

PRESS RELEASE

## **PwC Belgium's Corporate Finance team welcomes Sander Boekema, adding extensive M&A and private equity experience to the team**

*Boekema's expertise to strengthen PwC Belgium's strategic advisory services and cross-border transaction capabilities*

**Brussels, 23 March 2023 – PwC Belgium's Corporate Finance team is excited to announce the arrival of Sander Boekema, who brings twenty years of experience in corporate finance/M&A advisory (ABN AMRO) and ten years of private equity experience to the team. From 2011 until 2021 Sander Boekema was responsible for building up the private equity business at Baltisse, a family office in Belgium. His expertise in leading investments and maintaining relationships with private equity funds and investors will be an asset to PwC Belgium's strategic advisory services. With a deep understanding of cross-border transactions and experience in various industries, Sander Boekema will help clients to navigate complex business environments and achieve their specific goals.**

Sander Boekema's experience at Baltisse, the family office of the Balcaen family, was focused on leading private equity investments primarily in Belgium, with an opportunistic approach to other markets. He has led multiple transactions, including investments in Balterio (via IVC Group), Origis Energy, Partners in Accountancy, Polflam, House of Talents, and together with Waterland in Fagron. These investments were typically made through controlling positions focusing on long-term value creation. He was also the lead advisor in Belgium on the sale of Balta to Doughty Hanson in 2004, as well as on the sale of IVC Group to Mohawk Industries in 2015. Sander was also responsible for investments in - and co-investments with - several private equity funds. His understanding of the investment strategies of private equity funds is highly welcomed.

Having lived and worked in multiple countries, including the Netherlands, the UK, Hong Kong, Spain and Belgium, Sander brings an international perspective to the Corporate Finance team. His deep understanding of the complexities involved in cross-border transactions and his ability to navigate different cultural and business environments will be valuable to PwC's clients.

*"I am deeply honoured and thrilled to have the opportunity to work for the leading global service provider in M&A transactions. PwC's reputation precedes it, and I'm humbled to join such a distinguished team. Through its extensive international network and massive financial and strategic expertise, PwC has made significant contributions to the growth of Belgian companies. In my previous roles, I've had the privilege of working closely with PwC's Belgian Deals team. I'm eager to be part of the team's continued expansion and success in the Belgian market,"* states Sander Boekema, Senior Advisor Corporate Finance at PwC Belgium.

At PwC Belgium, the Corporate Finance team specialises in providing exceptional sell-side advisory services to quality family businesses and companies in private equity portfolios. The focus lays on tailoring solutions to client's specific needs and goals, earning PwC a reputation as a trusted partner to businesses of all sizes and industries. The Corporate Finance team also offers comprehensive support in corporate venturing and fundraising for younger companies. PwC was the preferred advisor to about 40 companies over the last 7 years, notably Varo (Powerplus), mortierbrigade, Veritas, Serax and Standard de Liège.

**Dirk Verheyen**, Partner Corporate Finance at PwC Belgium: *“Sander’s expertise will enable us to strengthen our presence in the Belgian market and assist our clients. Looking ahead, we expect consolidation and M&A activity to rebound in 2023 across various sectors after a somewhat slower 2022. We believe that Sander’s specialised knowledge will prove invaluable in guiding our clients through complex deals and achieving their strategic objectives. In addition to bolstering our capabilities, Sander’s appointment represents a significant step forward in further reinforcing our growing team of M&A professionals. We’re committed to investing in top talent like Sander and are looking forward to the future as we expand our team’s expertise and capabilities.”*

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