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Welcome to the Corporate INTL Who's Who Adviser Handbook 2019

The handbook is the definitive guide to individual advisory excellence, detailing the services on offer from professional advisers all around the world.

For ease of reference, we have separated the profiles into four regional sections: Europe, The Americas, Asia & Oceania and Africa & the Middle East. In addition, the handbook features a separate Listings section after the profiles, featuring the essential contact details for a wide variety of experts.

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We hope that the Who's Who Adviser Handbook 2019 proves useful and helps our readers gain access to global legal advisers in a number of specialist practice areas.

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The Importance of Choosing the Right Adviser

Selecting the right advisor for your specific business requirement is not always a simple matter. As such, it is vital to evaluate all of the available information to ensure the right decision is made. Even those with years of experience can be deterred by confusing jargon and the fear of not supplying the right documents.

Finding a suitable adviser can be a lengthy process, therefore it is always best to ensure that you choose wisely from the onset. Mistakes can be extremely costly, both in time and money. Also, you will of course want to ensure a positive outcome for your case with as little turmoil for your self and your company as possible. Placing your trust in the right adviser allows you to get on with your business as well as your life.

The Corporate INTL Who's Who Adviser Handbook 2019 is designed as the ideal reference source for management, in-house counsel and investors when choosing their advisers. It covers the regions: Africa & the Middle East, The Americas, Asia & Oceania and Europe.

At some point, all business owners will require legal advice. Lawyers have different areas of expertise, and can help you with a range of issues at any stage of your business lifecycle. Legal experts offer guidance in:

- Choosing your business structure;
- Licensing and complying with regulations;
- Drafting and understanding contracts and legal documents;
- Protecting your intellectual property;
- Resolving disputes;
- Debt and bankruptcy;
- Insurance and finance;
- Ending your business.

This Handbook profiles legal advisers in a multitude of practice areas, including:

Corporate Law

The practice of corporate law involves general corporate matters such as incorporation of companies, directors' and shareholders' rights, articles of association, board meetings, secretarial matters and public listing or delisting of companies among other things. It can be divided into corporate governance and corporate finance.

Corporate finance refers to the way a corporation is directed, administered and controlled. This involves balancing the interests of stakeholders in a company, including shareholders, management, customers, suppliers, financiers, government and the community.

Corporate governance refers to acquiring assets and how capital is used. This also extends to the acquisition and disposal of businesses.

A corporate lawyer deals mainly in business transactions. They specialise in several aspects of the law and how it relates to businesses, including matters affecting the creation, operation or dissolution of a corporation. One of the fundamental roles of a good corporate lawyer is helping the client achieve their objectives. They must be able to determine what a client needs, which is not always what they want.



Often, clients seeking an adviser will know what they want, without adequately identifying what they require – or recognising what qualifies as an objectively 'good' outcome. This is one of the roles of the adviser.

Creativity is another crucial trait of a corporate lawyer. They must be able to think 'outside of the box', and be confident in their abilities. Good judgement and problem-solving skills are also important as they are likely to come up against various complications.

Dispute Resolution, Arbitration & Litigation

Dispute resolution refers to the methods used to resolve disputes between parties. It can be separated into litigation and alternate dispute resolution (ADR).

Litigation is the specific process of taking a case through the courts. Most courts require the parties to attend a settlement conference to determine if the case can be resolved before the trial. If a settlement is not reached, litigation continues to trial.

ADR is an alternative to using litigation to settle disputes, including arbitration, mediation, negotiation and collaborative law. Its rising popularity can be attributed to the increasing caseload of courts, the lower cost compared with litigation and a greater emphasis on client confidentiality.

In arbitration, participation is usually voluntary and there is a third party who imposes a resolution. Arbitrations often occur because parties to contracts agree that any future dispute concerning the agreement will be resolved by impartial individuals. Retired judges or private lawyers are able to re-train as arbitrators or mediators; however, trained and qualified non-legal dispute resolution specialists form a growing body within the ADR field.

It is important for a lawyer to be able to choose the best method of dispute resolution for their client. Litigation can be a costly unnecessary route for a case that can be solved through one of the ADR processes. However, sometime a case must be taken through court. Therefore, a good dispute resolution lawyer must also be able to handle litigation.

Intellectual Property Law

Intellectual Property (IP) covers the legal property rights over creations of the mind – artistic and commercial – and the corresponding fields of law. Common types of IP include copyrights, trademarks, patents, industrial design rights and trade secrets. IP is an extremely valuable asset for many businesses. Therefore, choosing the right representative to assist them is vital.

Intellectual property law is highly complex and should only be handled by a specialist IP lawyer. A regular lawyer will possibly have basic IP law knowledge, but an IP lawyer will have specialised knowledge of IP law as they tend to practise exclusively within that area.

Experience is very important when choosing the correct IP lawyer for your case. The main things to research are their years of experience and if they have experience handling cases similar to yours. In addition, attorneys must have a certain educational background. Particularly regarding patent law, they must have passed an examination in order to be admitted to the Patent Bar Association.

Tax Law

Tax law covers the rules and policies that oversee the tax process. It refers to charges on estates, transactions, property, income and licences, among others, by the government, as well as duties on imports from foreign countries and all compulsory levies imposed by the government upon individuals for benefit of the state.

If you require assistance regarding tax law, a specialist tax attorney is the most prudent option. If your tax issue involves IRS, you should choose a tax attorney who is licensed to represent clients before the IRS. They should also have a



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good reputation with the bar association of your jurisdiction.

Other things to consider when choosing a tax attorney are if they will be personally handling your case; how many cases they have handled; the ratio of cases that went to trial to those that were settled; and the outcomes of those cases.

The main thing you have to remember is that you will be sharing personal and confidential information with your chosen tax attorney. Therefore you must be comfortable with them and feel that they can be trusted to represent your interests.

Legal & Finance Issues (Including Private Equity / Venture Capital and Investment Funds, etc)

Financial planners advise clients on how best to save, invest and grow their money. They can assist clients in tackling a specific financial goal or give them a macro view of their money and the interplay of their various assets. Some specialise, while some others consult on a range of financial matters.

When choosing the right financial adviser, many of the same considerations apply as when selecting a legal adviser. The field of investment funds is particularly multi-faceted, as it is an area that can be looked at from many different angles, each with their own unique considerations.

A financial adviser will be specialised in the structuring of a new fund, and the advantages or disadvantages inherent in more cross-border-based solutions. They may also assist with monitoring and supervising the financial risks involved in pooling monies into a mutual fund (which might be an option that is only available for larger investors).

Meanwhile, a legal adviser in the investment funds field will be best placed to advise on matters of legal liability applicable to a collective investment undertaking – as jurisdictions invariably have their own unique regulatory and legal requirements.

On a more general level, a financial adviser can help you to develop an overall financial strategy for your business. Your financial adviser's job is to collect detailed information about your financial situation and provide advice that encompasses investing, superannuation, retirement and succession planning, risk management, insurance and tax.

Considerations when Choosing an Adviser:

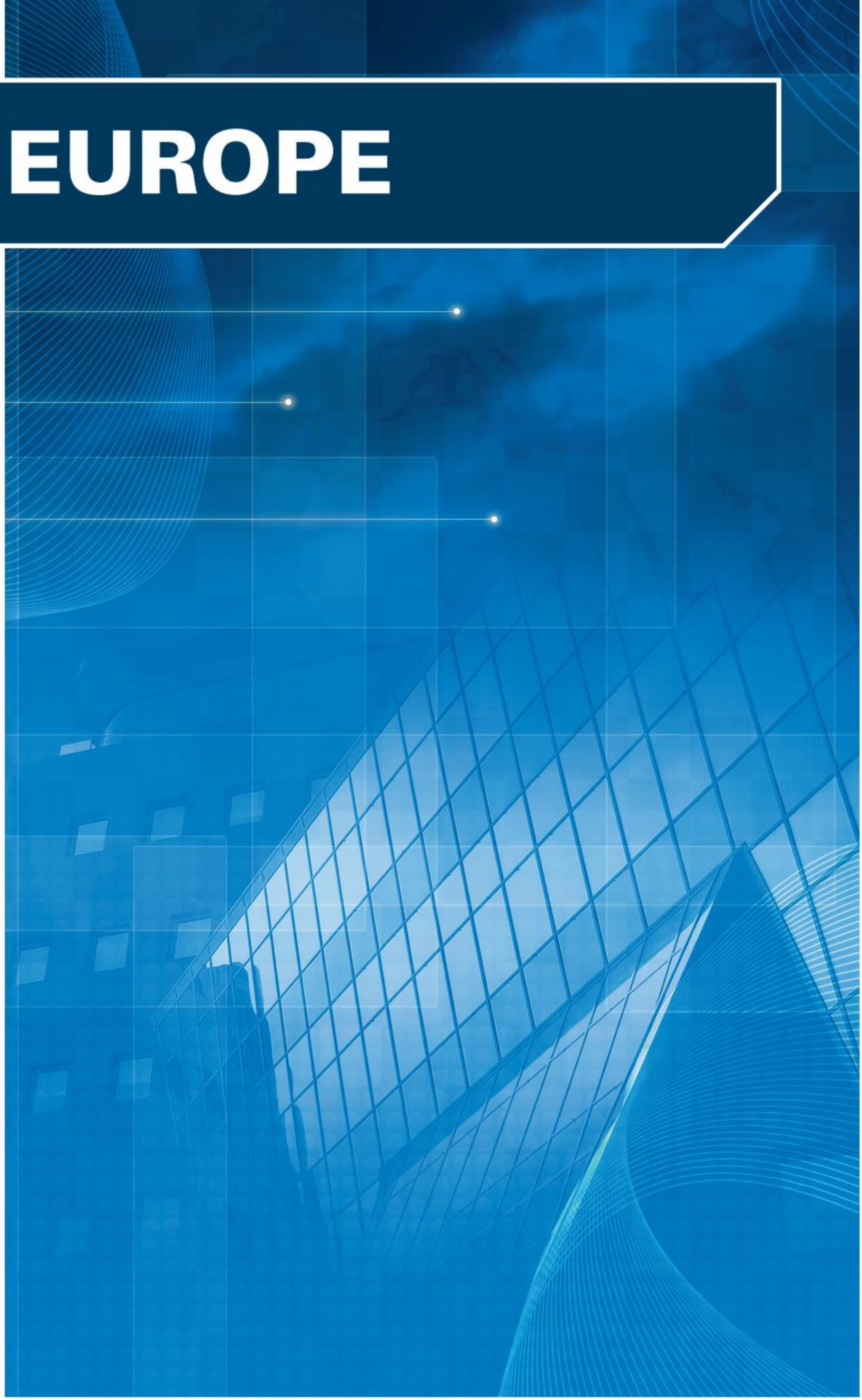
- What you want them to assist with – what kind of adviser;
- Their specific experience areas / specialisations – years of experience;
- Legitimate qualifications – i.e., when they were admitted to the bar;
- Past cases – success rate;
- Price for services – cost effective: what you can afford;
- Whether they are a boutique or a large firm.

234Finance, a social space that promotes entrepreneurship, leadership and business investments, states that the nature of your legal problem or legal concerns will help you determine the type of lawyer or law firm you want to hire.

"Some lawyers may have particular specialties and the profile of a law firm may show vocational expertise in some areas of practice more than others. Your goal is to find a lawyer with whom you are comfortable with on a personal and professional basis. It is imperative that you hire a legal professional you can trust to handle your case and represent your interest to best of his or her professional and intellectual ability."

According to Resilum, a provider of business insurance and public liability insurance, "as long as you choose carefully, seeking outside business advice can be one of the best ways to grow your business. It can also help you seize opportunities that might otherwise have flown under the radar."

EUROPE



According to the OECD, economic growth in the euro area is set to moderate to just above 1.2% in 2020. Accommodative monetary policy and some fiscal easing will support domestic demand, particularly private consumption and employment. Investment will remain quite strong, signalling continued favourable finance conditions and a need to expand capacity. Inflation is projected to rise gradually, as stronger wage growth and dissipating slack translate into sustained increases in core inflation.

Monetary policy should be firmly committed to remaining accommodative as long as required to attain the inflation objective, while making preparations for gradual normalisation. The euro area fiscal stance is projected to be slightly expansionary in 2019 – 20. As this expansion continues, governments should improve their fiscal positions and reduce debt. Improving skills, reforming product markets, completing the single market for goods and services – as well as progress with the banking union – are the safest guarantee for resilience and inclusive growth.

Meanwhile, economic growth in the UK is projected to increase slightly in 2019's final data, before slowing in 2020, on the assumption that there is a relatively smooth exit from the EU. Some Brexit-related uncertainties will remain until there is clarity regarding any future trading agreements. An expansionary fiscal stance and a slow recovery in exports are expected to support growth, while the monetary stimulus will be gradually withdrawn. Inflation is projected to converge to 2% by the end of 2020.

With inflation above target and large uncertainties remaining, monetary policy should normalise at a slow pace. The fiscal impulse is expected to peak during 2019. The OECD noted that the authorities should be ready to respond if demand weakens notably as a result of Brexit. Economically, the preferred Brexit option should be to forge an agreement that will ensure the closest possible trading relationship with the EU and high access for financial services to overseas markets. Temporary measures will be required to mitigate the effects on the economy, and to support those who lose their jobs in case of a no-deal exit.

