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Biriș Goran and its lawyers recognized in six practice areas by prestigious publication Chambers Europe

Bucharest, 11 April 2017. Chambers Europe, published by Chambers & Partners in Great Britain places Biriș Goran again at the top of the ranking tables of law firms in Romania, both as a firm and its lawyers and tax consultants. Chambers guides are the sum of thousands of interviews by a large research team and objectively rank the world's best lawyers and law firms.

Lawyers' rankings:

For the tenth year in a row **Gabriel Biriș** was ranked in the "Band 1" category, thereby placing him as the top tax lawyer in the country, and noted: "Gabriel is widely considered an outstanding tax litigation expert. Peers describe him as *the most famous tax lawyer in Romania* and note his recent high-profile role working within the Romanian government. Interviewees also highlight his ability to give creative solutions and say that his clients appreciate him very much because he is very courageous."

Ruxandra Jianu, Tax Partner has also been ranked in Band 1 category of tax consultants, for the second year, noting: "Peers and clients alike praise Ruxandra Jianu for her skill in advisory matters relating to M&A, restructurings and real estate investments. She acts for multinational corporations on tax reviews, due diligence, inspections and disputes. Clients note her availability and say that she is an *excellent tax adviser*."

Victor Constantinescu, Partner and Head of Real Estate Practice, has been ranked, for the fifth year consecutively, on Band 1 category, thereby placing him as one of the top 3 real estate lawyers in the country, and noted: "Clients describe Victor Constantinescu as *experienced, active and well connected*. He is a trusted adviser to institutional and high net worth funds as well as development companies. Clients appreciate their *very easy communication* with him, citing his native-level English skills as one of his key characteristics.

Raluca Năstase has also been ranked for her real estate expertise: "Raluca Năstase's contentious experience in real estate encompasses title disputes and investigations as well as construction matters. From an advisory standpoint, she is active on acquisitions and lease agreements for offices and industrial properties."

Gelu Goran, has been ranked as top lawyer in Competition and Antitrust: "Gelu Goran often assists with horizontal and vertical price-fixing investigations and compliance audits for a wide range of clients from sectors such as banking, FMCG, construction and energy. Sources admire his *technical knowledge*, solution-driven approach, very good understanding of the client's business and flexibility."

The Firm's rankings:

Six Biriş Goran departments have been recognized as top practices for the work done in 2016: Competition/Antitrust, Corporate /M&A, Dispute Resolution, Real Estate, Restructuring & Insolvency and Tax.

Tax practice is recognized for offering "high-level tax advice to large domestic and international clients. Well known for expertise in tax legislation, regularly working with the Romanian authorities on amendments to the fiscal code. Attracts praise for work on a variety of matters ranging from complex litigation to tax consultancy in support of acquisitions and restructuring mandates. Also assists with tax inspections and the review of transfer pricing policies. Serves an impressive range of clients including cosmetics companies, real estate developers and energy providers. Interviewees report that the team is *'client-oriented, available at all times of the day, responsive and knowledgeable'*."

Real Estate Practice is recognized for its strong reputation for representing investment funds in real estate tax structuring and asset management matters and particularly recognized for experience of acting on the sale-side of property transactions. Its "clients hold the team in high esteem, saying: *'They have done excellent work. Their availability is very good; they have a short response time and a very practical approach. Biriş Goran are deal doers who are always looking for solutions.'*

Competition/Antitrust is recognized for its work in Competition Council investigations, including during dawn raid proceedings, in standout contentious mandates relating to merger control gun jumping, leniency applications in cartel cases and the early settlement of investigations. Praised received for its *"seasoned lawyers with very good communication skills."*

Corporate /M&A Practice is also recognized both in Chambers Europe and Chambers Global guides for being for advising international clients and law firms on the Romanian aspects of cross-border mandates.

Insolvency practice is recognized for assisting international clients from the banking, energy and real estate sectors. Regularly handles financial reorganizations, bankruptcy proceedings and security enforcements. Active on a number of mandates spanning multiple jurisdictions.

Complete information on Biriş Goran rankings can be found at:

<http://www.chambersandpartners.com/Europe/firm/129925/biris-goran>

About Biriş Goran

Biriş Goran is a Romanian law firm with 35+ attorneys founded in 2006. Biriş Goran is able to provide a full range of legal services with a particular focus on tax, real estate, corporate/M&A, competition/antitrust, litigation, financing, labor, public procurement and insolvency. Biriş Goran practice areas are routinely ranked among the best in the country by directories such as the Chambers Europe and European Legal 500.

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