its 46 Million EUR secondary public offering on Euronext.

**Sealed Air**

on its bid on the packaging business Rio Tinto.

**Telenet VRT and Concentra**

in connection with the setting-up of their joint venture Pebble Media engaging in online advertising.

**Telenet**

on the acquisition of BelCompany from Macintosh Retail Group.

**VAB**

on three recent acquisitions of travel assistance and driving schools.

**Vendis Capital**

on a majority investment in ZEB, one of the larger Belgian clothing retail chains.

**The shareholders of Verhaeren Group**

on the MBO arranged by GIMV.

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This group is “moving forward and impresses with its focused, high-quality and cost-effective approach.”

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