In addition, the European Commission notes that private consumption in the EU and the euro area in general remains strong, while exports and investment have increased. Unemployment continues to fall and is now around pre-crisis levels. The number of people in work in the euro area is now at its highest since the introduction of the euro, but some labour-market slack remains in the euro area. While in certain member states unemployment is still high, in others, job vacancies are already getting harder to fill. However, the economy is more exposed to external risk factors, which have strengthened and become increasingly detrimental. Robust growth is facilitating a further reduction in government deficit and debt levels and an improvement in labour market conditions.

Valdis Dombrovskis, Vice-President for the Euro and Social Dialogue, also in charge of Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union, commented: "Economic expansion in Europe is set to continue at a solid pace […] supporting further job creation. However, we also see increased risks on the horizon. This is why we should use the current good times to make our economies more resilient. This means building fiscal buffers, reforming our economies to foster productivity and investment, and making our growth model more inclusive. It also means strengthening the foundations of our Economic and Monetary Union."

Pierre Moscovici, Commissioner for Economic and Financial Affairs, Taxation and Customs, said: "Europe continues to enjoy robust growth, which has helped drive unemployment to a ten-year low. Investment is rising and public finances are improving. […] The biggest risk to this rosy outlook is protectionism, which must not become the new normal: that would only hurt those of our citizens we most need to protect."

In 2017, real GDP growth reached 2.4% in the EU and in the euro area as the economy moved into higher gear. Growth was supported by high consumer and business confidence, stronger global growth, low financing costs, healthier private sector balance sheets and brighter labour market conditions. While data shows that activity cooled in 2018, particularly the start of that year, this looks likely to be partly temporary. Growth in both the EU and the euro area is projected to ease to 2.0% in 2019's final figures, as bottlenecks become more apparent in some countries and sectors, monetary policy is adjusted to circumstances, and global trade growth calms somewhat.

Consumer price inflation weakened in 2018, but is picking up, partly due to oil prices that have recently increased. Underlying price pressures are also building as a result of tighter labour markets and faster wage growth in many member states. Overall, inflation in the euro area remained fairly static in 2018's data – remaining, as in 2017, at around 1.5%, before a forecast rise to 1.6% in 2019. In the EU, the same pattern is expected, but with inflation forecast to rise from 1.7% (as of 2018) to 1.8% (in 2019).

The aggregate general government deficit of the euro area is now forecast to drop to 0.6% of GDP in 2019's final estimations. In the EU, the aggregate deficit is forecast to be at 0.8% in 2019. The euro area's debt-to-GDP ratio is forecast to fall to 84.1% in 2019, with declines projected for almost all member states.

All things considered, the risks to the forecast have risen and are now focused towards the downside. Recent indicators have reduced the chances that growth in Europe might turn out stronger than expected in the near term. Market uncertainty is likely to become a more permanent prospect – in part due to the fact that we do not yet know the status quo of future trading relations between the EU27 and the UK.

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Lavoielegal is committed to providing expert advice at the best value for money, with the hands-on involvement of a highly experienced practitioner. Our service is founded on the values of excellence, integrity, independence and understanding of business needs. We have advised on EU competition law across a range of industries, including in particular financial services.

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IP Consulting is a European and Bulgarian patent and trade mark attorney firm. It is a specialised office offering a wide range of services in the field of intellectual property – registration and enforcement of patents, utility models, trade marks (national and European Union trade marks registrations), geographical indications, industrial design (national and community design), plant varieties, copyright, domain names.

The firm also offers intellectual property management, searches, trade mark watching, protection against unfair competition, consumer protection (including product recall), border control (enforcement and goods destruction), valuation of IP assets, outsourcing, translations, project management, legal consultation, litigation, dispute resolution, enforcement and anti-infringement actions.

IP Consulting's advantage is that it offers comprehensive services and management of intellectual property in the EU and South-East Europe, performed by approved specialists and chartered attorneys.

The firm's team is comprised of intellectual property attorneys, lawyers and intellectual property specialists.

IP Consulting is member of: INTA (International trade mark association); ECTA (European Communities Trade Mark Association); AIPPI (International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property); AmCham in Bulgaria (American Chamber of Commerce in Bulgaria); FICPI (International Federation of Intellectual Property Attorneys); UNION (UNION of European Patent Attorneys); TMOBG (Association of Trade Mark Owners in Bulgaria); and EPI (European Patent Institute).

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Tornaritis Law Firm

Tornaritis Law Firm is a leading Cypriot law firm which provides local and international clients a sophisticated, premier-quality work product in high-stakes legal services.

The firm has many years of experience and was suggested as local contributor to the Doing Business Project on Cyprus by the International Finance Corporation of the World Bank Group.

Tornaritis Law Firm works with a number of the major international law firms on a regular basis and, in particular, with DLA Piper, one of the world's largest global business law firms, with respect to disputes, regulatory and compliance, and insolvency and restructuring matters in the financial services sector.

Our breadth of experience enables us to offer a wide range of skills to suit the individual needs and demands of each one of our clients. We conduct our work with a high degree of professionalism and dedication, and provide an expert, sensitive service for all of our clients.

The firm has a uniquely flexible and entrepreneurial culture that fosters partnerships with our clients. Knowing the law is not enough. We understand our clients' business objectives and address their legal needs in a manner that is consistent with the "big picture."

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Giorgos Landas

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Giorgos is specialised in company law, including but not limited to: corporate litigation; joint ventures; corporate formation and reorganisation; partnerships and shareholders' relationships; and cross border mergers and acquisitions. Giorgos, along with his team of qualified lawyers, undertakes local and multi-jurisdictional company formation offering consultation and support from the incorporation of a company to dissolution, together with its continuous administration. In addition, Giorgos and the team also provide business advisory services for current or future businesses wishing to develop their business or company, examining the legal part, tax and risks.

Giorgos Landas LLC is dedicated to its clients, their needs and their interests. The firm has developed a good reputation and created a team of talented, enthusiastic and experienced professionals with wide a spectrum of expertise. The team's main goal is to assist, consult and stand by their clients in legal matters and procedures.

The firm provides services to businesses and private clients in corporate, contract, commercial, property, tax, banking and immigration law, with utmost of care and scrutiny to each and every case. Further, the litigation department undertakes and advises the firm's clients in matters such as: corporate litigation; civil procedures; road accidents and insurance claims; family law; administration of estate; employment law; criminal law; banking and finance; landlord-tenant disputes, etc.

Additionally, the firm offers its clients the opportunity to enter into a contract with confidence and security, knowing that it is made and reviewed with diligence and emphasis on the details. The firm performs the drafting, reviewing and execution of various contracts covering the needs and protecting the interests of its clients.

Furthermore, the firm aims to support individuals and entities to resolve any disputes for their mutual gain and reach agreements that are acceptable and satisfactory to all. It has the expertise and experience to weigh the pros and cons of positions, to evaluate the consequences of the client's choices, and to provide appropriate guidance on the most complex issues.

The firm provides its services to both local and international clients and takes into account the importance of the geographical and political position of Cyprus, which has turned the island into a financial and business centre attracting investors, business men and women as well as employers and employees from all over the world to relocate and work in Cyprus.

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The Team

Based on an individualistic approach to ensure strict confidentiality, high quality and service excellence, the firm's dynamic team of hard working professional and perfectionist advocates and legal consultants together with experienced and skilled specialists, supported with well educated, talented and creative young individuals, and headed by its founder, the advocate and legal consultant Mr Andreas Afxentiou Georghiou, who has 37 years experience and leads the practice of the firm, are widely appreciated for their integrity, reliability, discretion, know–how and expertise and are recognised as the preferred partners by the firm's worldwide clientele, associates, agents and allies.

The team operates on a departmental basis and all the firm's departments are represented in the firm's Operating Committee which is chaired by the firm's chairman–CEO.

The Operating Committee

The firm's Operating Committee provides the vision and the strategic planning and deals with the daily operation, administration and policy issues of the firm in order to render the highest possible values to its clients.

Each member of the firm's Operating Committee is responsible for ensuring that all the requirements and expectations of each client are dealt with professionalism, effectiveness and promptness.

The Clientele

The firm's clientele consists of commercial banks, investment companies and funds, trusts, local and international companies, as well as high-net-worth individual business persons and investors, with activities in trading, commerce, business, logistics, manufacturing, construction, real estate, hotels, travel and tours, aviation, shipping, investments, stock trading, intellectual property, information technology, electronics, telecommunication, engineering, mining, energy, project management and advisory services.

The Mission

The firm's mission is the legal protection and the effective safeguarding of the rights and the interests of its clients, as well as the provision of one–stop–full qualitative legal, paralegal and associate services with immediate and personal service.

The Vision

The firm's vision is always to be the best and the leading boutique law firm in the specialised fields of the legal, paralegal and associate services it provides within its expertise.

The Philosophy

The firm's philosophy is to always specialising in its fields of expertise and to continue to focus thereon.

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Mayia was born in Nicosia, Cyprus. She graduated from the University of Manchester (LLB with honours) in the United Kingdom and after having successfully completed the Bar Professional Training Course (BPTC), she was called to the Bar of England & Wales and is a member of the Honourable Society of Gray's Inn, as well as of the Famagusta and Cyprus Bar Association. Mayia has obtained a Masters in Law (LLM) specialising in corporate law from University College London (UCL). She is a Conciliator and an accredited Mediator from the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Cyprus, and is a member of the Cyprus Consumer Center for Alternative Dispute Resolution.

Mayia has extensive experience in real estate matters and provides assistance to both local and international clients. She has represented the interests of both major developers in high profile development projects and small buyers alike, offering the full spectrum of services, from initial advice until finalisation of the property registration process. She is also acting on behalf of the real estate departments of major banking institutions in Cyprus, advising them in regards to the acquisition of properties through debt for asset swaps, sales, distributions, leases and in general all real estate matters.

Kleopas & Kleopas LLC has more than 40 years of experience, and its members take pride in their commitment to provide extensive legal services, which have been tailored to meet the needs of each and every client, leading to successful and long-term relationships.

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Patrick Harrington has an established fraud practice throughout England and Wales and, sometimes, abroad. Unusually, he both prosecutes and defends at the highest level.

He prosecuted "Operation Bulkead" a film tax fraud with high profile defendants. He was originally instructed in 2008. Guilty verdicts were returned in May 2016.

With Ben Douglas-Jones (now QC) he prosecuted "Operation Valgus" a mortgage fraud involving 800 residential properties. The trial lasted five months. The convictions were upheld in the Court of Appeal.

He prosecuted "Operation Penco" (whilst the jury was in retirement in "Bulkhead") a boiler room fraud involving sales of "carbon credits" tried by HHJ Korner QC at Southwark Crown Court.

He represented the principal defendant in R v Eric Evans and others [2014] 1 WLR 2817 in which Higginbottom J (as he then was) dismissed the case. He also acted in the sequel in which Fulford LJ declined to grant the SFO a voluntary bill of indictment R v Evans [2014] EWHC 3803 (QBD).

He represented the first named defendant, Dominic Ryder, in "Operation Lunar" (2017) a £324m alleged fraud against the Revenue. This case was dismissed by HHJ Simon Drew QC; a decision to seek a voluntary bill of indictment by the SFO was abandoned after much further consideration.

He acted for Dr MG (instructed by Philip Williams of Blackfords) a director of Rolls Royce against whom the SFO recently abandoned their attempts

He was recently instructed GHP Solicitors (Wrexham) for AW whom the Special Casework Division of the CPS investigated with eight others for alleged misfeasance in public office. They recently indicated no prosecution is to ensue.

Apart from fraud, Patrick has a large general crime practice having acted for prosecution and defence in over 250 homicide cases. He also practises in Health and Safety throughout England and Wales.

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A highly experienced litigator, Simon Vumbaca has a client centric approach to all cases, always operating in the client's best interests. Direct, robust and tenacious, his passion for the sea and sailing influences and informs his approach to handling complex cases.

He says "At sea, it is what it is, there is no escaping and you have to be resourceful….It is about understanding, respect and improvisation. The margin between success and failure lies in extensive preparation, resourcefulness and experience". These principles are the foundation of his practice.

With a reputation for fiercely protecting his clients, he operates with the utmost discretion. A private man, he somewhat eschews conventionality, enjoying an active and outdoors lifestyle with his family.

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Jonathan has over 40 years experience as a lawyer and mediator, specialising in commercial law. Jonathan's considerable, diverse experience as a mediator has brought him great success in settling disputes, both in the UK and internationally.

His vast experience and the range of mediation and arbitration cases that he has been involved with, have given him the tact and robustness that leads to a satisfactory conclusion, enabling all parties to cost-effectively put the case behind them and get on with their business. He has particular expertise in International commercial law, including settling cases in shipping, maritime, energy, insurance, international trade and commerce across a range of jurisdictions.

Jonathan is one of the founder members of the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution (CEDR) and is well known for the use of the Alternate Dispute Resolution (ADR) principle in resolving cases. His wise guidance, flexible approach and excellent communications skills as a team player make him the right choice for both complex and more straightforward mediation cases.

Jonathan is also fully accredited by and a member of the International Mediation Institute and a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. He has lectured worldwide and written numerous articles on the subject of mediation. He is co-author of a number of publications relating to ADR and Commercial Disputes.

Among Jonathan's other qualifications, he has also been accredited as Mediator by International Mediation Institute, Singapore International Mediation Institute, CEDR, ADR Net & Academy of Experts.

Jonathan was awarded Global Shipping & Maritime Lawyer of the Year for both 2010 and 2011 by Who's Who Legal. In December 2011 he featured in Lloyd's List of Top Ten Legal Personalities and was a finalist for the Lloyd's List global Shipping & Maritime Lawyer of the Year award 2012. More recently he has also been awarded 'Mediation Expert of the Year in England' as part of the 2019 Global Law Experts Annual Awards.

