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HEC Liège-Management School of the University of Liège becomes the first full management school in Belgium (from Bachelor to PhD, through to executive education) with a double accreditation AACSB and EQUIS !

Liège, 16th August 2018 – the University of Liège has just received, for its management school HEC Liège, the prestigious quality label AACSB (The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business) for the excellence of its programmes, its student support, its research, its Faculty, its involvement in its economic environment, its Alumni network and its organisation.

Thanks to its double accreditation AACSB and EQUIS, HEC is the first full management school in Belgium (from Bachelor to PhD, through to executive education) to be part of the circle of 130 schools doubly accredited AACSB and EQUIS in the world and therefore belongs to the 0,75% of reference business schools worldwide.

This recognition is the result of a thorough examination process led by AACSB auditors, all of whom are deans of Business Schools ; it shows the School's commitment to training, in accordance with the highest standards of excellence, students who will become creative, versatile and responsible leaders, capable of facing future challenges in a global context.

The acquisition of quality labels such as AACSB or EQUIS, delivered by peers, has a direct impact on the visibility and the international influence of the School. It enables to better the quality of the portfolio of partner universities around the world, for the benefit of students and the opportunity for them to experience study periods abroad. This label also adds value, on an international level, to the university degree that students are provided with at the end of their studies

"The commitment of the University of Liège loyally reflects its professionalism towards its students, its Alumni network and the business world," says M. Bryant, Executive vice president and chief accreditation officer of AACSB International.

For Albert CORHAY, the University's chancellor, *"this new international recognition is a success for HEC Liège's minutely respected global positioning strategy. For our actual and future students, this is a guarantee that this training in management meets the highest quality standards."*

The Dean of HEC Liège, Wilfried NIESSEN, highlights the engagement of the University's Board that has supported the Management School throughout the process, as well as the amazing work executed by the School's various teams and components: professors, scientific and administrative staffs, students, Alumni, enterprises. This international recognition positions HEC Liège very distinctly on the map of international leading business schools.

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