



ANNOUNCEMENT OF LAUNCH OF CAMBRIAN | INNOVATION LAWYERS

Antwerpen, Belgium - March 31, 2021 – Cambrian is delighted to announce its launch today as the first law firm in Belgium dedicated exclusively to the innovation economy. With one of the largest and most experienced venture capital law teams in Belgium, Cambrian is uniquely positioned to service the legal needs of entrepreneurs, corporates and investors active in the innovation ecosystem.

Much like the history of life on earth after the Cambrian explosion, companies are forced to adopt an ever-agile approach to continuously transform and innovate in a survival of the fittest. Cambrian is launched in response to the increasing pervasiveness of innovation in today's world. Creating, utilizing and commercializing innovation has become a cornerstone of every company's journey and Cambrian believes that in today's world, there is virtually not a single company that remains unaffected by technology. Technical growth has become irreversible and continuous innovation coincides with increasing customer demands.

Founding partners of the firm are seasoned venture lawyers Pieter Capiou, Frédérique Joos, Wim Van Berendoncks and Yannick Verrycke. They previously worked together for over six years at Cresco and are now combining their experience in corporate/M&A, venture capital, IP and innovation contracting to build a practice that keeps up with this accelerating innovation-driven business environment that is reshaping companies and economies.

"Our decision to start the firm illustrates the growing maturity of the European venture equity market. We are very optimistic of Cambrian's continued growth and thrilled to continue to work with a team of exceptional lawyers who are the best in their field, share the same values and are dedicated to achieve success for our clients," says Pieter Capiou.

Frédérique Joos adds *"being a trusted advisor for difference-makers in the innovation industries is very inspiring and rewarding, especially when this nexus runs well beyond the legal framework."* Yannick Verrycke comments *"our clients want a legal team with a deep understanding of the nuances of entrepreneurial businesses and innovation. They have expressed strong mutual loyalty and followed us with one accord in our venture."*

"Our ultimate relationship with clients is a true partnership, sharing in their success and developing deep ties. This is also one of the reasons why we dare to back clients, from very early on," Wim Van Berendoncks concludes.

About the Cambrian team

Cambrian launches with a team of 11. They have maintained a singular focus on the innovation economy for over a decade and today represent entrepreneurs, corporates and investors of all sizes, in Belgium and abroad.

Since its soft launch earlier this year, the team has advised innovation companies and their investors on several M&A transactions and equity investment rounds, including:

- Peace of Meat in its sale to listed MeaTech 3D
- RIAKTR in its sale to listed Seamless Distributions
- eHealth pioneer Qompium in its € 9M capital raise
- Hoplr in its € 2M capital raise
- Sweetwood Capital in the set-up of a Belgian-specific venture fund
- Enervalis in its € 2.8M capital raise
- Torus Capital in the set-up of the first compartmentalized starter privak fund
- € 3.6M capital raise of Vaultspeak
- €11.5M capital raise of Soda Data

In addition, but not in the least, Cambrian acts as trusted counsel for a vast number of Belgium's most leading and promising technology companies on their commercial contracting, ranging from relatively smaller agreements to crucial intellectual property licensing agreements.

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