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CMS DeBacker wins award recognising its excellence in client service

CMS DeBacker was singled out with a Client Service Award at the Chambers Europe Awards for Excellence held in London on 25 April. The well-known directory's prestigious annual awards ceremony honours deserving law firms and legal professionals in Europe.

Chambers Europe do not give out Client Service Awards every year in every country. Instead, they only honour firms who have been consistently singled out by clients during the research for the quality of their client service, such as pragmatism, availability, responsiveness and dedication.

In awarding the accolade, Chambers said: "This firm serves a prestigious client base from its offices in Brussels, Antwerp and Luxembourg, and its international offering is augmented by membership of CMS. A growing force in the market. According to one client: *The team had an exceptional knowledge of the subject. The deadlines were scrupulously respected and the delivered work was clear and to the point. It was very pleasant to note that the lawyers were available at any time and did all they could to make the operation a success. They displayed an outstanding knowledge of their field and suggested very pragmatic solutions.*"

Eric Gillet, Managing Partner, and Vincent Dirckx, Head of the Corporate M&A practice, received the award from Georgia Brooks, Chambers Europe Editor, and Miriam González, co-chair of Dechert's International Trade and Government Regulation practice.

Eric Gillet, Managing Partner, comments: "Receiving this award, is an honour for everyone at the firm. We are deeply touched by what our clients had to say about the quality of our work and excellence of our client service."

Vincent Dirckx, Head of the Corporate M&A practice, adds: "Ultimately, it validates our constant concern to put our clients first."

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