Liedekerke welcomes Anne Bonet as Of Counsel within its Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) practice.

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We are pleased to announce that Anne Bonet, former first President of the Interfederal Screening Commission (ISC), the central body of the Belgian foreign direct investment control mechanism that came into force in 2023, will be joining Liedekerke's FDI practice as Of Counsel on 1 April.

With over 25 years of professional experience, Anne Bonet has recognised expertise in economic policy, regulation and foreign investment screening.

As the first President of the ISC, Anne Bonet played a decisive role in the implementation and operational application of the Belgian screening mechanism, at the crossroads of legal, economic and geopolitical issues. Her experience at the ISC gives her an in-depth understanding of the expectations of the screening authorities, inter-federal institutional dynamics and the strategic sensitivities related to the protection of critical sectors.

Anne Bonet's arrival comes at a time of intensified scrutiny of foreign investments in Belgium and within the European Union. Her expertise will significantly strengthen our ability to assist investors in structuring, notifying and securing their transactions subject to FDI screening regimes.

Anne Bonet will bring complementary expertise to our work, integrating the geopolitical, geoeconomic and institutional considerations that underpin the authorities' analysis. She will also continue her research activities in order to remain closely aligned with developments in the regulatory framework and operational realities on the ground, for the direct benefit of our clients.
"*Anne's arrival further strengthens our leading position on the Belgian FDI market and will enhance our ability to handle the most complex FDI cases in a constantly changing geopolitical and geoeconomic environment, offering unrivalled expertise to our valued clients*," said Vincent Mussche, head of the FDI team at Liedekerke.

"*I am delighted to be joining the Liedekerke FDI team and to contribute to the development of the firm's FDI practice at a time when foreign investment issues are more strategic than ever*," adds Anne Bonet.

Etienne Kairis, Co-Managing Partner at Liedekerke, concludes that "*Anne's unique institutional experience and geopolitical vision will also enable us to work even more closely with our defence, energy, and infrastructure teams, ensuring a fully coordinated approach for our clients*."

With this arrival, Liedekerke confirms its position as a leading player in foreign direct investment and strategic investment regulation in Belgium.

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Founded in 1965 by lawyers committed to legal excellence, Liedekerke is an independent law firm with international reputation that is recognised for its leadership and un-challenged expertise.

As a premium Belgian business law firm with offices in Antwerp, Brussels, London, Kinshasa and Kigali, our firm is dedicated to providing a world-class service by consistently delivering the finest assistance and guidance.

The firm has a strong advisory practice based on sector expertise and an in-depth knowledge of Belgian and European law. As an essential complement to its advisory activities, it represents clients in complex litigation before national, European and international courts, both judicial and arbitral, the Court of Cassation, the Council of State and the Belgian Constitutional Courts.

Each of our practice areas is highly regarded with lawyers recognised for their utter commitment to our clients' interests. Our clients can rely on creative and multidisciplinary teams which can advise on all types of matters in Belgium and also assist with cross-border projects, thanks to our solid international service capabilities and relationships with leading law firms across the world. Liedekerke is recognized for its ability to quickly mobilize competent, flexible and multidisciplinary teams.

Our strategy is supported by an understanding of our clients' values and a commitment to meeting their needs. We make significant investments to guarantee that clients profit from our extensive expertise and industry insights, have access to the ideal team for the work, and that we use the proper methods and cutting-edge technologies to each circumstance.

Our clients, active in a broad range of industries, including financial services and financial institutions, energy, real estate and construction, environment, TMT, retail, consumer goods and trade, public authorities and government agencies, automotive, transport, infrastructure and logistics, funds and asset management amongst others rely on us to consistently go above and beyond their expectations.

With over 130 lawyers including 31 partners, our goal is not to be the largest firm but to be the firm of choice for clients who require trusted advice and innovative and business-aware legal solutions.

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