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CMS DeBacker hires two partners to strengthen its market position in corporate finance law.

Already recognised for its corporate practice in the field of corporate governance (issues linked to shareholding, directors and management liability, etc.) and restructuring, CMS DeBacker has appointed two, leading corporate finance partners to further strengthen its practice. **Vincent Dirckx** and **Carl Dotremont** join CMS DeBacker as partners based in the firm's Brussels office.

Both partners have gained extensive experience working in top Anglo-Saxon law firms and their expertise allows CMS DeBacker to better serve financial institutions, private equity houses and local and international corporate institutions, which require first-rate know-how and full-service corporate legal capabilities.

Stanislas van Wassenhove, Managing Partner of CMS DeBacker said: *"These two hires, along with the recent hiring of André Lombart in 2006 (Distribution Law) and of Jef Degrauwe in 2007 (Social Law), confirm the attractiveness of CMS DeBacker and our strategy of developing strong local expertise in key areas of law, combined with extensive international capability through CMS."*

Vincent Dirckx declares: *"Carl Dotremont and I are delighted to join CMS DeBacker. Since joining three years ago the European organisation of CMS, which is undoubtedly one of the strongest legal organizations in the market, this famous Belgian law firm has been able to position itself among the top of the Belgian business law firms with an international capability."*

Carl Dotremont adds: *"In a fast evolving economic environment, our practice in corporate finance has everything to gain by integrating it in the top tier corporate governance and restructuring practice of CMS DeBacker."*

Vincent Dirckx (UCL, 1991) started his career in New York working for Kelley Drye & Warren, then Baker & McKenzie. Next, he joined Freshfield's Belgian practice, which included an extended secondment in the UK (London). In 2000, he joined the German law firm Haarmann Hemmelrath & Partners as a partner, where he developed the firm's Belgian corporate practice. Most recently, he has been a partner at Lydian where he focused on mergers and acquisitions, as well as private equity and capital markets.

Carl Dotremont (KUL, 1993; Augsburg, LL.M. 1994; Purdue/ESCP-EAP, executive MBA, 2004) specialises in financial and corporate law, including private equity and venture capital, acquisition finance, property finance, capital markets and cross-border and domestic mergers and acquisitions. He is a member of Guberna (Institute of Directors), the International Bar Association and of the American Bar Association. He is also a Director of the ASBL Brussels Biennale. Carl worked for several years for American law firm Morgan Lewis & Bockius LLP before becoming a partner at Berwin Leighton Paisner LLP. Most recently, he was a partner at Lydian.

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Note to the editor

About CMS DeBacker

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