

## Real estate Expertise on all legal aspects



**Laga's Real Estate department consists of more than ten qualified lawyers, with experience on all legal aspects of real estate. Our team provides a wide range of services in connection with real estate and is involved in Belgian and cross border real estate transactions as well as advisory work.**

**Our practice is recognized as one of the leading practices in Belgium by Chambers and Partners and Legal 500. Our team acts for the different stakeholders in real estate transactions, including developers, investors, lenders and public (federal and regional) entities.**

### **Areas of expertise**

- Corporate real estate
- Development – construction
- Asset management / letting
- Real estate funds
- Real estate finance
- Project finance
- Real estate tax
- Planning and environmental regulations
- Sustainability / energy efficiency
- Real estate litigation

Where appropriate, to aim at a seamless and comprehensive high-quality service, the Laga team very regularly works closely 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 experience with foreign law firms, the Laga Real Estate practice therefore provides a credible choice for cross border transactions.

# Credentials

## A selection of recently closed transactions

### **Laga's Real Estate team advised:**

#### **Allfin**

Assisting Belgian property developer Allfin, in connection with the conclusion of its joint venture with Belgian REIT Retail Estates, for the redevelopment of a retail park in Verviers.

#### **Belair - RAC**

Assisting the joint venture of property developers ImmoBrel-Breevast in connection with the > 150.000 sqm mixed real estate development located in the centre of Brussels.

#### **bpost**

Assisting bpost on the sale of an industrial building in Brussels (+ 20.000 sqm).

#### **Breevast**

Assisting Breevast in connection with the structuring and financing of a number of their real estate acquisition transactions.

#### **BT**

Assisting on the disposal of an office property in Louvain-la-Neuve.

#### **The Brussels Capital Region**

Advising the Brussels Capital Region, on the competitive dialogue in view of the selection of a new office building in Brussels.

#### **PMV – RE Vinci NV**

Advising on the refinancing through issuance of real estate certificates, of a 40.000 sqm office building in Ghent.

#### **CIP**

Assisting real estate developer CIP in connection with the > 70.000 sqm mixed real estate development project "Kop van Kessel-Lo" in Leuven.

#### **Shelbourne**

Assisting Shelbourne Ltd in connection with several of its real estate investment and development projects both in Belgium and internationally.

#### **Retail Estates**

Laga assisted KBC Securities, Petercam and Belfius as Joint Lead Managers in connection with the EUR 72.3 mio rights issue by Retail Estates, a Belgian based REIT. Laga has advised the Joint Lead Managers as underwriters' counsel throughout the process.

#### **Immo Moury**

Immo Moury on its initial public offering on Euronext.

#### **Veritas**

Advising on a real estate leasing agreement for the construction of a new head office (offices and distribution spaces) for the retail group Veritas.

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“Laga’s “experienced” team is “client-focused” and “solution-driven”, and draw together lawyers from across the firm’s finance, corporate and public law practices.”

**Robelco**

Assisting property developer Robelco on several major real estate M&A transactions, including various divestitures to Mercator Verzekeringen and CBRE Investors.

**Linder Hotels**

Assisting Lindner Hotels AG on its acquisition of a hotel in Antwerp from Kanam.

**Pylos**

Assisting property developer Pylos in the structuring of development financing through the private placement of bonds.

**Duvel Moortgat**

Assisting the Duvel Moortgat brewery group, in connection with the redevelopment of some of its real assets.

**Be-mine**

Assisting Be-mine, a joint-venture of LRM, Van Roey and Democo, in connection with the conclusion of its joint venture with Belgian REIT Retail Estates, for the redevelopment of a retail park in Beringen.

**Zeno**

Advising Zeno on the financing of its EUR 230 million new hospital construction project in Knokke, co-financed by the European Investment Bank.

**QRF**

Advising Belgian REIT QRF on its initial public offering on Euronext.

**Montea**

Advising Montea on its EUR 30 million capital increase through a public offering on Euronext.

**ING – Petercam - Dexia**

Assisting ING, Petercam and Dexia as underwriters in connection with the EUR 80 million public offering of Belgian REIT Warehouses De Pauw Comm VA on Euronext Brussels and Euronext Paris.

**Ghelamco**

Advising Belgian property developer Ghelamco on several real estate transactions, including the emission of corporate bond and the acquisition of two buildings in Brussels.

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The lawyers are always open-minded and look to suggest a number of approaches, going beyond pure legal advice”

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Laga provides thorough and practical solutions tailored to the needs of clients ranging from multinational companies, national large and medium-sized enterprises, and financial institutions, to government bodies.