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Professor Bill Ribbans qualified as a doctor from the Royal Free Hospital, London in 1980. His post-graduate training was principally in London with specialist fellowships in Sheffield and Harvard University.

In 1991, he was appointed as an Orthopaedic Consultant Surgeon in 1991 to the Royal Free Hospital in London. In 1996, he returned to his home town to commence work at Northampton General Hospital. In 2012, he entered into full-time Private Practice. His specialist areas are the knee, foot and ankle, and sports injuries.

In 2005, he was appointed Visiting Professor in Surgical Sciences to the University of Northampton and to a full personal Chair in Sports Medicine in 2010.

Professor Ribbans is Medical Director of the Chris Moody Rehabilitation Centre at Moulton College since its inception in 2011. He travels extensively at home and abroad to lecture and has a wide-ranging research programme in both clinical and basic science spheres.

Professor Ribbans is involved with a number of local and national sporting organizations and acts as Chief Medical Officer to Northamptonshire County Cricket Club and Honorary Orthopaedic Surgeon to the English National Ballet and to Northampton Town FC.

Professor Ribbans has undertaken medico-legal work since 1985. He has experience of both Personal Injury assessment and Clinical Negligence.

Professor Ribbans has worked with both Plaintiffs and Defendants and attended conferences in Chambers and given Expert Evidence in Court both in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland.

From 2003-2006, Professor Ribbans was a member of the British Orthopaedic Association's Professional Practices Committee and from 2008-2014 the Medico-Legal Committee.

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Tuomas Koskinen has been involved in several large bankruptcies, some of them involving secondary bankruptcies in other EU countries. He has both acted as a bankruptcy estate administrator as well as represented creditors. Tuomas acts with both international and Finnish customers. He always strives to maximise the value offered to his clients in bankruptcies to avoid throwing good money after bad, as may too often be the case.

A successful bankruptcy is mostly about good coordination with the largest creditors and the bankruptcy estate administrator. In bankruptcies holding difficult-to-liquidate assets, a successful liquidation requires swift action. Therefore, it is often in the best interests of creditors to acquire local counsel at least in the initial stages of bankruptcy.

Tuomas has also experience with recovery actions, both from the side of the bankruptcy estate as well as the defendant of such actions. In any situation where the bankrupt company has paid considerable amounts to its creditors or other parties before bankruptcy, there is always a good reason to consult with an insolvency lawyer to estimate the risk of a later recovery action.

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Founded in 1997 by Clotilde Cazamajour, UrbanLaw Avocats provides legal advice and assistance to public entities (national or locals) and major French and international groups. The company has offices in Bordeaux, Paris & Toulouse with a national skill for major infrastructure projects. UrbanLaw Avocats specialises in public business law, environmental law, real estate promotion & litigation. It also specialises in smart cities management and luxury real estate (Bordeaux wines...). Clotilde Cazamajour is also real estate agent.

The firms is characterised by a pragmatic and positive culture to always find solutions for its clients. The firm's lawyers ensure due diligence and operational arrangements for public and private projects, supporting its clients all along their process (legal engineering, legal due diligence, etc.) Through their daily litigation experience, they anticipate risks and systematically seek effective and sustainable solutions.

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UrbanLaw Avocats lawyers are innovative actors of the new world. They accompany public and private clients in the definition and implementation of their new challenges or uses induced by the digital revolution (international Smart City experience, networks and connected objects, public data, GDPR, blockchain, etc.).

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Finally, UrbanLaw Avocats offers several pricing methods according to the needs and expectations of its clients ("Basic" and "Premium" packages, or hourly fees for the "Made-to-measure" formula).

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Ludovic Timbal Duclaux de Martin spent more than 10 years in magic circle law firms. He is regarded by peers as having strong writing and technical skills (French and English) and a developed legal culture. He is also seen as having an undeniable technical expertise with commercial insight and a strong capability to convey complex topics in engaging and accessible ways. He was seconded to an investment bank and, in 2006, to London (capital markets).

Me Ludovic Timbal Duclaux de Martin graduated from the Paris bar, Paris Nanterre (X), Paris Sud (XI), University of London and holds a certificate in private law and contract enforcement in the United States of America and in France from Yale University / Paris Panthéon – Assas (II), (being the valedictorian of the paper research/thesis).

In 2015, he created his own law firm. In 2018 and 2019, Ludovic won numerous awards. In 2019 Me Ludovic Timbal Duclaux de Martin was awarded a Top Tier recognition by M&A Today (Business Litigation Lawyer of the Year and Regulatory Lawyer of the Year - France). He is the member of AE (Advisory Excellence) for capital markets, corporate and business law, the member of GLE (Global Law Experts) for intellectual property, the member of LIL (Leaders in Law) for sports law and is part of the Corporate INTL Who's Who. Seen as open minded, he is also considered as dynamic.

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Samuel Crevel

A recognised specialist in agriculture law, Samuel Crevel's day-to-day practice consists of assisting operators in this sector (farmers, cooperatives, merchants, inter-professional organisations, landowners, etc.) in all aspects of the production and sale of food-products.

Most frequently, he advises operators in connection with farming rights (rural leases, SAFER, monitoring of farming structures, structuring and transfers of farming operations).

Samuel Crevel is also frequently called upon to advise forest owners with respect to the management of their property.

He is regularly called upon to advise regional governments, notably when such governments (or their elected officials) are the subject of criminal prosecution.

Samuel is a lecturer at the University of Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne (Professional Master 2 in European Law: "Law governing agriculture and the agri-food chain"). He is a member of the Strategy Committee of the "Haut conseil de la coopération agricole" (High Council of Rural Cooperation).

He was honoured by the French Government as Knight of the Order of Agricultural Merit.

Samuel is also the scientific co-director of Revue de Droit Rural (Rural Law Review). As such, Samuel has authored a monthly chronicle on rural leases, SAFERs and farming structure controls, as well as articles on these areas and agricultural cooperatives.

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Evelyne Friedel

Evelyne Friedel has been a member of the Paris Bar since 1992. Since 2008, Evelyne has been a partner in Taylor Wessing's Paris office, where she heads two departments: "Competition, Distribution and Sales" and "Life Sciences".

Evelyne started her career with Hyman Phelps & McNamara in 1989, a major food & drug law firm of Washington DC. She then worked for 16 years at the Paris offices of Siméon & Associés, Lovells and Jones Day.

As a specialist in European and competition law, Evelyne has handled major competition cases, in particular before the European Commission and the French Competition Authority. Evelyne also deals with notifications of mergers and acquisitions.

Experienced in contract law and in commercial law, Evelyne drafts and analyses R&D, license, distribution, agency agreements, and all types of commercial agreements.

Evelyne also assists clients in the context of their general compliance policy, particularly with regard to anti-corruption rules. As such, she is involved in the development of their risk mapping, handles the training of their employees and drafts their compliance programs.

Evelyne has developed an expertise on regulatory and compliance issues for the pharmaceutical and medical industry law (clinical research agreements, relationships between the industry and medical practitioners, etc.).

Finally, Evelyne deals with litigation and represents clients before the Competition authorities, as well as before civil and commercial courts.

Evelyne assists clients at an international level, from start-ups to major groups. Clients include Ricoh (International, Europe, France), Laboratoires Thea and its European subsidiaries, AXA, Diana (Symrise Group), Cutera (Inc. and France), Biotest, Theramex.

Evelyne has lectured for several years at the University Paris (Panthéon Assas) and at the Institute of Political Studies of Paris (Sciences Po) and at the Ecole Supérieure de Commerce of Clermont Ferrand. Evelyne regularly publishes articles in the field of competition, regulatory and distribution law.

Evelyne has a Doctor of Laws degree (thesis on the extraterritorial of US and EU competition laws), two post-graduate degrees in EU Law and in international trade law (Paris University), as well as a Master of Laws (LLM) in Common law studies (Georgetown University Law Center, Washington D.C.).

In addition, Evelyne is actively involved on a pro bono basis in the defense of the fundamental rights of people with disabilities and people with autism. She is the vice-president of the NGO Autism-Europe (former president 2008-2012). She has represented Autism-Europe before the European Commission, the Council of Europe, the United Nations and the WHO.

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John Brown consults to professionals in the field of trust law, providing specialist advice for lawyers, accountants and trust companies. In the area of litigation, he works principally with senior barristers who are engaged in litigation that involves trusts, providing specialised assistance and solutions. He has also had considerable experience as an in-house commercial lawyer. John is currently based in Europe providing specialised consultancy services.

John is a seasoned adviser with decades of experience in the fields of trusts, and asset and estate planning. He is a barrister of the High Court of New Zealand, a member of: New Zealand Law Society, New Zealand Bar Association, Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand (member and co-convenor NZ Trusts Special Interest Group), STEP (member of the NZ education committee and STEP international contentious trusts & estates SIG committee).

John is the author and reporter of New Zealand Trust Reports (NZTR), an official law report series covering High Court and appellate court judgments concerning trusts, author and editor of New Zealand Trusts & Asset Planning Guide (1999-to the present day), editor and a co-author of New Zealand Master Trusts Guide, (published by CCH/Wolters Kluwer). John's expertise has also equipped him as an experienced conference, seminar and webinar speaker.

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As member of the Paris bar, Armelle Maitre was involved in the creation of the law firm Stehlin & Associés after six years spent at the Paris law firm Klein & Associés in corporate law and tax law. She became a partner of Stehlin & Associés in the M&A and corporate practice in 1991. Today, she leads the corporate and M&A team.

Ms Maitre hold a master's degree in business law from the University of Paris-II Assas and a DEA (post-graduate degree) in business law from the University of Paris-I Panthéon-Sorbonne; she practices in both French and English.

Ms Maitre has been recognised for her expertise in M&A, private equity, corporate law and incorporation of companies, and financing and capital markets.

Her clients include small, medium and mid-tier sized companies, investment funds and managers. While she has never intended to limit her practice to a single sector, she has more specific expertise in the food sector, financial and banking sectors, luxury products industry, new technologies and steel and chemical industry.

Her recent work includes advising Artal on its sale of 100% of the Mankattan Group in China to the Mexican Grupo Bimbo group, the world's largest industrial baking company.

According to Ms Maitre, her main strength is her involvement with her clients, her capacity to find tailor-made and pragmatic legal solutions, her solid corporate and M&A background gained in working on a wide range of transactions for over 30 years and her transversal approach to assist them in solving complex and strategic operations, from the preliminary step (spin-off, carve-out) to the implementation of post-acquisition or merger integration processes.

"I distinguish myself from competitors thanks to a cohesive and stable team, a real commitment and being partner of an independent law firm" she said.

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Magdalena (Lena) graduated from renowned Passau University law school in 2014 and passed her German bar exam with distinction. During her legal studies, Lena not only excelled in German law, but also worked extensively for law firms in Spain to further her international law expertise. This laid the groundwork for her exceptionally large network of personally known "go-to-lawyers" all over Europe and the US. In case you need an excellent business lawyer anywhere in Europe, Lena knows who to contact.

Lena joined Graf & Partners LLP as an associate in 2015 and 2017 made full partner in record time due to her extremely efficient approach to commercial and corporate law cases. Since then, she has successfully completed her training as a certified specialist in commercial and corporate law.

In addition to being a certified corporate law specialist, Lena also has a strong background in international probate, estate planning and family office management. Among her clients are many international families, high-net individuals, professional athletes and entertainers.

She regularly contributes posts to the expert blog on German litigation www.germancivilprocedure.com and the blog on British-German legal matters www.crosschannellawyers.com

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Stefan is a hands-on, experienced and effective trial-lawyer for corporate litigation in all German courts of first and second instance. He is furthermore recommended for commercial litigation, as well as any kind of arbitration.

Stefan advises his clients in national and international corporate and commercial law and enforces their claims in German state courts as well as in national and international arbitral tribunals. Stefan is also a lecturer at the German Military University in Munich. Amongst others, his lectures focus on German corporate law and international trade law.

After having obtained a high school degree in the US as well as a German-French high school degree in Germany, Stefan studied law at the universities of Muenster, Lodz / Poland and Berlin. In Muenster, he chaired the Muenster University Debating Union, one of the oldest and most successful Debating Unions in Germany, and regularly took part in debating tournaments in German and English. After his legal clerkship with the Higher Regional Court Berlin, Stefan worked for one of the worldwide largest US-based law firms from 2009 until 2011. From 2011 until 2017, he worked for one of the leading German international law firms.

Stefan's recent experience includes advising in: a highly complex shareholder court battle between two 50% CEO-shareholders; various injunction court proceedings; various cross-border court proceedings; complex disputes in all relevant corporate forms under German law; and arbitration cases under the rules of the ICC, the DIS and ad-hoc proceedings.

He is a member of the American Bar Association (International Arbitration Committee), the German Institution of Arbitration, the committee on international law in the German Lawyers' Association, the German-American Lawyers' Association, the German-Polish Lawyers' Association, the Toenissteiner Kreis, the German Youth for Understanding Committee, the Muenster University Debating Union, the German Debating Society and of the German Council on Foreign Relations.

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Guenter Degitz has more than 25 years of professional experience in international investigations and electronic discovery projects. The matters he worked on concerned management misconduct, antitrust violations, sanctions breaches, money laundering, corruption, breaches of US tax obligations, dispute resolutions, product liability, data leaks, and data privacy breaches.

