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Press Release

**Biriş Goran and its lawyers recognized in six practice areas by
Chambers Europe 2014 Rankings**

Bucharest, 8 May 2014. Chambers Europe, published by Chambers & Partners in Great Britain places Biriş Goran again at the top of the ranking tables of law firms in Romania, both as a firm and its lawyers.

THE FIRM:

The firm was ranked **Band 1** for Tax and **Band 2** for Real Estate. The firm was further ranked in **Band 3** for Competition/Antitrust, Restructuring and Insolvency and Intellectual Property and **Band 4** for Corporate/M&A.

According Chambers Europe, Biriş Goran's **Tax Practice** is known for "*advising on direct and indirect tax, specifically VAT, and further celebrated for its contentious tax abilities. It is also involved in discussions regarding legislation amendments.*"

Its strengths are (quotes mainly from clients): "*The firm is very well known on the market and has been involved in the most important transactions.*" "*It is a very good relationship; the lawyers are prompt and we are satisfied with the quality of their work.*"

The **Real Estate Practice** is known for "*robust team covering all legal aspects of real estate-related transactions, including acquisitions, joint ventures and real estate contract negotiations. Leasing mandates form a part of the team's practice and it is experienced in commercial property management. It is noted for its specialised practice in title investigations.*"

Amongst its strengths (quotes mainly from clients) "*The team is friendly, commercial and gives not just legal advice, but also looks at the practical factors.*" "*What the team did very well is getting the balance between delivering a service you would expect from an international firm, because it is linked to international associations, and also having that regional knowledge.*"

The **Antitrust Practice** is known for "*notable presence on numerous competition investigations, including cartel arrangements, price fixing and abuse of dominance. It advises clients from a wide range of sectors with many drawn from the fast-moving consumer goods sector. Offers support on compliance, pricing and merger clearance.*"

Amongst its strengths (quotes mainly from clients) "*The advice I receive is business-oriented and easy to understand.*"

The **Restructuring & Insolvency Practice** "provides comprehensive support for restructuring projects and insolvency proceedings with additional tax capabilities. Typically advises on both the creditor and debtor sides on matters such as the liquidation and restructuring of large to medium-sized corporates. Strong client base in the real estate sector."

The **IP Practice** is known for being "a robust choice for IT, internet and media issues, and recently active in industrial property and copyright matters. Advises on the protection and defence of IP rights. Growing experience in sports law, handling IP rights for event organisers."

The **Corporate/M&A Practice** is known for "compact practice with a growing reputation for advising domestic start-ups, investment funds and multinationals on IT and online matters. Recent work includes joint ventures and acquisitions as well as general corporate advice. Other areas of focus include oil and gas, agriculture, retail and media."

Some of its strengths (quotes mainly from clients) are "Highly experienced in the energy sector" and "the cross-border work was handled well. The team understood where we were coming from as a Western firm."

THE LAWYERS

Band 1: **Gabriel Biriş**, for the 7th time consecutively, and **Victor Constantinescu** are ranked as the top lawyers in Romania for their areas of expertise, taxation and real estate respectively.

Chambers Europe notes:

"The eminent **Gabriel Biriş** is a household name in the Romanian tax market. He has a well-established practice and sources describe him as "a great tax attorney who is notable and visible."

"One of the founding partners and department head **Victor Constantinescu** is a highly recognised real estate specialist. Clients appreciate his international experience and comment: 'He is very sharp and shrewd, with a good business mind and very hands-on.'"

Band 2:

"Clients praise **Gelu Goran** as a 'seasoned practitioner in competition matters.' He recently assisted Weatherford with general antitrust compliance matters and a Competition Council investigation of alleged bid-rigging in the energy sector."

"Clients feel they can rely on tax consultant **Ruxandra Jianu's** technical advice. She covers all areas of tax and works with the firm's dispute resolution team on contentious cases.

Band 3: Clients commend **Raluca Nastase's** "attention to detail and ability to handle and understand complex matters. She has experience dealing with leases, acquisitions, title investigations and construction matters."

Chambers Europe ranks law firms and lawyers annually in 52 jurisdictions, from Greenland in the West to Russia, Turkey and Eastern Europe in the East.

Complete information on Biriş Goran rankings can be consulted through this link:
<http://birisgoran.ro/reputation/rankings-reputation/> or
<http://www.chambersandpartners.com/firm/129925/7>

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