



Hospitality and Leisure

Hospitality and leisure represents a multibillion-dollar global industry, covering a broad range of services with inter-related requirements. DLA Piper's exceptional global reach and industry specific experience means we have local lawyers with regional and global experience who understand the complexities involved.

Ours was one of the first legal firms to develop a dedicated global hospitality and leisure group. With years of experience and a proven track record in the sector, we help investors, developers, owners and operators with their hospitality and leisure opportunities.

DLA Piper understands the variety of hospitality and leisure legal issues that arise and advise on development, acquisition and divestment and contractual arrangements; gaming operations; franchise, management and outsourcing operations; management agreements and operations; corporate, joint ventures and fund formation; finance and restructuring; franchise, outsourcing and commercial agreements; data privacy security technology arrangements; advertising and brand; betting and major sporting events.

Our clients include owners, managers, franchisors, developers and lenders; global, regional and national hotels; resort businesses; serviced apartments; and leisure and sports operators (golf courses, theme and amusement parks, health and fitness facilities, spas, gyms, leisure complexes, cinemas, marinas, nightclubs, casinos and gambling establishments).

We also represent online gaming operators and gambling establishments, hospitality and catering operations such as conference locations, and organizers and developers of venues for major sporting events, including the Olympic Games and Commonwealth Games.

In addition to our industry-specific experience, our hospitality and leisure clients benefit from access to our core service areas, whether their investments and operations are local or global.

Focus areas

Advertising and brand

We advise clients on their intellectual property, management of global IP portfolios, and worldwide trademark protection both online and offline. We have resolved contentious trademark matters in the US, China, India, Korea, the Middle East, Latin America and Europe. We advise on advertising law issues, including responding to official complaints, and on brand protection and infringement issues.

Corporate, joint ventures and funds

Our lawyers represent clients in the formation of joint ventures and help the new entity handle ongoing corporate, employment and tax issues. Clients often turn to us when they purchase lending facilities, including help with tax, finance and lending, due diligence and negotiation of control and related equity-based issues.

Development, acquisition and disposal

We advise on buying, selling, financing, and investing in hospitality and leisure businesses, handling all aspects of acquisitions, financing, negotiations, zoning as well as all development, financing, and ownership needs. We represent clients in major single-asset and portfolio acquisitions and disposals; advise on related funding, employment and tax aspects; and represent developers and operators in management contract negotiations.

We are at the forefront of condominium-hotel development, including innovative structures, financing arrangements and documentation for some of the most prestigious and ambitious projects in the world.

Finance and restructuring

We help with refinancing international asset portfolios, including due diligence, structuring of transactions, drafting and negotiating the finance documentation and advising on establishing security. We act as administrative agents in the financing of hospitality and leisure projects. Clients benefit from our experience in negotiating complex financing arrangements and credit facilities.

Franchise, outsourcing and commercial agreements

We represent clients as franchise counsel in international expansions, including licensing, joint venture and management transactions. We advise clients on global outsourcing and IT agreements, merchandising agreements, co-branding and promotion agreements.

Major sporting events

We have first-hand experience with host city bids and infrastructural arrangements for major sporting events, including the Summer and Winter Olympics and the Commonwealth Games. We advise facilities developers on issues such as hotel and branded residence management agreements.

Management agreements and operations

We advise operators on their management services and represent owners in the negotiation and structuring of management agreements. This includes the termination of agreements as well as antitrust and competition matters.

Real estate services

Our real estate services include acquisition and disposal, cross-border investment, development, environmental and planning, finance, land use and government relations, leasing, litigation, REIT representation, restructuring and loan workouts, securitization and other capital markets and tax.

Our construction practice provides guidance in the design, building, and management of complex and phased construction projects.

We regularly sponsor, speak at and participate in sector-related conferences worldwide, including the International Hotel Investment Forum in Berlin, The Americas Lodging Investment Summit in California, the Hotel Investment Conference Asia Pacific in Hong Kong, and the Arabian Hotel Investment Conference in Dubai.

In the US, our hospitality and leisure sector group is highly ranked in the leisure and hospitality category of Chambers USA, the guide to America's leading lawyers for business.