He advised financial institutions and corporates in the context of government enforcement actions and compliance transformation programs. His engagements covered a wide range of industries, reaching from financial services and private equity to automotive, telecommunications, consumer goods, logistics and transportation, pharmaceuticals, sports and entertainment. He had been engaged in high-profile forensic investigations and in the context of monitorships and independent examinerships of different US authorities.

Guenter Degitz made key contributions to the development of new digital investigation tools and methods. Such tools and methods had later been replicated and customised for other investigations around the globe and are used to analyse activities or complex networks abused for bribery, tax evasion, money laundering, or sanctions circumventions.

Prior to joining AlixPartners, Guenter Degitz was a managing director with Alvarez & Marsal, a partner with KPMG, and a director with The Boston Consulting Group. He has a master's degree in informatics from the University of Karlsruhe.

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Stephan Roider is founder of ROIDER IP, an aspiring Patent law firm established in 2013. He has an impressive track record of more than 11 years working in the field of intellectual property and possesses a technical degree in physics and industry experience due to his work for technology companies. This combination of highly qualified legal and technical expertise allows him to understand his clients' objectives and provide focused intellectual property services for achieving them.

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Robert Klinski studied electrical engineering and telecommunications at the Technical University Hamburg-Harburg and received his doctorate with honours from the Munich Technical University in the field of digital signal processing for multicarrier systems. During his doctorate he worked with the Fraunhofer Institute for Communication Systems in Munich where he designed wired and wireless communication systems and held the position of a project and group leader. Furthermore, he is the author of numerous publications in the field of digital telecommunications and mentioned as inventor in several patents.

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Since 2010 Dr Nordemann-Schiffel has chaired the Berlin district group of the German Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property. In addition, she is a member of the Federal Chamber of Lawyers Industrial Property Rights Specialist Committee. She is additionally a member of the Specialist Committee on Industrial Property Rights of the Chamber of Lawyers of the State of Brandenburg.

Apart from her activities as a lawyer, she teaches at Humboldt University in Berlin and regularly holds seminars for the German Lawyers Academy, such as the annual specialist course on copyright and media law with aspects of international law, and a course on publishing law. She is also a member of the board of the Ada and Emil Nolde Foundation.

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With more than 15 years of courtroom experience, Katrin has a great track record of successful litigation. She is particularly skilled when it comes to striking settlement deals for her clients.

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In addition to labour law, Katrin also has a strong background in general civil litigation, both contract claims and tort litigation. She represents businesses and private clients in high profile cases throughout Germany. Among her clients are many international families, high-net individuals, professional athletes and entertainers.

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Mr Feldmeier holds a diploma in mechanical engineering with a focus on design and development from the Technical University of Munich. He also has an LLM in European intellectual property.

Mr Feldmeier has been a patent attorney for 25 years and for more than 15 years he has been a managing partner at Prüfer & Partner, an IP boutique which has grown to a renowned IP law firm, comprising four equity partners, more than 20 patent attorneys and attorneys at law, and almost 100 staff members.

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Eleni Lappa is an experienced IP lawyer with training and work history from London, UK, New York, USA and Athens, Greece. Ms Lapp has a dedicated practice on infringements and a highly successful track record on patent, trademark and copyright matters, after working for 20 years in the international arena of the law practice industry. She has a strong arbitration/mediation background and legal practice focus in trademark infringement, patent infringement, unfair competition, privacy law, and legal consulting on risk assessment/ damages allocation.

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IPWORK is a fully specialised IP agency covering all types of IP rights. The firm stays away from the traditional law firm mentality and close to the real needs of IP related work – flexible, reliable specialised IP services that are always up-to-date with international developments. With an accumulated experience of 15 years from the USA, UK and Greece, IPWORK makes the difference in its field by appreciating the goal of each matter and really speaking the language of its clients and peers.

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There are now well over half a million people in Ireland living in apartments. Those who do know that owning an apartment comes with plenty of strings attached.

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His commercial work also involves advising on company fund raisings, company exits, shareholder agreements, partnership agreements, joint ventures and shareholder and boardroom dispute resolution. Hugh advises clients from initial start up to growth and development transactions, whether by equity or debt funding, acquisition or joint venture, reorganisation or restructuring, disposal via sale or buyout. Hugh works with an array of corporate borrowers including start-ups, fast-growth businesses and established companies. Hugh also works with private lenders and investor funds and consortia in advising on secured and unsecured lending transactions.

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Clive currently leads a major international forensic project involving millions of pounds and hundreds of illegal transactions resulting from a fraud that occurred over a decade. This involves first identifying and tracking the movement of assets and then locating assets, monetary and physical, around the world. Ultimately it will necessitate perfecting the ownership of these assets and restoring them to their appropriate owners.

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Prior to joining Legance, Daniele Geronzi worked for a leading international firm, in both their London office and Rome office. In Rome, he headed the litigation and insolvency practices. He was admitted to the Italian Bar in 2001 and is a Supreme Court barrister.

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The firm runs a training course on Anticorruption and Whistleblowing open to private and public companies.

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The firm has offices in Naples and Milan, opening a new branch in Munich in December 2004.

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In 2017 he won the Università Popolare degli Studi di Milano's international "Gabriele d'Annunzio" award for scientific, social, and human excellence.

In 2016 and 2019 S.L.C. won the "Firm of the Year" award in the area of White-Collar Crimes by *"Le Fonti Awards – Milan"*.

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Finally, he has also developed substantial experience in insolvency and restructuring matters by advising several Italian and foreign financial institutions and funds, active in the distressed debt, default portfolio trading, turnaround transactions, in extraordinary administration and bankruptcy, and in restructuring debt.

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He specialises in corporate criminal law and focuses specifically on defence in and out of court, and consultancy for Italian and foreign companies and physical persons, in connection with financial, banking, bankruptcy, tax, and environmental offences, publishing and medical liability.

He has acted as defence counsel for directors and officers of foreign banks and rating agencies in several nationally-relevant cases of market manipulation and bankruptcy, as well as for major financial and corporate crimes.

Francesco has also gained significant experience in the field of criminal liability for legal entities (pursuant to Law 231/01): he has defended primary international groups under trial in connection with Law 231/01 (in cases focusing, for example, on financial, corporate and international corruption). He is a consultant in drafting "231 Models", in internal investigation activities, and in the implementation of compliance programmes, including under emergency conditions.

In assisting foreign clients, he has been busy in the international implementation of criminal corporate liability regulations in their various forms (for example, USFCPA, UK Bribery Act, Italian Law 231/01, Ley Organica in Spain, etc.), drafting 231 Organisational Models applicable to foreign companies aimed at the prevention of crime in connection with cross-border operations.

Francesco Isolabella has often lectured as keynote speaker in conferences and seminars. He is a member of the Scientific Committee for the master course "Criminal Liability for Collective Entities pursuant to Law 231/01" organised by the University of Milan. He also teaches the master course "Financial Markets Law" at the University of Milan, and the Law & Business Master at the Il Sole 24 Ore Business School.

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Throughout the course of her practice – which covers both judicial (predominantly before the Regional Administrative Tribunals and the State Council) and extrajudicial (providing counsel in the administrative areas of M&A and joint ventures and stipulating agreements with Public Administrations) work – she has gained a strong expertise in the sectors of public procurement (also concerning the German legal system), energy, environment, telecommunications and town-planning.

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Alessio Vianello, managing partner of MDA, a law firm located in Venice, Italy, achieved a high level of experience in M&A transactions, in particular in the negotiations of share purchase and joint venture agreements between Italian and foreign partners.

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He deals with corporate and commercial law, has particular experience in assisting Italian and foreign groups in extraordinary corporate transactions, national and international mergers & acquisitions, debt restructuring, project financing, industrial property, competition and contract law, both nationally and internationally.

He primarily assists capital companies in commercial law litigation, in matters of industrial property and unfair competition before both national and local magistrates. He also offers his consultancy experience in business crisis management procedures.

MDA - Studio Legale

MDA - Studio Legale has a history of diversified and complementary professional experience and competence, resulting from the merger of three law firms into a single entity, which has existed in the legal services market since 2002 thanks to the work of more than 30 professionals who can offer outstanding consulting, judicial and out-of-court assistance in the various areas of interest of enterprises, banks and public bodies.

Our typical clients are Italian companies, who intend to negotiate acquisition or joint ventures with foreign partners or foreign multinational groups who intend to locate a business unit in the Venice region, either through an acquisition of an Italian company or by starting a greenfield newco.

Our strengths in the M&A transactions are the wide range of practise (corporate, labour, environmental, tax, banking and finance, regulatory and real estate, criminal law), a great experience in dealing with small and medium sized companies located in the Venice region and a strong relationship with the institutions of the Venice region.

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She provides assistance to clients in extraordinary company transactions in different scenarios which vary from assisting entrepreneurs, businesses in the start-up phase, industrial groups, financial institutions, private equity funds and foreign companies in cross-border and national transactions involving mergers, spin-offs, acquisitions and sales of shareholdings and businesses, as well as in private equity acquisitions and in establishing joint ventures.

Ms Griccioli also provides general corporate assistance to primary Italian companies and, in this field, has gained a particular experience in domestic and international franchise, distribution and other commercial agreements.

Her clients are primarily Italian companies operating, in particular, in the fashion, packaging and retail business.

Ms Griccioli's recent cases include advising:

- a major Italian company in forming five joint ventures companies in Italy operating in the packaging industry;
- a leading Italian retail company in negotiating and entering into business branch agreements;
- a group of entrepreneurs in the sale of their majority shareholding to a private equity fund;
- a company owning a high-end luxury estate located in Tuscany in forming a joint venture with a foreign multinational company.

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David is the head of the firm's Luxembourg office. David is the head of the Investment Management and Funds group of the Luxembourg Office. David's practice covers all areas of investment funds (UCITS and AIF/M), including fund formation and investments and regulatory compliance. He specialises in alternative investment funds.

David is an active member of the ALFI (Association Luxembourgeoise des Fonds d'Investissement) notably at the level of the AIFMD, Private Equity, Real Estate and Socially Responsible Investment committees. He is the co-chair of the equity crowd funding and peer to peer committee. He has over 15 years of acute legal expertise in this field acquired in international law firms based in Luxembourg. David is a member of the Luxembourg Bar and co-chair of the American Bar Association Subcommittee on Private Equity and Venture Capital Funds. David is quoted in several professional directories including Legal 500 and Chambers. David is a regular speaker at international conferences and seminars. David speaks French, English and Spanish.

David is admitted to practice in Luxembourg.

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Erik Gierman, (1974), graduated in 2001 from the University of Groningen. He was admitted to the bar in 2002, as attorney at Houthoff Buruma. Later he joined Severijn Hulshof advocaten, of which firm he became partner in September 2011.

From the very start of his career, Erik started to specialise in construction and property law, as well as in insurance law connected these areas of expertise. Due to his extensive litigation experience, both in civil court proceedings and in arbitration, Erik offers his clients hands on assistance in all stages of construction projects. As such he may help to avoid disputes but may equally litigate disputes if they are unavoidable. Due to his extensive knowledge of – and specialisation in – the entire construction, design and advisory chain, many insurance companies call on him for assistance related to claims and procedures.

Together with the other members of the Severijn Hulshof team, Erik strives to find the best solution for his clients. Each client requests, and receives, a customised solution for its often complex legal issues. Such solutions are provided in clear language with an eye for the financial interests of the customer.

Erik is a lecturer for various institutions such as the (Dutch) Institute of Construction Law (IBR), the Academy for Legal Practice (AVDR), and the Academy for Real Estate (Academie voor Vastgoed).

Areas of Interest: UAV, UAV-GC, DNR, RAW; delay damage; change orders; defects; CAR policy, AVB and BAP insurance; (professional) liability of builders, architects, real estate agents, appraisers, financial intermediaries and many others; liability and damage.

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His expertise extends from pre-insolvency and restructuring proceedings to company liquidation. In his practice Carlos is often requested to act as representative in creditors comities, as well as to conduct the legal representation of the insolvent estates in the conduction of legal actions related to the liquidation activities. In this capacity, Carlos represents several insolvent estates in complex transnational insolvent proceedings within the EU space.

Carlos is a full member of the UIA (Union International des Avocats), INSOL, and ULN (United Legal Network).

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At PMCG, we seek to provide high quality, efficient and skilful services and solutions, in a timely manner, which translate into effective added value gains for our clients. Our standards of quality and excellence, imprinted in our daily activity, reflect the commitment we make towards our clients, as with all whom we interact and interface with.

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Portugal

Real Estate Investments

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João is also experienced in private equity and venture capital, and has providing legal assistance in incorporation of a significant number of venture capital funds over the last years.

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He has advised clients in such varied fields as aviation, insurance, banking, retail, agriculture, project finance as well as venture capital investments. He advises on real estate matters as well as leasing and Romanian intellectual property matters. He has experience in many areas of law including aviation, natural resources, finance and insurance, intellectual property and employment as well as counselling companies entering the Romanian market. He has spoken on a number of webinars. Currently he writes a blog on Romanian law as well as doing business in Romania.

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PATENTUS

Founded in Moscow in 2006, PATENTUS has established itself as a leading Russian full-service intellectual property firm. It provides clients with advice in all areas of IP law, including trademarks, patents, utility models, designs, domain names and geographic indications.

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PATENTUS experts have established longstanding relationships with selected law firms across Europe, Asia and the US. It allows the firm to provide its clients with a synthesis of a unique global perspective and comprehensive local knowledge.

