

STRELIA OPENS OFFICE IN LUXEMBOURG

The Brussels based corporate and litigation boutique Strelia reinforces its international offering by opening an office in Luxembourg.

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Less than 5 years after it was created Brussels, Strelia will now open an office in Luxembourg.

From the start, Strelia was internationally oriented. The move towards Luxembourg is part of the firm's efforts to better serve its international clients. To that purpose, it has recruited as partner Dirk Leermakers, who has been active as a lawyer in Luxembourg for more than 15 years.

Dirk Leermakers and Olivier Clevenbergh, Strelia's managing partner, have already closely worked together, since they opened together the Luxembourg office of Stibbe, when Olivier Clevenbergh was Stibbe Brussels' managing partner. Dirk Leermakers was also one of the founders and thereafter the managing partner of the Luxembourg office of Loyens.

The new Luxembourg office, which will be fully active from 1 September 2017, is the evidence of Strelia's entrepreneurial spirit and commitment to growing its international activities.

The team in Luxembourg will mainly focus on corporate and finance work.

Strelia does not plan to open offices in other jurisdictions, where it works with independent firms with which it has a strong connection.

Dirk Leermakers, Head of the Luxembourg office said: *"I am very enthusiastic about this new challenge. Since it was launched, Strelia has earned high marks and significant recognition in the market. Joining Strelia feels like the perfect fit to me; the firm's drive and commitment to top-notch client service create the perfect environment in which to set up an office in Luxembourg."*

Olivier Clevenbergh, managing partner of Strelia, said: *"Strelia's activities are directed to both national and international clients and matters. With respect to international matters, Luxembourg occupies a pro-eminent place. In addition, the links between Belgium and Luxembourg are very strong. Having a Luxembourg office will help us to increase our presence in international transactions while allowing us to assist our clients who are active in that country. Dirk is the perfect person to develop our new office and we are very lucky to be able to rely his experience and talents".*

ABOUT STRELIA

Strelia was founded in 2013 as an independent Belgian law firm internationally oriented. Its partners have all previously been active in international firms. Strelia focusses on corporate and litigation work. Its activities include M&A, Private Equity, Corporate Finance, Tax, Restructuring, Commercial agreements and Dispute Resolution in these areas (including arbitration). Strelia offers the quality of services of international firms combined with a flexible and personalized approach.

Amongst its accolades, Strelia was named “*Highest potential law firm of the Year*” in 2013 (Belgian Legal Awards, Brussels), “*Referral law firm of the Year*” in 2014 (The Lawyer, London) and “*Best Belgian law firm*” in 2017 (Les Trophées du Droit, Paris). It is highly ranked in the leading international directories for both its corporate and its dispute resolution practices. For more information, please see: www.strelia.com.

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