In recent times, we have acted on more transactions within the sector than any other law firm, advising global, regional and national companies and high net worth individuals. Our experience includes:

- Advertising and brand: Our lawyers help the Savoy Hotel Group manage its global trade mark portfolio and infringement issues
- Corporate, joint ventures and funds: We represented InterContinental Hotels Group (IHG) in forming a joint venture with Brack Real Estate Group to develop a mixed-use project on the Lower East Side of Manhattan in New York that will be anchored by IHG's Hotel Indigo
- Development, acquisition and disposal: We advised Public Investment Corporation (representing the Government Employees Pension Fund) in a joint venture on the acquisition of the iconic V&A Waterfront development in Cape Town. The deal has been valued at \$1.2 billion, the largest single asset real estate transaction to date in South Africa.
- Finance and restructuring: We represented Alternative Hotel Group in the restructuring of its portfolio as a consequence of the restructuring of the Group's £1.7 billion debt and equity arrangements with Lloyds Banking Group, which included one of the largest

debt-for-equity swaps in British corporate history.

- Franchise, outsourcing and commercial agreements: Maxim's Caterers, Hong Kong's largest food services company, turned to us to represent it in merchandising agreements, co-branding and promotion agreements in Hong Kong, Macau and South China and also in obtaining new rights in Western China.
- Major sporting events: Our lawyers helped the Olympic Delivery Authority with its infrastructural arrangements for the London 2012 Olympics.
- Management agreements and operations: Capital Partners turned to us to help develop, negotiate and structure hotel and resort contracts under the Ritz Carlton (3), Canyon Ranch, Mandarin Oriental (2), Six Senses and Marriott Residences brands in Russia, Kazakhstan and Turkey

NEWS

DLA Piper advises Aurelis on part sale of Nuremberg's Marienzeile to Wealthcap

24 November 2021

DLA Piper has advised Aurelis Real Estate on the sale of the third of a total of four planned office buildings in Nuremberg's Marienzeile to real asset and investment manager Wealthcap, a subsidiary of the Unicredit Group.

DLA Piper advises PROJECT Immobilien on the sale of a new hotel building at Business Park Berlin to Premier Inn

17 November 2021

DLA Piper advised PROJECT Immobilien Gewerbe AG on the sale of a new hotel building at Business Park Berlin to a subsidiary of Premier Inn Holding GmbH.

DLA Piper advises Catella Real Estate on the acquisition of a retail park in Augsburg from ILG

4 November 2021

DLA Piper advised Munich-based real estate investment manager Catella Real Estate AG on the acquisition of a retail park in Augsburg-Oberhausen for its open-ended special real estate fund "IWS II - Wirtschaftsregion Süddeutschland".

DLA Piper advises Geisel Privathotels on the sale of Hotel Königshof in Munich

3 November 2021

DLA Piper has advised the Munich hotel group Geisel Privathotels on the sale of "Neubau Hotel Königshof" to the family-owned company Inka Karlsplatz GmbH & Co. KG (Inka Karlsplatz). As project developer, Geisel Privathotels will complete the new five-star hotel building in Munich's city centre at Karlsplatz (Stachus) by mid-2023.

DLA Piper advises Catella Real Estate on the sale of an office and commercial building in Munich

29 October 2021

DLA Piper has advised Catella Real Estate AG (CREAG) on behalf of the open-ended real estate fund Catella MAX on the sale of an office and commercial building in one of Munich's most popular shopping streets to the investment and project development company QUEST Investment Partners.

DLA Piper advises Tilad on the sale of a Munich DIY store

11 October 2021

DLA Piper hat Tilad, ein Multi Family Office mit Sitz in Dubai, beim Verkauf eines Hornbach-Baumarkts in München-Freiham beraten.

DLA Piper advises Catella Real Estate on the acquisition of a city logistics property in Rheinbach

8 October 2021

DLA Piper has advised Catella Real Estate AG (CREAG) on the acquisition of the approx. 8,020 m² Industriestraße 1 project development in Rheinbach for the “Catella Logistik Deutschland Plus ” as part of a forward funding asset deal. The seller is thirteen seven GmbH, Aachen, a project developer specializing in logistics and light industrial real estate.