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Being a Representative for trademarks and industrial designs before Slovenian Intellectual Property Office (SIPO) and Professional Representative before the European Union Intellectual Property Office (EUIPO) in trade mark matters Zupančič also has a particular niche assisting clients on intellectual property matters, including data protection. He advised several domestic and international companies, including a giant German system integrator, service & driving components provider and product vendor, to conform their business with the GDPR.

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CASAS ASIN is a global firm, leader in management of IP assets with a dedicated team of experienced lawyers, engineers and European & Spanish agents in intellectual property and commercial law.

Our team has the confidence of domestic and international clients. It offers quick, specific and cost efficient advice, in any language you require – our regular work languages being English, French, Chinese and Portuguese – positioning CASAS ASIN as a leading company.

We unify transparency with an expert professional team that provides personal advice tailored to each case, this makes us specialists in business management and strategy in IP. From the beginning, there will be an account manager to develop the best strategy to follow.

As a global firm, our specialised training and certified experience enable us to advise and defend IP rights before National and International Patents and Trademarks Office (SPTO, EUIPO, EPO, WIPO) and Courts of Justice.

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Initial Public Offering IPO and Private Equity Law

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In February 2018 the firm launched the Intellectual Property Securities Corporation together with an investor from California, ParF Ltd.

In March 2018, the firm signed a joint-venture with Diamond Global Vision, Mr Manouk der Stepanian's group. This venture resulted in the signature of a USD 2 billion initial public offering for a bank of Mauritius expanding internationally, and is bringing a dozen new large prospects to our firm.

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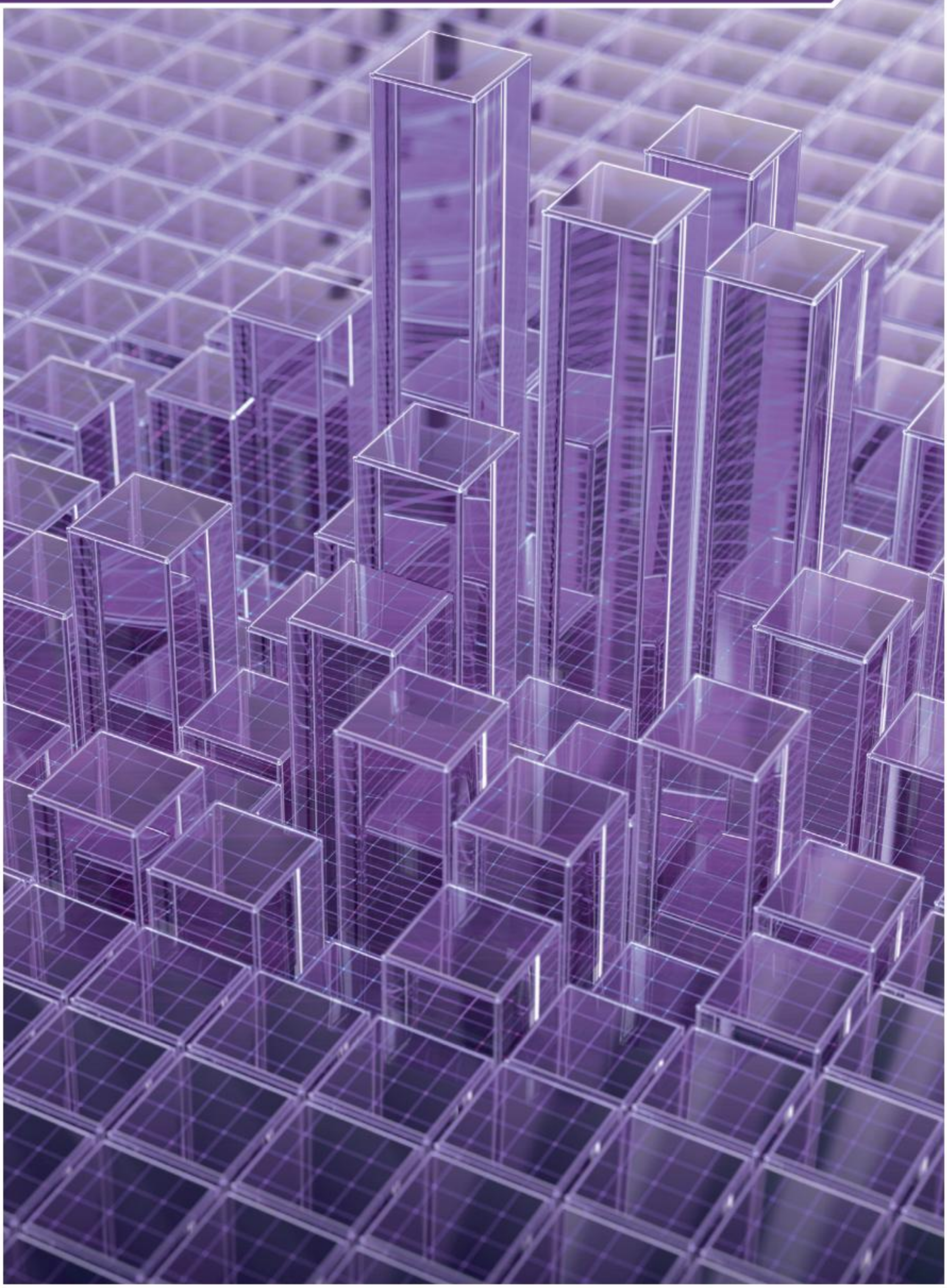
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According to the OECD, economic growth for the United States is projected to slow in the coming two years as macroeconomic policy becomes less supportive. While employment growth slows down, consumption growth remains solid, buttressed by wage growth picking up as the labour market tightens further. Healthy prospective business investment in 2019 and 2020 is underpinned by recent tax reform and supportive financial conditions; meanwhile, a weaker global outlook – and previously introduced trade measures – weigh on activity.

A significant fiscal stimulus commenced in 2017 and 2018 carries on, although at a slower pace, into 2019. In addition, the budget will have a broadly neutral impact on activity in 2020. Monetary policy will tighten to ensure that inflation remains anchored near the target of 2%. Further restraints on imports should be avoided, as this could weaken domestic growth. Dangers to financial stability from elevated asset prices and non-financial corporate sector debt should raise macro-prudential concerns. Further, implementing counter-cyclical capital buffer provisions should be considered if these trends continue.

The OECD added that the current expansion is now one of the longest on record. Economic growth since the financial crisis has also been among the strongest in the OECD. However, similarly to other countries, productivity growth has been slow and below the growth rates recorded during previous expansions. As a result, the expansion has also been one of the weakest over the past half century. In part, weak investment growth – also by state and local governments – has contributed to this result.

Significant job growth has helped bring people back into employment and has reduced the unemployment rate. Employment growth above the rates needed to account for new entrants into the labour force has reduced unemployment to historically low levels, which has resulted in tight labour markets for fast-growing locations and occupations. Combined with significant wage gains, these trends have helped partially reverse the decline in real median household income since the recession. However, employment as a share of the population has still not completely recovered from the crisis.

The latest data also reveals that material well-being is high, and US citizens are doing well on average. The US performs favourably in comparison to other OECD countries, particularly for measures of disposable income and household wealth, long-term unemployment and housing conditions.

The near-term prospects are strong. Private consumption remains solid, strengthened by a strong labour market, wealth gains and high levels of consumer confidence. In the business sector, confidence is also robust, and business fixed investment is on the rise. Business investment will be further boosted by tax reforms, which will contribute to a substantial fiscal loosening. The projected pick-up of investment may support even stronger productivity growth going forward. On the other hand, there are some financial market threats, such as: elevated leverage ratios in the corporate sector, rising trade tensions, increases in government spending (in the longer term), as well as accompanying rising levels of debt.

By comparison, growth in Mexico is projected to pick up to 2.75% by 2020. Low unemployment, strong remittances and the recovery of real wages will support household consumption. Investment,



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which has been persistently low, will strengthen on the back of announced public investment plans and increased confidence associated with the US-Mexico-Canada trade agreement. Export growth will decline owing to less favourable global conditions, particularly in the US, while inflation has been pushed up by rising energy prices, but expectations and core inflation remain anchored and within the central bank's target band. Monetary policy is projected to ease slightly as inflation gradually moderates. Risks to inflation are considerable, due to energy prices and renewed peso depreciation pressures. Inflation expectations remain well anchored. According to the OECD, authorities would need to raise interest rates should these risks produce higher inflationary pressures. Maintenance of fiscal discipline is vital to keep the debt-to-GDP ratio on a declining path. However, social requirements may demand better targeting of expenditures and increasing currently low tax collection.

Meanwhile, according to the World Bank, Latin America and the Caribbean's 2018 growth data fell short of initial expectations due to perceived challenges faced by some countries in the region, particularly South America. The LAC region is expected to grow 1.6% in 2019's final data – excluding Venezuela, which is forecast at 2.1%. Reasons behind weaker growth in South America include market strife that began in Argentina in April, a growth slowdown in Brazil, and a turn for the worse in the external environment.

The World Bank is supporting faster and more equitable growth in the region to bolster the profound social transformation seen during the first decade of the 21st century, when the commodity boom fuelled an expansion that helped cut poverty rates by half. Between 2003 and 2016, the share of the population living in extreme poverty in the region fell from 24.5% to 9.9%. Since then though, the pace of poverty reduction and growth of the middle class has stalled. The LAC region's primary challenges include: boosting investment, promoting better savings and exports, as well as fostering private sector development. Countries need to address external and economic imbalances and strengthen regional fiscal integration to become more competitive internationally, and to avoid sacrificing investment unnecessarily during the adjustment process. Present gaps in logistics and infrastructure are important obstacles for intra-regional trade – the average logistics costs are three to four times greater than OECD countries.

Latin America and the Caribbean also remain exposed and vulnerable to earthquakes and floods that can ravage entire regions, and hurricanes that devastate Caribbean states. The region is especially vulnerable due to high population density in the areas where these disasters strike, and there is a need for better risk management practices. Increasingly though, there are means of understanding and managing these risks. Such examples – supported by the World Bank – include the Pacific Alliance catastrophe bonds for earthquakes. Moreover, risk sharing across countries through mechanisms such as the Caribbean Catastrophe Risk Insurance Facility (CCRIF) is equipped to provide funds for recovery after a member country suffers a natural disaster.

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Through its evolution, the law firm constituted itself as a team of lawyers and specialised consultants with extensive experience in the international business environment combined with the nuances of the local and regional markets, prepared extensively to guide Colombian and foreign companies and businesses in the Inter-American integration, particularly with the Free Trade Agreements signed between the United States, Colombia and Latin American communities, incorporating in such guidance, the integration with China and the EU.

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Being particularly expert in complex international fraud cases, Karel became a member of the FraudNet legal network in 2015. He is the representative of FraudNet for the Dutch Caribbean (Aruba, Bonaire, Curaçao, St. Maarten, St. Eustatius and Saba).

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Currently, Mr. Boyle represents multiple plaintiffs in lawsuits against large corporations including Olympus America, Inc. in relation to the CRE "Superbug" infection contracted by contaminated duodenoscopes that has affected many across the nation, as well as Live Nation and MGM International as a result of the 2017 mass shooting at the Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino in Las Vegas.

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Peter has particular expertise in due-diligence standards and best practices for what constitutes responsible decision making before hires and business deals.

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Growth in Central Asia has been stronger than at any time since the global financial crisis, according to the World Bank. Growth moderated in 2018; however, increased capacity utilisation, unemployment rates close to their 2007 levels, and average inflation now exceeding 2% are all signals that regional growth is likely to slow further.

Meanwhile, South Asia is expected to remain the fastest-growing region in the world. Growth in South Asia picked up significantly in 2018, reflecting India's re-emergence from a slowdown. Growth should further strengthen to 7.1% on average in 2019 – 20, reflecting a broad-based improvement across most of the region. South Asia should maintain its position as the fastest-growing region, and even extend its lead over East Asia and the Pacific. While this forecast is broadly unchanged from January 2018, the expected growth rate is slightly lower, mainly due to a downward revision for Pakistan in 2019.

Economic growth in Japan is projected to remain around 1% in 2018 – 19 as a whole, due to record-high corporate profits and labour shortages driving business investment – as indicated by OECD analysis. In addition, stronger wage gains will support a pick-up in private consumption in 2019's final data. Although a October 2019 consumption tax hike will temporarily reduce demand, growth is projected to resume in early 2020, strengthened by additional government spending and the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo. Sustained growth, combined with higher oil prices, is expected to boost inflation to 1.5% (excluding the impacts of the consumption tax hike) in 2020. Government debt relative to GDP, which is the highest recorded in the OECD area, suggests dangers. Achieving fiscal sustainability requires a detailed consolidation programme that includes gradual hikes in the consumption tax, beginning with a planned increase during 2019, and measures to control spending in the face of rapid population ageing. With the working-age population declining, additional policies to sustain employment and structural reforms to bolster productivity are a priority. Monetary policy needs to remain expansionary until the 2% inflation target is achieved.

After having held up well in 2018, growth in China has recently weakened and is projected to decline in 2019 – 20. Signs of slowdown include the weakening of industrial production, profits and revenues. Foreign trade flows will lose some momentum following the escalation of trade tensions. The slowdown of activity also reflects the cutback of infrastructure investment, as local government debt has been subject to greater scrutiny – though it could rebound following the recent acceleration of debt issuance and announcement of new projects. Monetary conditions are now being eased to support economic activity. The escalation of trade tensions resulted in a dip in the exchange rate, which was halted by government interventions and a decline in stock prices. Fiscal policy will remain supportive to counteract the stall of growth.

