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Press Release

Biriş Goran Again Bags Top Honours in Prestigious Chambers Europe Rankings

Bucharest, 8 May 2013. Biriş Goran again is at the top of the tables when it comes to ranking of law firms in Romania, both as a firm and its lawyers. Chambers Europe, published by Chambers & Partners in Great Britain, is perhaps the leading legal guide ranking law firms across Europe and the world, due to its extensive research.

THE LAWYERS:

Band 1: Gabriel Biriş, for the 3rd time consecutively, and **Victor Constantinescu** are ranked as the top lawyers in Romania for their areas of expertise, taxation and real estate respectively.

Band 2:

Gelu Goran, a renowned competition law expert is described by one client as "*an excellent lawyer and a skilled professional with an excellent command of case law and legislation.*"

Ruxandra Jianu, Partner with Biriş Goran Tax Advisory, "is a key partner at this practice and is praised by clients for her "*impressive breadth of knowledge and passion for tax.*"

Band 4: Clients praise **Raluca Năstase** as a "*witty and hard-working*" real estate practitioner. Her litigation and restructuring work earns client accolades.

Band Up and Coming: Former judge and head of department **Ana Maria Andronic** receives praise for her international experience and understanding of the domestic legal market. She is applauded by one client for her ability to "*understand how to get things done and to meet clients' needs.*"

THE FIRM:

Band 1: Biriş Goran was again ranked first for its **Tax practice**.

Chambers & Partners note, with regards to the firm's Tax Practice: "Biriş Goran is widely recognised as a firm which is synonymous with tax and has one of the strongest practices in the market. The compact yet formidable team offers a combination of tax and legal services to clients such as Red Bull, Danske Commodities and Oriflame. It covers fiscal matters related to restructuring, transfer of assets and complex transactions. Recent highlights include representing leading natural gas distributor Wirom in proceedings related to a major dispute with the tax authorities, and acting as lead tax counsel to Romcarbon on a tax restructuring mandate for a EUR23.5 million transaction."

Head of practice Gabriel Biriş receives praise from clients for his "*excellent tax advice*" and is recognised by peers as one of the expert practitioners in this area.

Band 2: Real Estate Practice

Chambers & Partners say: "This prestigious eight-strong team handles all matters pertaining to real estate for an impressive client list, which includes Aberdeen Property Investors, Benevo and Dinu Patriciu Global Services. In

a recent standout mandate, the lawyers assisted Europa Capital with the potential acquisition of numerous development projects, as well as providing ongoing advice on its EUR200 million industrial park in Turda.”

Sources say: *“A local firm with internationally experienced lawyers.”*

Department head **Victor Constantinescu** comes highly recommended for his commercial and precise advice. Sources also highlight his flexibility and international experience.

Band 3: Competition/Antitrust, Restructuring & Insolvency, Intellectual Property, Corporate M&A.

The qualities on which rankings are assessed include technical legal ability, professional conduct, client service, commercial astuteness, diligence, commitment, and other qualities most valued by the client.

Since 1999, Chambers & Partners have been researching the legal profession in Europe, identifying the leading lawyers and law firms through interviews with thousands of lawyers and their clients. Their reputation is based on the independence and objectivity of the research.

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