

## DIGITAL FINANCE TEAM

*THE LEGAL EXPERTS ON FINANCIAL SERVICES, FINTECH, REGTECH AND INSURTECH IN BELGIUM.*

Simont Braun's **Digital Finance Team** is the first of its kind on the Belgian market. The team gathers renowned **tech and financial law experts** and combines financial law with ICT and data protection regulations. It is **deeply integrated** into the Belgian Financial Services & FinTech ecosystem and very well-connected with regulators, the academic world, and service providers on the ground in both Belgium and abroad.

### How can we help you?



Regulatory analysis



Licence application



Product screening



Contract drafting



eIDAS, AML & GDPR check



Corporate M&A



Dispute resolution

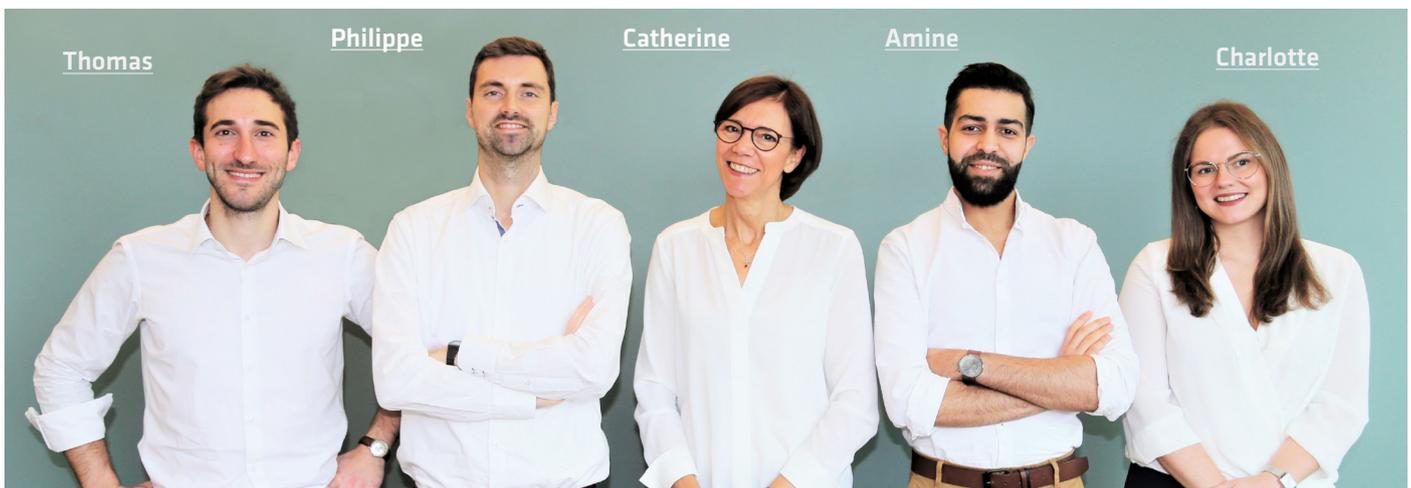
### Who do we assist?

**FinTech disruptors** learning to navigate a highly-regulated market

**Traditional financial institutions** switching to the digital age

**Local and Foreign actors** (both disruptors and incumbants) looking to enter the Belgian digital finance market

### Get in touch with us!



'Simont Braun, and especially the team of Catherine Houssa, are **the fintech specialists in Belgium**. They provide excellent legal advice and support for everything fintech related.' (IFLR 1000)

'Simont Braun is an **active player in the digital transformation of the financial services** sector in Belgium, with its team advising Belgian and overseas-based clients on a wide range of fintech projects' (The Legal 500)

## Recent projects

- Handling the set up and launch of a major **challenger bank** in Belgium digitally offering the full scale of financial services.
- Advising **payment service & e-money providers** on regulatory matters, such as licence applications, implementation of new regulations, product marketing and AML/KYC client onboarding procedures.
- Setting up **crowdfunding** platforms as well as the first alternative consumer lending platform in Belgium.
- Assisting **InsurTech** start-ups with the roll-out of different disruptive services.
- Supporting foreign **digital banks** in launching new credit and payment products in Belgium.
- Assisting international leading (digital) **money remitters** and local **e-invoicing** platforms.
- Exploring the boundaries of cutting-edge business models in light of **IP/ICT** regulations and **cybersecurity**.
- Assisting **RegTech** players on their contractual relationship with financial institutions.
- Advising the world's largest **social network** on the regulatory status of the **currencies** used in their online games.
- Regularly assisting local, UK and US-based **robo-advisors**.

## Did you know?

Simont Braun was the **first law firm** in Belgium to have a FinTech-dedicated team and is an active member of the **Belgian FinTech community**

We successfully assisted the FinTech unicorn **TransferWise** in obtaining a licence as a payment institution and moving to Belgium.

We assist the **European Commission** around cloud computing and outsourcing (FinTech Action Plan)

Possibility of **tailored or flexible fees** depending on your background, size, project...

## Our network

**Actors:** The Digital Finance Team is perfectly integrated to – and recognised by – the Digital Finance & FinTech community.

Simont Braun is an active partner and the sole law firm which took part in the creation of **FinTech Belgium**, which is the first and biggest community of digital finance actors and drivers in Belgium.

Our team makes sure to have a strong presence at key European FinTech events such as the **Paris FinTech Forum** and **Money2020**.

**Regulators & Universities:** We have excellent relations with the **FSMA** and the **National Bank of Belgium**, regularly meeting them in the context of licensing procedures, the set-up of innovative initiatives and the launch of new financial products by our clients.

Our team closely collaborates with top-tier local Universities and Business schools in their FinTech and Digital programs, like **Vlerick**, the FT#1 Business School in the Benelux Region notably in the framework of their various FinTech programmes, the **CRIDS**, the Centre of Research in Information, Law and Society of the University of Namur, and the **Institute for Financial Law** of the Ghent University.

**International best friends:** As an independent law firm, we can choose to work with the **most-suited and most-qualified law firms abroad** to meet our clients' expectations with precision and excellence. We are notably well connected with FinTech and financial services legal experts in Europe, the US, Japan and South Korea.