Excluding China, growth in developing EAP is expected to remain fairly stable, reflecting continued robust domestic and external demand. Growth in Indonesia and Thailand is expected to strengthen, with improved prospects for investment and private consumption. In the Philippines, growth is likely to remain stable. In Malaysia and Vietnam, growth is expected to ease, as public investment moderates in the former and agricultural production stabilises in the latter after rebounding in 2017.

Prospects for several of the smaller economies are generally favourable, in part due to higher commodity prices. In Myanmar, economic growth is projected to rise, although investment prospects could see decline due to ongoing developments in Rakhine State. Mongolia's higher growth is predicated also on continued macroeconomic stabilisation. Papua New Guinea could experience a cyclical recovery as commodity prices rise, although a recent earthquake could hurt prospects. Growth in Cambodia is expected to pick up slightly, while Lao PDR will likely see stable growth.

The growth outlook for the Pacific Island Countries is mixed. Growth in Fiji and the Solomon Islands is projected to ease. Meanwhile, growth

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in the smaller Pacific Island Countries is expected to be modest but volatile – due to their high susceptibility to natural disasters and reliance on commodity imports.

"While the region's growth outlook is positive, there are challenges for policy makers in the short and medium term," said Sudhir Shetty, World Bank Chief Economist for the East Asia and Pacific region. "Addressing these challenges will require measures to dampen the possible impacts of a more rapid pace of monetary policy tightening in advanced economies as well as to enhance longer-term growth prospects in the face of policy uncertainty, particularly around global trade."

To address risks to macroeconomic stability, countries should consider tightening monetary policies and further strengthening macroprudential regulations. This will be especially critical in countries where high debt levels or rapid credit growth could exacerbate vulnerabilities in their financial sectors, as interest rates are raised in advanced economies.

To address moderating growth prospects across the region in the medium term, countries will need to find means of raising their long-term growth potential.

With continuing threats to the global trading system, the EAP could respond by furthering its own trade integration and facilitation through such mechanisms as the ASEAN Economic Community, the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership, and the Belt & Road Initiative. If implemented correctly, such initiatives could prove particularly vital as countries adapt their manufacturing development strategies to the new challenges of labour-saving technologies and automation.

Improving competitiveness will also be important for countries in the region, as they seek to adjust to the ongoing changes in the manufacturing landscape with the evolution of technology. Various aspects of the business environment are likely to become more important than labour costs in determining countries' fortunes in manufacturing. And, as technology continues to change, basic numeracy and literacy (as well as familiarity with digital technology) will be key. To ensure that those who are economically insecure are not left behind, strengthened social assistance, insurance programmes and increased resilience to systemic shocks will be necessary.



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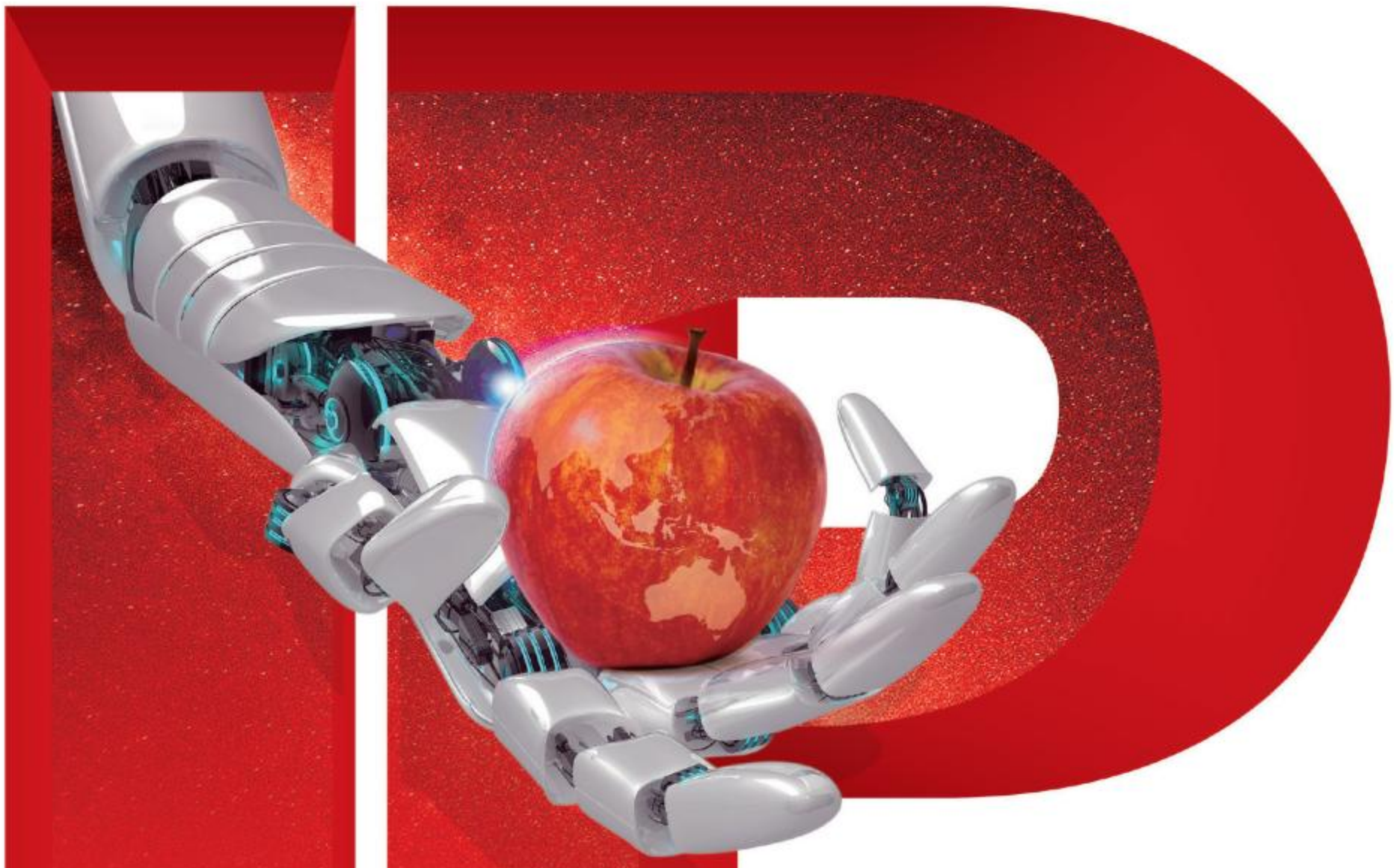
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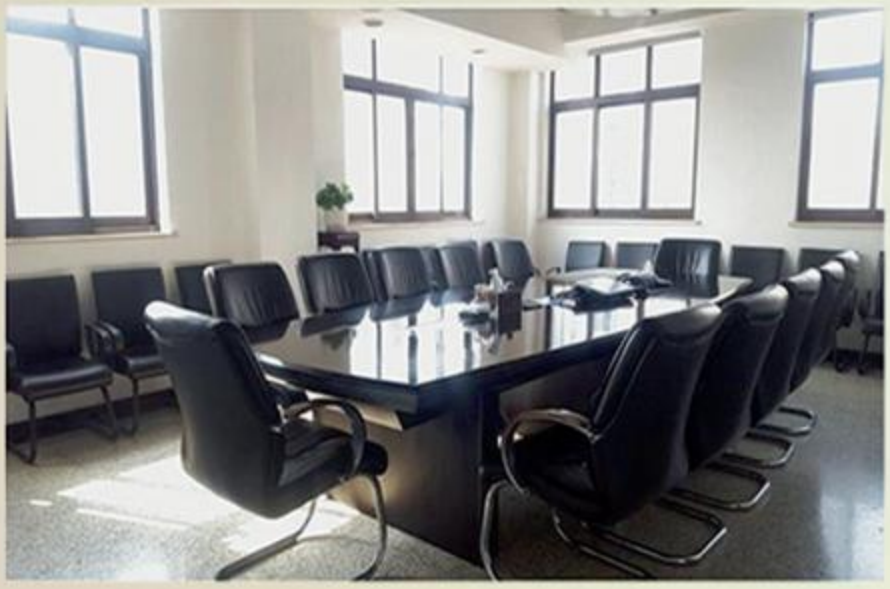
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AnovIP is a specialised intellectual property firm with in-house team of over 200 attorneys, agents, and subject matter experts. Our expertise lies in assisting firms of your size in reducing expenses relating to intellectual property creation, management and monetisation.

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She has been entrusted by a national oil company and a leading printing company to file a joint-ownership patent application to entering nation phase in nine countries, and so far it has been successfully granted in six countries. She has also been entrusted by a leading plastic company in Indonesia to file its trademark in 13 countries. Those experiences are quite rare for Indonesia IP practitioners, as most Indonesia IP applications come from overseas filing rather than domestic applicants going abroad.

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He is also involved in cross-border trade and e-commerce work particularly customs related matters and customs litigation cases. Riza is admitted in the Tax Court of Indonesia as a registered customs attorney.

His work is well regarded in the region and he was named as the Rising Star for International Trade by Expert Guides and listed in Spotlight Table for International Trade by Chambers Asia Pacific 2018-2019, and recently won the Client Choice Lawyer for General Corporate Work, Client Choice by Lexology 2019.

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Our international trade practice is recognised as pre-eminent in Indonesia. It is comprised of practitioners with extensive experience in various fields such as law, accounting, fiscal, e-commerce, customs and tax. Our practitioners advising clients on the international trade aspects of foreign investment transactions, joint ventures, technology transfers and licensing, trade financing, distribution, consumer protection, e-commerce and corporate matters, as well as resolution of international disputes in trade matters and customs issues.

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She has also provided legal advice on general corporate matters and has been acting as local counsel role for her international clients. She has published several articles on labour laws and has recently authored an article on Japanese privacy laws. She has also been invited multiple times to speak in international legal conferences on various topics such as labour laws, data privacy law and diversity.

She serves a variety of clients across industries, including a globally-known hotel chain, a logistics company, automobile parts companies, pharmaceutical & medical device companies, a broadcasting company and telecommunication and internet companies. Her extensive knowledge of western and Japanese customs and business practices has assisted her in effectively providing counsel to European and US clients.

She has been a member of the International Association of Defense Counsel since 2018 and served as a Vice Chair International of Employment and Diversity committees. She obtained her LL.M. degree from Duke University Law School. Before joining City-Yuwa, Ms Higashizawa was a partner at a major US law firm.

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Ichikawa Kanna's main field of expertise is biotechnology and biology, but she is also capable of corresponding to an extremely broad range of fields including organic chemistry, inorganic chemistry, polymers, daily necessities, food products, and others.

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Our firm from its inception has been involved in intellectual property work. Our work relates to both contentious and non-contentious matters. We file a large number of trademark applications for overseas clients being instructed by our associates in several countries including UK, European Union, USA, India, Singapore, Hongkong, Australia, New Zealand, Japan and Korea. We are also involved in registering overseas trademarks of well known exporters of Sri Lankan products.

In contentious matters we represent clients both at the National Intellectual Property Office in opposition proceedings and in infringement proceedings before Courts, infringement proceedings are instituted in the Commercial High Court and where necessary criminal proceedings are also instituted in the Magistrate's Court.

Although our practice is to a great extent trademarks, we have a substantial portfolio of patents as well. A large part of this portfolio is related to PCT applications filed in Sri Lanka. We also file number of design applications for overseas clients in Sri Lanka and for Sri Lankan clients overseas through our associates in various countries. We also advise on copyright issues including reviewing of copyright agreements and advise publishers. We engage ourselves in IP due diligence work and also file applications for registration at the Sri Lanka Customs.

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Deep & Far attorneys-at-law was founded in 1992 and is dealing with all phases of laws with a focus on the practice in separate or in combination of all aspects of intellectual property rights (IPRs) including patents, trademarks, copyrights, trade secrets, unfair competition, and/or licensing, counselling, litigation and/or transaction thereof.

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Throughout our successful journey, Formosan Brothers remained progressive; we continue to improve our practice to cover even the most cutting-edge professional fields. Based on the needs of our clients, we combine our expertise and professional resources to provide our clients with comprehensive services across a wide range of legal fields. Formosan Brothers' quality legal services have long enjoyed high recognition from the community at large.

Aside from our efforts to cultivate and service the domestic legal market, Formosan Brothers also achieved significant success internationally. Many of our attorneys are licensed to practice both in Taiwan and foreign jurisdictions; contributing to our deep knowledge of international legal matters. What sets Formosan Brothers apart from our competitors, especially those international law firms, is that our team of attorneys and consultants also receive legal training in Taiwan. As such, our team understands Taiwan's cultural and business nuances. Our international clients take comfort in knowing that we will combine both international knowledge and domestic understanding to craft the most suitable solutions to transnational matters. This unique offering remains one of Formosan Brothers' most acclaimed advantages.

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Pariyapol has spearheaded difficult cases representing hundreds of creditors objecting to rehabilitation cases for debt ridden publicly listed large industrial companies as well as major breaches of construction contract cases. His experience crosses a wide range of industries including major engineering and construction, steel, mining, energy and power generation as well as telecommunications having represented among others in the past five years:

- Advance Info Services Public Company Limited (AIS mobile phone operator) in challenging a former state enterprise of the Thai government.
- A major Japanese company against claims totaling USD 100 million in connection with its construction of a gas turbine power station in South East Asia.
- Posco Plantec (Thailand) Company Limited in relation to a breach of construction contract in the Thai Arbitration Institute (TAI).
- Triple T Broadband Public Company Limited – breach of agreements between two parties demanding payment of USD 112 million.
- Over 400 debenture holders of debentures issued by a major steel manufacturer who had petitioned for rehabilitation of substantial debt.
- Several key investors in objecting a rehabilitation request against one of the largest automotive parts companies in Thailand.
- Several major shareholders in a rehabilitation case and bill of exchange damages claim totaling THB 250 million.

