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**Brussels – International law firm CMS has announced today the appointment of TMC/data protection/life sciences partner Tom De Cordier who joins the firm from Allen & Overy.**

Tom De Cordier has 15 years of experience in advising domestic and multinational clients on all aspects of technology law, with a particular focus on privacy & data protection, telecommunications, outsourcing, cloud computing, big data, life sciences and technology licensing. His practice covers a wide range of advisory, transactional and litigation matters and projects.

Tom was ranked tier 1 in Legal 500's latest shortlist of leading practitioners in EU data protection. Chambers Europe ranked Tom as "Up and coming" in the category Technology, Media & Telecommunications in Belgium. Corporate International Magazine recently recommended Tom as "rising star of the year in Belgium" for telecommunications law.

Tom De Cordier played a key role at his previous firm in developing the international data protection and information security practice.

Commenting on his appointment, Tom Heremans, Managing Partner of CMS Belgium, said: "*CMS has a strong focus on technology and life sciences both internationally and here in Belgium. And this strategy is paying off: more and more clients turn to us for assistance in this rapidly developing area. Tom's arrival is yet another token of our commitment to provide our clients with top-notch assistance in TMC, data protection and life sciences. Our clients will benefit from Tom's unrivalled experience and his down-to-earth and pragmatic style.*"

Tom De Cordier commented: "*I am delighted to join CMS Belgium. CMS has a unique value proposition: truly international, client centred, sector focused and value for money. I am looking forward to helping CMS expand its services offering in this area.*"

40-year-old Tom De Cordier joins from Allen & Overy where he was counsel since 2011.

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