DLA Piper advises Catella Real Estate on acquisition of “Campus 71” in Essen for sustainability fund

5 October 2021

DLA Piper has advised Catella Real Estate AG (CREAG) on the acquisition of the new-build microliving apartment building “Campus 71” in Essen for its open-ended mutual fund “KCD-Catella Nachhaltigkeit IMMOBILIEN Deutschland”. The purchase of the ninth property increases the assets under management of the fund, which was launched at the beginning of 2017, to more than EUR200 million. The seller of the property is Daiwa House Modular Europe, the market leader for modular and circular construction in Europe from the Netherlands.

DLA Piper advises Mileway on the acquisition of two last mile logistics in Germany

24 September 2021

DLA Piper has advised Mileway, the leading pan-European last mile logistics real estate company, on the acquisition of two prime properties within close proximity to Stuttgart city centre.

DLA Piper advises Principal Real Estate on acquisition of retail property for Novapierre Allemagne 2 fund

7 September 2021

DLA Piper has advised Principal Real Estate Europe as asset and transaction manager of the Novapierre Allemagne 2 SCPI fund, managed by PAREF Gestion, on the acquisition of a retail park property.

DLA Piper advises on the sale of Amsterdam Logistic Cityhub, the largest single-asset logistics deal in the Netherlands

23 August 2021

DLA Piper has advised on the EUR307 million sale of Amsterdam Logistic Cityhub (ALC) to CTP, a listed developer and operator of logistic real estate. The transaction is the largest single-asset logistics deal in the Netherlands to date.

DLA Piper advises Azrieli Group on acquisition of Norwegian data centre developer

21 July 2021

DLA Piper has advised Israeli real estate investor Azrieli on its acquisition of Green Mountain, a Norwegian data centre developer, for NOK7.6 billion.

DLA Piper advises Schroder Real Estate on acquisition of office building in Berlin for new real estate fund

13 July 2021

DLA Piper has advised Schroder Real Estate on the acquisition of an office building in Berlin -Tiergarten for its recently launched open-ended real estate fund "Schroders Immobilienwerte Deutschland".

DLA Piper advises PROJECT Immobilien on the sale of an office and laboratory building in Potsdam Science Park

29 June 2021

DLA Piper has advised PROJECT Immobilien Gewerbe AG on the sale of the office and laboratory building „H-Lab“ in the Potsdam Service Science Park. PROJECT Immobilien is also acting as developer of the property.

DLA Piper advises DIC Asset AG on acquisition of two major properties in Munich for about EUR635 million

10 June 2021

DLA Piper has advised DIC Asset AG, one of Germany's leading listed property companies, on the acquisition of two office properties within the framework of an off-market deal. The acquisition includes the "Uptown Munich" high-rise, a 37-storey office building with a lettable area of around 52,300 sqm, and the fully occupied multi-tenant office property "Campus C" with a lettable area of around 9,200 sqm.

DLA Piper advises pbb, Berlin Hyp and Helaba on the refinancing of a logistics portfolio

6 May 2021

DLA Piper has advised Deutsche Pfandbriefbank AG (pbb) as lead arranger in a consortium with Berlin Hyp AG (Berlin Hyp) and Helaba on the EUR380 million refinancing of a logistics portfolio managed by GARBE Industrial Real Estate.

DLA Piper advises KINGSTONE Investment Management on the acquisition of MAYOFFICE from GIEAG Immobilien AG

22 April 2021

DLA Piper has advised KINGSTONE Investment Management (KINGSTONE IM) on the acquisition of the MAYOFFICE office building in Stuttgart from GIEAG Immobilien AG for the special fund "KINGSTONE Wachstumsregionen Süddeutschland" (KWS).

DLA Piper advises GLP on the lease of Unit 6 of its 134,000 sqm logistics property in Mönchengladbach to Coca-Cola

21 April 2021

DLA Piper has advised GLP, a leading investor and developer of logistics real estate and distribution parks, on the lease of the approximately 15,000 m2 Unit 6 building at its 134,000 m2 logistics center in Mönchengladbach, Germany, to Coca-Cola European Partners Deutschland GmbH (CCEP).