AFRICA & THE MIDDLE EAST



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2018 saw a number of positive developments in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region, according to the World Bank. Recovery and reconstruction efforts are ongoing in Iraq following the liberation of its territory, while countries including the Arab Republic of Egypt and Saudi Arabia have seen significant fiscal and social reforms.

Moreover, economic growth has picked up throughout the region, and nearly all MENA countries have moved to reduce or eliminate energy subsidies, identify new sources of non-oil revenue, and expand social safety nets to protect the poor from the detrimental impacts of progress.

Growth in the MENA region rebounded to an average 2.0% in 2018's final data from an average 1.4% in 2017. The mild rebound in regional growth reflects the positive impact of reforms and stabilisation policies undertaken in many countries in tandem with a recent rise in oil prices and external oil demand. Growth in the MENA is forecast to improve modestly, reaching an average of 2.6% in 2019 – 2020. Oil exporters will significantly benefit from higher oil prices and external oil demand that will likely remain high, as well as domestic reforms. Oil importers are expected to benefit from reforms, rising trade with Europe and China, and financial inflows from MENA oil exporters.

While overall growth appears robust, the pace of the economic recovery in the region remains slow. Challenges – such as a sluggish pace of reforms, a temptation to return to pro-cyclical fiscal policies in the wake of higher oil prices, growing debt levels and high unemployment rates among youth and women – could deter economic recovery and derail long-term growth prospects.

Economic growth in Sub-Saharan Africa continues to recover at a steady pace, and is forecast stabilise to an average of 3.6% in 2019 – 20. Nonetheless, this moderate growth upswing remains unsteady, with significant variation across countries.

Among Sub-Saharan Africa's largest economies, a slower than previously anticipated recovery in the oil sector (and continued challenges in non-oil industrial sectors) will weigh on activity in Nigeria. The growth forecasts for Angola and South Africa have been revised slightly upward on the provision that slowing inflation and improving sentiment would help sustain continued recovery in domestic demand, especially in investment. However, although political transitions have created opportunities for reforms in Angola and South Africa, implementation of these reforms is likely to be gradual and implies a cautious growth outlook.



Meanwhile, according to the OECD's latest analysis, South Africa's private consumption in particular will see expansion as wages increase moderately. Investment is anticipated to improve as policy uncertainty is presumed to ease gradually. High oil prices and a weak currency will support inflation to the upper part of the 3 – 6% target range. Monetary policy will need to address upward pressure on inflation while growth is low. It should remain accommodative to boost growth, but tighten moderately in case inflation continues to rise. The government budget deficit is to remain high, relative to GDP. Credible structural policy reforms are required in order to broaden competition and economic opportunities, which will bolster growth.

The World Bank's analysis also revealed that, for oil exporters in the Central African Economic and Monetary Community (CEMAC), recovery will be slower than previously expected, as they continue to adjust to high debt levels and low external buffers.

Among non-resource intensive countries, activity in 2018 and 2019 – 20 is expected to remain robust. Significant growth, buttressed by infrastructure investments, will continue in the West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU), led by Côte d'Ivoire and Senegal. Growth prospects have increased in most of East Africa, owing to improved agriculture sector growth following droughts and a rebound in private sector credit growth. Growth in Ethiopia will remain the highest in the region, as government-led infrastructure investment carries on.

However, many challenges remain. Public debt levels are on the rise, which could jeopardise debt sustainability in some countries; the availability of good jobs has not kept pace with the volume of entrants in the labour force; meanwhile, poverty is widespread. Although the region's per capita gross domestic product (GDP) growth is positive, it will remain insufficient to reduce poverty significantly.

"Growth has rebounded in Sub-Saharan Africa, but not fast enough. We are still far from pre-crisis growth levels," said Albert G Zeufack, World Bank Chief Economist for the Africa Region. "African Governments must speed up and deepen macroeconomic and structural reforms to achieve high and sustained levels of growth."

"For many African countries, the economic recovery is vulnerable to fluctuations in commodity prices and production," noted Punam Chuhan-Pole, World Bank Lead Economist. "This underscores the need for countries to build resilience by pushing diversification strategies to the top of the policy agenda."

Public debt relative to GDP is rising in the region, and the composition of debt has shifted, as countries have moved away from traditional concessional methods of financing towards more market-based sources. Higher debt burdens and the increasing exposure to market dangers raise concerns about debt sustainability: 18 countries were classified at a high threat of debt distress in 2018, compared with eight in 2013.

"There are grounds for optimism," added Hafez Ghanem, World Bank Vice President for the Middle East and North Africa Region. "Now is the time to focus on creating more jobs and economic opportunities for youth. The positive outlook is an opportunity to speed up reforms for a renewed private sector as an engine of growth and job creation."

The World Bank and the GCC countries have been strong partners for more than five decades. Governments in Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the UAE have benefited from the Bank's global knowledge and development experience through technical assistance programmes offered by the World Bank on a reimbursable advisory services (RAS) basis. The RAS portfolio in the GCC reflects the priorities of the Bank's Middle East and North Africa region strategy: improving service delivery, promoting economic diversification, strengthening governance and enhancing the social protection and pension systems. These are all key areas of focus in GCC countries, and have been instrumental in recovery and reconstruction initiatives. In fiscal year 2018, the GCC RAS programme volume was more than US$50 million, and further growth is projected for 2019's final figures.

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Ahmed Rahmi joined Al Salam Advocates in 2013. He obtained a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) degree from Faculty of Law English Section, Cairo University in 1999 and obtained a Postgraduate Certificate in International Dispute Resolution from Queen Mary University of London in 2009.

Prior to joining Al Salam Advocates, Ahmed was the deputy general counsel of Gulf Air. Prior to that, he had been working in the Kingdom of Bahrain with Haya Rashed Al Khalifa Attorneys at Law and Legal Consultants as senior legal counsel and with Gulf Finance House as a legal manager.

Ahmed has a broad legal background with more than 15 years of experience in commercial transactions and litigation. He has a combined experience of in-house and law firm practice working with a wide variety of business organisations. Ahmed possesses strong written and verbal skills, combined with excellent research abilities. He places a high premium on providing pre-emptive legal support in both Arabic and English.

Ahmed has extensive experience in corporate and commercial law; Islamic banking and finance; international and domestic commercial arbitration; international dispute resolution; CBB law; labour and employment law; telecommunication law; aviation law; and administrative law.

He has successfully prosecuted several cases through settlement, litigation and/or ADR. He is a corporate contracts specialist and has managed staff and budget.

Al Salam Advocates

Al Salam Advocates was founded in 2006 with the goal of offering sophisticated legal services. Since its establishment, the firm has been listed in the top tier of law firms in the region.

The scope of the firm's legal practice is broad. The experience, knowledge and resources of the firm and the values its team shares give it all it needs to fulfil its commitments to its clients.

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Kwadwo qualified from the University of Botswana in 1999. He commenced his practice with one of the leading corporate commercial practices in Botswana, where he remained for six years before joining Osei-Ofei Swabi & Co. as senior partner.

Generally reputed to be a tenacious litigator and effective debt recovery expert, Kwadwo specialises in: civil litigation, insolvencies; corporate commercial transactions; banking; insurance; corporate recoveries and repossessions; mercantile law; large amount debt recoveries/collections; company law; foreclosures; landlord and tenant disputes; franchising; employment law; banking law; contracts; leases; tax regulatory issues and litigation; property law; constitutional law and human rights; arbitrations, mediation and alternative dispute resolutions; trusts and wills; conveyancing and notarial practice; pension law; legal research and opinions.

Known to generally represent mostly corporate clients in the financial sector comprising of Commercial Banks, Insurance Companies, Fund Managers as well as Construction Companies, Retail & Wholesale sector, and various medium to large companies. Kwadwo is largely regarded among his diverse clients to be a purposive problem solver who would generally provide tailor made solutions to any legal issue within his scope of competence. Kwadwo is also frequently briefed by foreign law firms to act as correspondents in a various array of commercial matters and provide local content as well as regulatory advice on various commercial transactions.

Kwadwo has been recently involved in a large tender dispute where he represented a party that was wrongfully excluded from a tender process but was eventually awarded the tender after a court order to that effect was obtained. He was the lead attorney in legal proceedings before the Competition Commission in a dispute that involved potentially a fine of approximately 10% of the client's turnover, which dispute was through negotiations successfully resolved.

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He has obtained a Doctorate of International Economic Law at the University of Paris I (Pantheon Sorbonne) in 2005, a Certificate on trade, negotiations and settlement of trade disputes at the Kennedy School of Government – Harvard University (US) in 2004 and an Habilitation to Direct Researches at the University of Pau in France.

Since 2008, he is professor of business and arbitration law at the International Relations Institute of Cameroon (IRIC)-University of Yaoundé II; guest professor at the Institute of International Studies – University of Paris II and at the University of Paris-Sud. He is former member of the ICC Court of Arbitration and Corresponding member of the Paris Institute of International Arbitration in the OHADA space.

Gaston Kenfack Douajni has delivered numerous opinions on contracts, business, investment, banking, mediation and arbitration law. He is the editor of the "Revue Camerounaisede l'Arbitrage", the president of the Association for the Promotion of Arbitration in Africa (APAA) and, until July 2017, the chairman of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL), a member of the IFCAI Council, and a member of the Board of the CRCICA (Cairo Regional Centre of International Commercial Arbitration).

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- Lawyer, member of the Portuguese Bar Association, 2006.

Publications

- "Investimento Imobiliário e Turístico em Cabo Verde" (Touristic and Real Estate Investment In Cape Verde), Lisbon, 2010 (Almedina) co-author with José Limón Cavaco and Fernando Aguiar Monteiro.
- Publication of several articles in economical newspapers on the subject of Touristic Real Estate Investment In Cape Verde.

Languages

- Portuguese
- English
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GPA Law Firm

Gouveia Pereira, Costa Freitas & Associados, Sociedade de Advogados, R.L. (GPA) is an independent law firm. Its founding partners, as well as some of the other partners, originally came from a law firm integrated in the PwC Legal international network (correspondent law firms of PriceWaterhouseCoopers, former Landwell). The remaining team members came from other prestigious traditional Portuguese law firms. The years of experience gathered by GPA's partners and associates allow the firm to render a rigorous multidisciplinary service based on professional excellence.

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The firm's knowledge in Israeli and international medical law and its experience in complex medical law claims are expressed in each and every case, with the personal involvement of Adv. Jonathan Davies throughout the process.

The firm's excellent reputation, owing to its achievements in rulings and precedents that support medical malpractice victims, vis-a-vis insurance companies and medical institutions, is expressed in its academic and commercial operations, which include two innovative projects for making the victims' rights more accessible for full utilisation.

The firm, which was founded by Adv. Jonathan Davies in 1988, represents victims vs. state authorities (IDF, National Insurance), medical institutions (HMOs hospitals) and private entities (institutions, physicians, clinics, insurers) in liability, torts, insurance, medical law, medical malpractice claims, and general civil law litigations and representation.

In addition, the firm provides legal consulting on bio-ethics, biotechnology and medical ethics and was involved in precedential rulings. The firm also provides consulting services to other law firms, and represents the National Insurance Institution in subrogation claims against insurance companies.

The firm, which handles the most complex medical malpractice claims, uses the services of Israel's best medical experts. It aspires for optimal legal results with attention to all of the social rights for which the victims are entitled.

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Tarek Farran holds his LLB from the Saint Joseph University (Beirut), obtained an LLM in Business and Economic Law (emphasis on the merger, restructuring and transfer of enterprises) with distinction from the University of Rennes 1 (France); his thesis topic was "An analytical review of the statutory rules of joint stock companies' voting power". He is currently pursuing an LLM in the Oil and Gas Law from the University of Aberdeen. He has been a member of the Beirut Bar Association since 1998.

Languages: Arabic, English and French.

Intellectual Property Law

Afamefuna Francis Nwokedi

Afamefuna Francis Nwokedi has over 27 years of practice experience especially in the area of intellectual property law litigation. He is the Principal Counsel and Group Head of Stillwaters Law Firm, which operates from Nigeria, Angola and OAPI.

Mr Nwokedi has been involved in several intellectual property (IP) law initiatives and building processes in Nigeria, including being a member of the Federal Government Committee for the establishment of Intellectual Property Commission, and a member of the Nigerian delegation to OHADA (African Association for the Harmonisation and Development of Commercial Law) with particular representation on IP issues. He is a director and motivator of the "Idea Police" program, and has worked closely with the Commercial Law Development Programme (CLDP) of the United States Department of Commerce towards the harmonisation of Nigeria's IP laws to meet up with international best practices. Mr Nwokedi is the chairman many companies and a few associations, including the IP Committee of the Section on Business Law of the Nigerian Bar Association.

Mr Nwokedi is the Editor-in-Chief of the "Nigerian Intellectual Property Opposition (NIPO) Reports", and has authored and presented several papers on intellectual property law in Nigeria.

Member: NBA, IPLAN, IBA, INTA, AEA, APAA, IPO, BMM, MARQUES, PTMG, IPO and AAAIP.

Stillwaters

Stillwaters is a law firm based in Nigeria. The firm was established in 2001 and specialises in corporate and commercial law, intellectual property (IP) law, tax advisory services, Media-Entertainment-Technology and Sports (METS), and Litigation/Dispute Resolution.

