

The Dutch-language version of business weekly *Trends* (9/10) (circ. 40,300) published a profile of Ambassador Howard W. Gutman – featuring a large picture of the Ambassador – in its ‘People’ section. A transcript of this article follows:

(People)

Howard W. Gutman (53)

Is: the new American Ambassador in Belgium

Was: business lawyer in Washington DC

“Back to the Ancient Bond of Friendship”

“Belgium and Luxemburg today are registered as reliable allies. The difficult relations with the Republicans and the passage of Louis Michel (MR) on Foreign Affairs disrupted those traditionally good contacts. With the new Ambassador of Democratic signature, Howard W. Gutman, bilateral relations should clear up all over again.”

“Americans still are the main investors in this country, while Belgium with its complex state structure for Washington remains a sort of a lab to learn to understand the complicated European construction. Luxemburg then again is important for financial reasons.”

“The new U.S. Ambassador in Brussels, business lawyer Howard W. Gutman, had an input into the campaign team of Barack Obama. He has integrated well in Washington DC, has been a partner over 26 years in the law firm Williams & Connolly LLP and made his reputation as an expert in commercial litigations. In the anti-trust case against Microsoft, he was one of the tenors for several American federal entities.”

“With that background, the Ambassador will closely monitor our fiscal legislation and what possibly could happen with our notional interest deduction system – the U.S. was for the record closely involved in the coming about of that legislation. Juicy detail: Gutman performed as an actor in the TV series ‘K Street’ about lobbies in Washington, in the role of a business lawyer.”