DLA Piper advises Helaba on the financing of the Silberturm in Frankfurt am Main

14 April 2021

DLA Piper has advised Landesbank Hessen-Thüringen Girozentrale (Helaba) on the financing of the purchase of the landmark office tower „Silberturm“ in Frankfurt am Main.

DLA Piper advises LBBW on the financing of a residential property portfolio owned by Adler Group

9 April 2021

DLA Piper has advised Landesbank Baden-Württemberg (LBBW) on the financing of a residential property portfolio with a total financing volume of EUR400 million.

DLA Piper advises Aviva Investors on acquisition of Spektrum office building in Munich

7 April 2021

DLA Piper has advised Aviva Investors, the global asset management business of British insurance company Aviva plc, on the acquisition of the office property Spektrum in Munich's Landsberger Strasse 302-312 for one of its clients.

DLA Piper advises Aviva Investors on acquisition of “Altes Klöpperhaus” building in Hamburg from Barings

16 March 2021

DLA Piper has advised Aviva Investors, the global asset management business of British insurance company Aviva plc, on the acquisition of the “Altes Klöpperhaus” office building in Hamburg, on behalf of one of its clients, from global real estate investment manager Barings.

DLA Piper advises HALLMANN HOLDING on the acquisition of a majority stake in the Neu-Ulm retail park

16 March 2021

DLA Piper has advised HALLMANN HOLDING held by Austrian investor Klemens Hallmann on the acquisition of a majority stake in the retail park an der Borsigstrasse in Neu-Ulm. With this transaction, HALLMANN HOLDING further expands its portfolio in the retail segment.

DLA Piper advises PROJECT Immobilien on the sale of the new office and commercial building MACHWERK74

10 March 2021

DLA Piper has advised PROJECT Immobilien Gewerbe AG on the sale of the new office and commercial building "MACHWERK74" in Berlin.

DLA Piper advises The Carlyle Group on the acquisition of an additional distribution logistics asset in Germany

4 March 2021

DLA Piper hat die globale Investmentgesellschaft The Carlyle Group (NASDAQ: CG) beim Erwerb beim Erwerb einer großen Logistik-

Immobilie in Deutschland beraten.

DLA Piper advises IHG Hotels & Resorts on continuation of Tidal Group hotels and transfer to new operator Westmont

2 March 2021

DLA Piper has advised the global InterContinental Hotels Group (IHG) Hotels & Resorts on the continuation of 10 hotels of franchisee Tidal Operations Germany GmbH (TOG) and the subsequent transfer to a new operator, Westmont Hospitality Group (Westmont).

DLA Piper advises MARCOL on EUR250m self-storage joint venture with Angelo Gordon

25 February 2021

DLA Piper hat die private Investmentgruppe MARCOL bei der Gründung eines neuen Joint Venture mit der alternativen Investmentfirma Angelo Gordon auf dem deutschen Self-Storage-Markt mit dem Start von Space Plus beraten, das von dem europäischen Self-Storage-Veteranen Russell Jordan geleitet wird.

DLA Piper advises Catella Real Estate on acquisition of mixed-use property in Cologne

4 February 2021

DLA Piper has advised Munich-based real estate investment manager Catella Real Estate AG on the acquisition of a mixed-use property in downtown Cologne for the AVW European Real Estate Fund.

DLA Piper advises Manulife on its acquisition of 39 Martin Place

29 January 2021

DLA Piper has advised international financial services group Manulife Financial Corporation on its 50/50 joint venture with Investa Commercial Property Fund ("ICPF") to acquire the right to a 100% interest in 39 Martin Place, Sydney from Macquarie Group Limited (ASX: MQG).

DLA Piper advises Aviva Investors on acquisition of Stuttgart office building

22 January 2021

DLA Piper has advised Aviva Investors, the global asset management business of British insurance company Aviva plc, on the acquisition of the Rotebühlstrasse 121 office building in Stuttgart for one of its clients.