As a firm, it is our belief that many aspects of today's legal landscape require a keen understanding as well as knowledge of the law; accordingly, we offer solutions to the often complex arrays of regulations and requirements that confront the business client in Nigeria thereby creating conducive legal environments for our clients to achieve their goals.

Professionalism, flexibility and innovation are the hallmark of our practice. We value professional excellence, outstanding result and realise they both require creativity and hard work. With over 125 years of combined partnership practice experience, we strive to gain every legal advantage for our clients while upholding the principles behind our guiding goal of PEOPLE, INTEGRITY and SERVICE as a driving force steering our entire practice.

From corporate commercial contracts, media rights mergers, sport licensing, corporate income tax, copyright issues, due diligence to general trademark/patent administration, infringement, passing-off, anti-counterfeiting, piracy technology transfer, joint venture, dispute resolution and enforcement, practice representative clients include over 600 foreign multinationals, quoted companies, financial institutions, industries, small and medium-size businesses and private entrepreneurs.

Our IP department operates from the commercial cities of Lagos and Abuja in Nigeria, with associate offices in Cameroon (for OAPI matters) and Angola; and our dispute resolution department has extensive practice before the trial and appellate courts in Nigeria.

IP Practice Areas:

Searches to registration, renewals, assignments, mergers, transmissions, oppositions, agency, distributorship, franchising, piracy, passing-off, infringement, licensing, technology transfer, patenting, annuities, designs, IP due diligence, boarder enforcement measures, anti-counterfeiting, anti-piracy, arbitration and litigation.

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Franchise Law

Siraj Al Islam

Siraj Al Islam is a highly rated legal advisor and recognised expert in Islamic project finance and restructuring. Mr Islam has been called upon on to provide legal counsel in relation to strategic complex PPP/ PFI, banking finance and corporate transactions such as M&As, JVs, and divestitures. Franchise, agency and distribution agreements have become part of the regular work stream.

In 2004, Mr Al Islam became one of the youngest general counsels in the world by both age and post qualification experience, appointed by ISS, a global leader in outsourcing, Mr Islam has been recognised for his innovation and legal leadership by clients and leading industry publications.

At ISS, he was engaged to setup and manage the legal services department. During this time, he managed the integration of 70 companies into relevant sector specific businesses, developed a world class risk management system, created standard form of industry contracts and compliance manuals, and implemented policy improvements that reduced costs by millions of pounds.

Having trained and practiced law at some of the most prestigious global law firms, he now heads One 2 One Legal recognised as the best boutique law firm in Saudi Arabia, servicing local and international clients who have come to trust his expertise and the ability to provide a truly cost-effective offering.

Mr Islam is a British national from London, United Kingdom and is an England and Wales Qualified Solicitor of the Senior Court of England & Wales. Mr Islam completed a 2 Year Accelerated L.LB (Hons) Programme at the Hertfordshire University, St Albans, Hertfordshire followed by a Post Graduate Diploma in Law from the University of Birmingham. He holds a M.A in Legal Practice from the University of Westminster and is a certified trainer at The Chartered Institute of Environmental Health (CIEH).

Clients state that Mr Islam is "hard working and his attention to detail is incredible" and praise his "fantastic business acumen and genuine enthusiasm."

One 2 One Legal

One 2 One Legal is a registered LLP in London, UK. It operates in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia through an association with the Law Firm of Mohammed Abdulaziz Al-Aqeel. It is also licenced by the UAE government to provide business management and legal services.

The firm provides specialist legal and legal related business risk management services. It aims to provide bespoke, personal service to clients, and really understands the concept that client organisations are made up of individuals, and that those individuals want a personalised service, effectively, One 2 One.

The firm is built on the core values of honesty, integrity, trust and mutual respect. Whatever the nature of its client's business, the firm holds these ideals as integral to its vision. The firm believes that its success is dependent on clients being successful and accordingly, its aim is to work with clients in partnership, to mutually share in each others success.

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Me Akakpo is an active arbitrator and litigator on local, national, and international cases. He is a member of the International Arbitration Court of International Chamber of Commerce in Paris (ICC). Among others, Me Akakpo is an arbitrator with The ICC Court of International Arbitration (CIA) and with the Organization for Harmonization for Business Law in Africa (OHADA)'s arbitration Court (CCJA) in Cote d'Ivoire.

He has 30 years of experience as a practicing attorney, advising clients on diverse issues and disputes resolution. He has been a General Counsel to many major projects and has had his own firm for 30 years.

As a general counsel, he brought its legal expertise in helping the Regulatory Authority of the Electricity Sector in Togo "Autorité de Régulation du Secteur de l'Electricité" (ARSE) to evaluate the complex contracts for the purchase of electrical energy (PPA) by Contour Global for the benefit of the "Compagnie Energie Electrique du Togo" (CEET) between November 2013 and June 2014.

Between 2015 and 2016, he led the audit of the concession of the Lomé Thermal Power Plant "Centrale Thermique de Lomé" (CTL) for the benefit of the Regulatory Authority of the Electricity Sector in Togo (ARSE). Me Akakpo is also specialised in development of investment of projects and financing of projects, in energy, railway and port infrastructure in Togo and West Africa.

Me Akakpo is a lecturer at both Universités Paris II Panthéon-ASSAS and Paris Est-Créteil in France. He is also lecturing at Ecole Régionale Supérieure de Magistrature de l'OHADA (ERSUM), a Judicial Training School for magistrates in Porto Novo, Republic of Benin.

Me Akakpo holds a doctoral degree from Université de Nice Côte d'Azur, an Executive master degree in Business Finance and Capital Market from Sciences-Po Paris, and a Post-Graduate Degree in International Business Litigation from the Université de Paris – Est Créteil Val de Marne (Paris 12), with honours. He is also a holder of a post graduate degree in Business Intelligence and Technological Monitoring at the Conservatoire National des Arts et Métiers (CNAM) in Paris with honours.

Me Akakpo received a training in International Organization Development Law (OIDD-Italy) organised jointly by the Loyola School of Law and Tulane Law School (USA).

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TRM™ will identify not only the relevant tax legislation and practice rules, but will pay special attention to the relevant administration law and constitutional issues, as they affect the tax issues at hand. This approach has netted its clients in excess of USD$3.8 bn in positive outcomes in dispute resolution processes with Revenue Authorities in various countries. On average its clients paid less than 3% of the taxes being claimed.

Through TRM™'s commitment to ongoing tax education and adding depth to its consulting abilities, TRM™, through Prof. Dr Erasmus and its other senior consultants, has presented papers, lectures & seminars world-wide.

TRM™ has displayed the ability to deliver professional services in a variety of countries such as the United States, Romania, Hungary, UK, Middle East, and various West, East and Southern African countries. Dr Daniel N. Erasmus and the team have litigated/settled various tax disputes (including transfer pricing) in South Africa, Kenya, Malawi, Mauritius, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe where Dr Daniel N. Erasmus appears as lead Counsel in the various courts, with permission to appear in those different courts on behalf of clients.

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In 2008, he was ranked among 4000 international lawyers with strong expertise in business and corporate law.

He has extensive experience in oil & gas, M&A and private equity transactions, PPP and joint ventures. He has been involved in most of the large-scale projects in Tunisia and North Africa and has advised numerous national and international groups in various sectors particularly natural resources, banking and finance, insurance & reinsurance, telecommunications and IT, and real estate.

Currently a lawyer at the Supreme Court of Tunis, he was admitted to the Tunisian Bar Association in 1994. Samir has studied at the Law University of Tunis and France.

Samir is member of many international and local associations such as the International Association of Petroleum Negotiators (AIPN), International Association for Judicial Methodology, the Arabic Association for Young Lawyers, the Tunisian Centre for Conciliation and Arbitration and the "Camera Arbitrale Nazionale e Internazionale Di Milano".

He is a speaker in many local and international conferences and author of numerous publications and articles dealing with Oil & Gas, PPP and M&A issues in Tunisia and North Africa.

Samir is an Arabic native speaker and is fluent in English, French and Italian.

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Abdelly & Associates was established as a continuity of a long standing legal tradition and has grown considerably presided over by Dr Abdelly since the 90s. We live and work in the region with partners in Algeria, Libya, Egypt and Middle East.

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Intellectual Property Law

Richard Henry Pasipanodya

A qualified Zimbabwe and African Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) expert IP consultant & attorney; registered legal practitioner, notary public, conveyancer, estate administrator.

Possessed of over 25 years of visionary, strategic, responsive, proactive, pragmatic and insightful scholarly and work exposure and experience in virtually all aspects and fields of equitable, effective and adequate intellectual property rights (IPRs) protection, commercialisation and ancillary matters, at very senior levels of national, regional and international contextual levels and perspectives of mandates and assignments.

In which various capacities I have garnered sufficient array of sublime skills and competencies, in-depth knowledge and expertise in handling and articulating IPRs matters, inter alia, as:

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- Convener, Advocator, Lobbyist and Coordinator.
- Educator, Trainer, Tutor and Awareness Campaigner;
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By virtue of this I rank among the very rare breed of accomplished modern all-round IP practitioners in Zimbabwe and the sub-Saharan African region.

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Goals: To contribute in the ushering of perpetual legacies and robust cultures of globally harmonised, approximated, sanitised, equitable, integrated and accessible policies, laws, ethics, norms and practices in IPRs: Convergence of thought processes, orientation of perspectives. Effective & adequate protection, commercialisation & enforcement mechanisms. Commercialisation, investment promotion and wealth-creation opportunities. Technology transfer, acquisition, accumulation, diffusion & dissemination Proliferation & betterment of employment, educational & training. Guaranteed ever-improved quality and standards of life for all.

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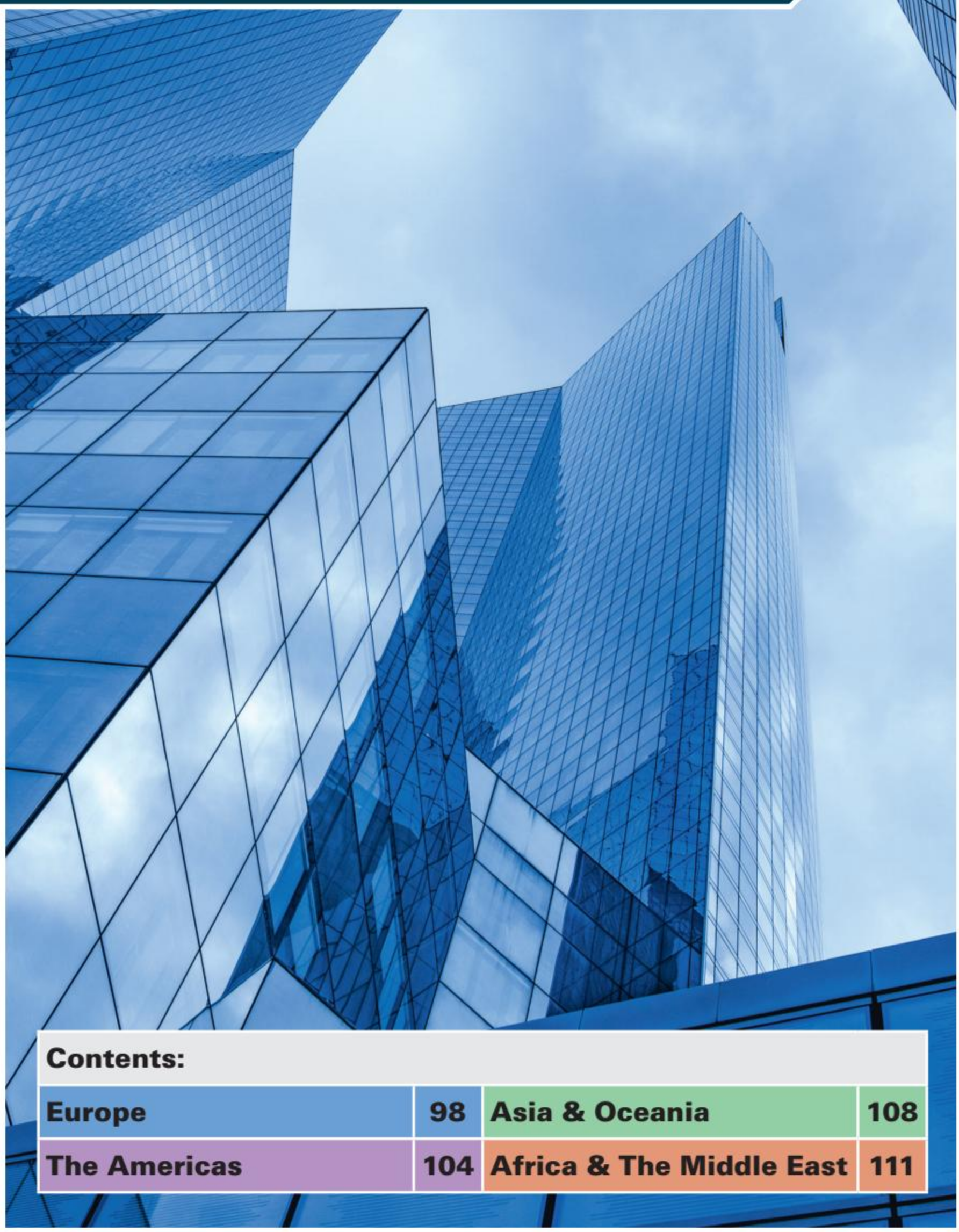


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