



Real Estate Investment Trusts

REITs provide a consistent return premium and, when public, have attributes of liquidity, transparency, monitoring and access to public debt and equity financing.

Ours is one of the pre-eminent law firms in the REIT and real estate securities industry. Since the early 1990s, our lawyers have played a significant role in advising publicly traded REITs, private REITs, and real estate operating and finance companies in all stages of their life cycles, from REIT formation, roll up transactions, and initial public offerings to secondary debt and equity offerings, OP unit and downREIT transactions, complex acquisition and financing transactions, and M&A transactions.

CAPABILITIES

Public REITs

We regularly represent many underwriters in connection with publicly registered REIT debt and equity offerings. Our REIT lawyers have served as underwriters' counsel for numerous IPOs and have been designated as primary underwriters' counsel for offerings by many other REITs. In the US, we also represent other public REITs, sometimes called 'public, non-traded' REITs, which are SEC registered but not listed on a national securities exchange.

Private REITs

We represent real estate owners/operators, tax-exempt institutional investors, foreign investors, and private equity funds in a wide variety of private REIT transactions. We also have significant experience in using private REITs as part of the organizational structure of private equity funds to minimize taxes for tax-exempt investors, foreign investors and fund sponsors. In addition, we represent owners/operators in connection with 'incubator' transactions involving the formation of private REITs that intend to pursue a 'going public' exit strategy.

Joint ventures and other structures

The breadth of our tax, regulatory, corporate, and real estate experience enables us to effectively represent a broad array of clients in connection with the formation, structuring, acquisition, and disposition of real estate joint ventures and other entity structures.

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EXPERIENCE

- Advising Keppel REIT Asia on their joint venture investment in the commercial office development fund with Mirvac Property Group of the Old Treasury Building site in Perth.
- Representing a special purpose vehicle formed on behalf of a Middle Eastern government investment fund in the structuring of a 75 percent share in a joint venture with a leading UK listed REIT to acquire a landmark building in the City of London for approximately £445 million.

INSIGHTS

Publications

Capital Gains Tax - are you prepared?

19 MAR 2019

The UK is changing the treatment of non-residents' capital gains tax (CGT) on disposals of UK property. DLA Piper has partnered with YouGov to gauge awareness of, and preparedness for the CGT changes among senior real estate professionals and, ultimately, to understand how they might impact real estate investment strategies and property values.

Congress finalizes CFIUS reform bill to broaden national security reviews of foreign investments

25 JUL 2018

A summary of the major changes FIRRMA presents to the CFIUS review process.

NEWS

DLA Piper advises Rolls-Royce on acquisition of Siemens' eAircraft business

21 June 2019

DLA Piper has advised Rolls-Royce plc on the acquisition of Siemens' electric and hybrid-electric aerospace propulsion activities, eAircraft. The acquisition will accelerate the delivery of Rolls-Royce's electrification strategy and boost its ambition to play a major role in the "third era" of aviation. The completion of the transaction is expected in late 2019, following a period of employee consultation.

DLA Piper announces launch of Artificial Intelligence practice

14 MAY 2019

DLA Piper announced today the launch of its Artificial Intelligence practice, which will focus on assisting companies as they navigate the legal landscape of emerging and disruptive technologies, while helping them understand the legal and compliance risks arising from the creation and deployment of AI systems.

DLA Piper announces partnership promotions for 2019

1 APR 2019

DLA Piper is proud to announce that 77 lawyers have been promoted to its partnership. The promotions are effective as of April 1, 2019 in the United States and May 1, 2019 for EMEA and Asia Pacific. The promotions were made across many of the firm's practice areas in 43 different offices throughout 20 countries.

Non-resident real estate investors bullish on Capital Gains Tax changes

19 MAR 2019

Non-resident real estate investors are holding their nerve on UK investment strategies despite impending capital gains tax (CGT) changes coming into force next month and uncertainty around Brexit. According to a DLA Piper report, more than half (58 percent) of those polled expect the new tax code will have no impact on their investment strategy.

DLA Piper announces launch of Blockchain and Digital Assets practice

26 FEB 2019

DLA Piper announced today the launch of its Blockchain and Digital Assets practice, which will offer strategic advice on a global basis to address the needs of companies implementing blockchain technology solutions and creating and deploying digital assets.

DLA Piper's Global Real Estate Annual *State of the Market Survey*

14 FEB 2019

According to DLA Piper's Global Real Estate's Annual *State of the Market Survey*, a significant shift in cross-border investment in US commercial real estate is taking place, with a new country predicted to become the major source of non-US capital for US commercial real estate.

DLA Piper grows Real Estate and Corporate team in Rome

24 SEP 2018

DLA Piper has added to its Real Estate and Corporate practice groups with three hires in Rome. Filippo Cecchetti, partner, joins together with Eleonora Laurito, legal director and Giulia Minetti Floccari, lawyer. All three hires come from Chiomenti Studio Legale where Filippo has worked as a partner since 2015.

DLA Piper further expands UK Construction team

30 AUG 2018

Global law firm DLA Piper has been joined by leading construction and infrastructure partner Sarah Thomas, along with four other lawyers.

DLA Piper Africa welcomes Zimbabwe member firm

19 JUN 2018

DLA Piper Africa has announced that leading Zimbabwean law firm, Manokore Attorneys, is joining as the member firm in Zimbabwe.

DLA Piper announces partnership promotions for 2018

3 APR 2018

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DLA Piper advises Asahi Shuzo in acquisition of site for its first sake brewing facility outside of Japan

20 MAR 2018

DLA Piper represented Asahi Shuzo Co., Ltd. in the acquisition of the site for the company's first sake brewing facility outside of Japan.

DLA Piper advises international banks as mandated lead arrangers on US\$175 million secured term loan facility

28 FEB 2018

DLA Piper has advised a consortium of five leading international banks led by Deutsche Bank AG as mandated lead arrangers in connection with a US\$ 175 million secured term loan facility to three Barbados borrowers, which indirectly own Excel Centre, a grade-A office tower with a total space of over 41,000 square meters located in Beijing's Financial Street.

CRE executives remain bullish, but optimism levels off: DLA Piper's 2017 *State of the Market Survey*

26 SEP 2017

Commercial real estate executives are largely bullish about the US market over the next 12 months, according to DLA Piper's 2017 *State of the Market Survey*. But their optimism continues to level off after the high points seen earlier this decade.
