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Lorenz is an international law firm with offices in Brussels, Bishkek and Geneva established by dynamic and career-building lawyers that gained experience with internationally renowned law firms. Lorenz offers local and international clients legal services in a wide array of Belgian and international business law matters. The firm's fields of expertise include corporate/M&A, IT & new media, privacy & data protection, HR & employment law, commercial contracts, regulatory law and litigation/arbitration & ADR.

According to Steven De Schrijver, partner with the firm, the staff at Lorenz believe strongly in team spirit, and work in cooperation with clients. Mr. De Schrijver added: "We do not write lengthy and academic legal opinions unless this is specifically required. We try to provide legible and to-the-point, practical and business-orientated advice."

Lorenz has fared the recession and its subsequent effects well. Recent case studies include advising Foordinvest Holding in the sale of the entire Foodinvest group, one of the top three players in the food service market in Belgium, to Colruyt, a multinational Belgian supermarket chain. More recently, Lorenz assisted Shred-It Limited, a subsidiary of the world's leading on-site document destruction company in the acquisition of the shares of its Belgian and Luxembourg franchises. Lorenz also undertook corporate finance work for Birds Eye Europe Limited and Q8.

Mr. De Schrijver said: "Additionally, we are assisting one of the major reorganisations in Belgium to take place this and next year. This involves a complete reorganisation of a multinational with over 20 sites in Belgium, including trade union negotiations, rightsizing, social security negotiations, transfer of undertakings and relocation of work force, compensation and benefit streamlining."

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Further, Lorenz has a specialised data protection department, which counsels international corporations, governments and international organisations in matters such as information security breaches, direct marketing applications, document management, employee privacy, database relocation consolidation, litigation and specific privacy issues. Recently, Lorenz successfully represented a large US-based Internet service provider in legal proceedings before the court of appeals. The case related to securing personal information from disclosure from the Belgian criminal justice authorities.

When asked how Lorenz has managed to remain innovative during the economic recession, Mr. De Schrijver concluded: "We encourage all our partners, associates and staff to be pro-active networkers. We also organise personal and regular meetings with our clients and correspondents.

"We are not interested in short-term gains, but are prepared to make long-term investments in our partners, associates, staff, offices and technology. All of our partners have personal coaches and, importantly, we organise on-site and off-site training for associates and staff. In addition, we have made plans to increase our office space and have made available all necessary technology to our lawyers to service our clients in the most flexible and responsive manner, at any time and at a distance."