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**Van Bael & Bellis promotes Sara Beutels**

Van Bael & Bellis is pleased to announce the promotion of employment law specialist Sara Beutels to Counsel.

Sara joined Van Bael & Bellis in March 2018 and has more than 10 years of experience in employment law. She specialises in all areas of employment and social security law, both contentious and non-contentious.

- *Belgian employment and social security law.* Her expertise includes providing legal assistance in the areas of individual and collective dismissals, social security issues, employee benefits, working time issues, social inspection audits and the drafting of all employment-law related documentation (such as contracts, work rules and policies).
- *International transactions.* Sara advises on the employment and social security law aspects connected to (cross-border) M&A transactions, including the information/consultation of employees and formalities in the framework of the transfer of undertakings.
- *Labour courts.* She also represents clients in all employment-related matters before the labour courts.

Sara commented on her promotion: “I am very grateful to the entire partnership and to all of my colleagues for this recognition. I look forward to continuing to further develop the practice and to serve our clients in the best way possible.”

Sara’s promotion within Van Bael & Bellis is recognition of the firm’s commitment to ensuring a strong employment law pillar, whilst maintaining their leading reputation in the areas of competition and international trade.

Philippe De Baere, managing partner, commented: “Through a rare combination of people skills and legal excellence Sara has managed to bring our employment law practice to a new level. We are confident that in her new role she will continue to provide substantial added value to an increasing number of clients.”

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## **About Van Bael & Bellis**

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Van Bael & Bellis is a leading independent law firm based in Brussels, with offices in Geneva and London. The firm is known for its client-centred approach, its commitment to excellence and its extensive expertise in EU and national competition law, EU and international trade law, EU regulatory law as well as Corporate and Commercial law. With nearly 70 lawyers coming from 20 different countries, Van Bael & Bellis brings together a highly effective team of professionals with multi-jurisdictional expertise and an international perspective.

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