DLA Piper advises The Carlyle Group on the acquisition of prime German distribution logistics assets

8 January 2021

DLA Piper has advised global investment firm The Carlyle Group (NASDAQ: CG) on its acquisition of a portfolio of three distribution logistics assets in Germany.

DLA Piper advises Heidelberger Druckmaschinen AG on the sale of commercial space at Wiesloch/Walldorf site

28 December 2020

DLA Piper has advised Heidelberger Druckmaschinen AG (Heidelberg) on the sale of an area of around 130,000m² to the VGP Group as part of its planned site and structural optimization measures.

DLA Piper advises Hahn Group on the sale of Pfungstadt retail park

22 December 2020

DLA Piper hat einen institutionellen Immobilienfonds, der von der Hahn Gruppe gemanagt wird, beim Verkauf des Fachmarktzentrums Pfungstadt beraten.

DLA Piper advises KINGSTONE on the acquisition of two real estate properties by Sontowski & Partner

15 December 2020

DLA Piper has advised KINGSTONE Investment Management (KINGSTONE IM) on the acquisition of two real estate properties from S&P Commercial Development, a subsidiary of Sontowski & Partner Group.

DLA Piper named Law Firm of the Year for Real Estate and Insurance at the JUVE Awards

30 October 2020

DLA Piper has been named Law Firm of the Year for Real Estate and Insurance at the JUVE Awards, in a ceremony which took place on Thursday 29 October.

DLA Piper advises Prologis on largest-ever sale of logistics real estate assets in the UK

29 October 2020

DLA Piper has advised global leader in logistics real estate Prologis, Inc. on the sale of a portfolio of buildings and land in the UK to real estate funds managed by Blackstone for GBP473 million (USD618 million).

DLA Piper advises The Carlyle Group on the acquisition of prime French and German distribution logistics assets

29 October 2020

DLA Piper has advised global investment firm The Carlyle Group (NASDAQ: CG) on its acquisition of a portfolio of 27 distribution logistics assets in France and Germany. The transaction is structured as a sale-and-leaseback.

DLA Piper's 2020 Annual Global Real Estate *State of the Market Survey:*

28 October 2020

DLA Piper's survey examines the views of CRE experts on the trajectory of the economic recovery, investment trends, geographic hotspots and general market outlook, and demonstrates a shift in thinking since 2019, when 50 percent of survey respondents were moderately bullish and confident that the economy would continue to grow in the next 12 months.

DLA Piper launches Real Estate AI/automation platform Release

22 October 2020

DLA Piper today announces the launch of Release, an online, secure portal and platform for real estate clients which can be used to view and manage each step of a standard transaction and all the legal elements of a deal in one place – resulting in considerable time savings.

As well as providing clients with a dedicated dashboard that provides a simple, transparent and accessible way to view the progress of a matter and outstanding actions, Release will greatly improve the way clients instruct and provide information to DLA Piper. Through this, the document processing time will be reduced by over 90% and the platform allows for an overview of a matter to be quickly shared with other advisers and the DLA Piper team.

DLA Piper advises P3 Logistic Parks on the rental of commercial space to Makita Werkzeug GmbH

27 August 2020

DLA Piper has advised P3 Logistic Parks GmbH on the rental of commercial space to Makita Werkzeug GmbH.

DLA Piper advises CONREN Land on Dusseldorf property acquisition

11 August 2020

DLA Piper has advised CONREN Land on the acquisition of the Düsseldorf commercial and office property “Hansastern C” for the special fund CONREN Land Büro INVEST-Plus, which is managed by IntReal International Real Estate Kapitalverwaltungsgesellschaft mbH. The seller is HANSAINVEST Hanseatische Investment-Gesellschaft mit beschränkter Haftung.

DLA Piper advises Katoen Natie on the acquisition of Nijhof Wassink

7 July 2020

DLA Piper has advised Katoen Natie, an international logistics service provider and port operator, on the acquisition of the warehousing activities of Nijhof-Wassink in Poland, a family-owned company specialising in logistics.

DLA Piper advises PZU on office lease agreement in Generation Park Y

2 July 2020

DLA Piper has advised Grupa PZU, one of the largest financial institution in Poland and CEE, on the lease of 47,000 m² of office, retail and warehouse space, in Generation Park Y.

