



## / Arbitration

### **Our Dispute Resolution practice**

ALTIUS' dispute resolution team is skilled in dealing with disputes, litigation and arbitration for Belgian and international clients of all sizes. The team has been praised for its *“very hands-on and client friendly approach”* (Legal 500).

The team's expertise includes advising clients on conflict avoidance, pre-litigation/arbitration strategic counselling and settlement through negotiations or mediation. The focus is on providing a practical, cost-effective and commercially viable solution for our clients. If a settlement cannot be agreed with the other parties, then ALTIUS' team members assertively represent our clients' interests and, if required, can draw upon the extensive expertise and knowledge of ALTIUS' other specialist teams.

ALTIUS' lawyers are qualified to appear before the Belgian courts and the Court of Justice of the European Union. ALTIUS has been involved in ground-breaking litigation before the European courts, in numerous high-profile and complex cases before the Belgian courts and many of the largest arbitration cases in Belgium.

ALTIUS' expertise and international network enables our team to deal with complex and international disputes efficiently and successfully.

### **Arbitration**

ALTIUS' Arbitration Team members conduct arbitration under the Arbitration Rules of the International Court of Arbitration (ICC), the Belgian Centre for Arbitration and Mediation (CEPANI), the Dutch Arbitration Institute (NAI), the Stockholm Chamber of Commerce (SCC), the World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) and general ad hoc arbitration.

ALTIUS' Arbitration Team has been involved in a growing number of international arbitration proceedings as counsel for the claimant or defendant. Moreover, Team members have regularly been appointed as an arbitrator.

Depending on the actual case and sector involved, the Arbitration Team is assisted by lawyers from other departments to ensure that the client is placed in the best position to tackle all case issues, e.g. members of the Corporate, Employment or IT departments have joined the Arbitration Team in conducting arbitration proceedings.



## How we can help

Apart from their general experience in arbitration, the ALTIUS' Arbitration Team is recognised and known for its expertise in arbitration-related advice and proceedings in the Belgian courts, such as:

- The jurisdiction of the arbitral tribunal (the *exceptio arbitrandum*, arbitrability disputes);
- The constitution of the arbitral tribunal;
- Defining the applicable rules;
- Obtaining proof in the context of arbitration;
- Actions in support of (foreign) arbitration;
- The enforcement of awards (ICC, SCC, ICSID, UNCITRAL, Liverpool Cotton Association, EDF Rules, American Dispute Resolution Center, NAI, ad hoc, etc.), including the enforcement against sovereign entities.
- The setting aside of arbitral awards rendered in Belgium.

## Market recognition

“Respected, independent Belgian firm acting for clients before domestic and international-level courts and panels. Represents clients from various sectors, including technology, sports and food and drink, in litigation relating to damages claims and breach of contract disputes. Also assists with arbitrations and competition litigation”.

One client appreciates the firm's broad practice, stating: *“The firm can easily advise us in several areas, as it has a good group of lawyers specialised in specific areas.”* - Chambers Global, 2021.

“The *'strong and capable'* team at ALTIUS garners praise for its expertise in *'dealing with complex litigation with an international dimension'*; the practice also reports an uptick in arbitration mandates.” - Legal 500, 2020

**Alexander Hansebout** attracts praise from clients for being “extremely smart, practical and strategic” in negotiations. - Chambers Global, 2020.

Clients appreciate that **Alexander Hansebout** “*follows up cases methodically, making sure that he has the necessary information.*” - Chambers Europe 2019

*According to a client, ALTIUS' team is 'top of the line for litigation and enforcement'* Its recent mandates included disputes arising from the sports industry, as well as competition litigation and a wide range of arbitration cases.



One key names to note is the '*always available*' **Alexander Hansebout**. - Legal 500, 2021

One client notes that **Alexander Hansebout** is "*very efficient and has very good legal knowledge.*" - *Chambers Europe 2021*

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