

## Press release

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### CMS DeBacker promotes Stéphane Collin to partner

Belgian law firm, CMS DeBacker, is proud to announce **Stéphane Collin's** promotion to partner in the firm's Corporate practice.

Stéphane joined the firm in 1999 and specialises in restructuring of private and public companies, in relation both to national and cross-border transactions. He regularly advises Belgian and foreign groups of companies on equity issues (mergers, sales and transfers of branch operations, demergers of companies) and non-equity reorganisations or partnerships, including joint ventures.

He has particular experience of the steel and cement industry, and has acted in several partnerships and projects in these sectors.

Stéphane is also active in industrial construction, having taken part in several projects relating to the establishment or revamping of production plants.

The Corporate team currently boasts 23 lawyers, including 7 partners. The team handles all aspects of corporate law, including M&A, joint ventures, restructurings, MBOs and MBIs, investment capital and IPOs, as well as litigation related to such matters.

**Stanislas van Wassenhove**, Managing Partner, said: "Stéphane is a brilliant restructuring lawyer and I would like to congratulate him on his achievements. Clients especially appreciate his ability to articulate elegant yet efficient solutions to complex issues. At CMS DeBacker we are good at nurturing talent. Stéphane's appointment shows exactly that. Trainee lawyers joining our firm come into an environment where they have a real shot at making partner."

Stéphane has a law degree from the Université Libre de Bruxelles (1998).

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