DLA Piper advises Allianz Real Estate on the financing of the acquisition of Bishop’s Square in Dublin by GLL Real Estate Partners

7 May 2020

DLA Piper has advised Allianz Real Estate GmbH, the real estate investment arm of Allianz Group, on the provision of financing to an investment vehicle managed by GLL Real Estate Partners for the purchase of Bishop’s Square in Dublin, Ireland.

DLA Piper announces partnership promotions for 2020

30 April 2020

DLA Piper is proud to announce that 67 lawyers have been promoted to its partnership. The promotions are effective as of April 1, 2020 in the United States and May 1, 2020 for EMEA and Asia Pacific. The promotions have been made across many of the firm's practice areas in 35 different offices throughout 13 countries.

Across the firm's practices globally, Corporate saw the largest intake of new partners with 19 promotions, followed by Litigation and Regulatory with 15. Intellectual Property and Technology and Finance and Projects had ten and eight promotions respectively, while there were six in Real Estate. Tax and Employment both had four, and there was one in Restructuring.

Multijurisdictional DLA Piper team advises on real estate transaction in Luxembourg

29 April 2020

DLA Piper has advised FFF Real Estate S.à r.l., a subsidiary of FFF Fund I SCSp SICAV-RAIF, multicompartiment regulated Luxembourg fund, managed by a Cyprus based management company in connection with the financing of a residential real estate developer for the purposes of acquisition and further development of the residential project in Luxembourg.

DLA Piper advises Daiichi Sankyo on its new UK headquarters

22 April 2020

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised pharmaceutical company Daiichi Sankyo UK, on the letting of its new UK headquarters, located in West London.

DLA Piper advises Elite Partners Capital on the acquisition of the logistics park in Mszczonów

24 March 2020

DLA Piper has advised Elite Partners Capital on the purchase of five warehouse buildings covering a combined area of more than 200,000 square meters located in a logistics park situated in a fast developing logistics centre on the south-west of Warsaw, one of the largest logistics transactions so far this year.

DLA Piper lawyers named Acritas Stars

10 March 2020

Acritas has named over 200 DLA Piper lawyers as 2020 Acritas Stars. Now in its fourth year, Acritas Stars highlights the stand-out lawyers in private practice as nominated by clients around the world. More than 3,000 senior in-house counsel feed into the nomination process to give a comprehensive view of highly recommended lawyers across the globe.

DLA Piper advises banks on the EUR162 million financing of HB Reavis' green project in Poland

3 March 2020

DLA Piper has advised a consortium of four banks: (Santander Bank Polska , BNP Paribas Bank Polska, PKO Bank Polski and Bank Pekao), in relation to the granting of a EUR162 million loan to HB Reavis for the development of the Forest office campus.

DLA Piper Ukraine advises food chain Billa on lease extension flagship store in the Bessarabskyi Market in Kyiv

21 February 2020

DLA Piper Ukraine real estate team has advised food chain Billa on securing a record 8-year lease extension agreement with Kyiv City Council for its flagship store in the Bessarabskyi Market in Kyiv.

DLA Piper advises Aareal Bank on EUR31 million refinancing of two properties in Milan

17 January 2020

DLA Piper has advised Aareal Bank on the refinancing of two properties located in Milan, Italy, and owned by a pan-European fund managed by Invesco Real Estate, the global real estate investment manager.

DLA Piper advises Hahn Group on sale of Campus Center Lübeck

18 December 2019

DLA Piper has advised Hahn Group on the sale of Campus Center Lübeck to real estate investment manager Nuveen Real Estate, which acquired the property for its German core retail platform.

DLA Piper advises Jochen Schweizer Group on property sale to Art-Invest Real Estate

6 December 2019

DLA Piper has advised Jochen Schweizer Group on the sale of the neighboring property north of the Jochen Schweizer Arena, in Taufkirchen near Munich, to Art-Invest Real Estate. The property will be developed into the Jochen Schweizer Quartier that offers a lifestyle hotel, long-stay apartments, a conference center and office space. Start of construction is scheduled for the end of 2020.
