



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 down REIT transactions, complex acquisition and financing transactions, and M&A transactions.

CAPABILITES

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

Proposed carried interest regulations contain some good news, but many more traps for the unwary

31 August 2020

Takeaways and initial impressions of the Proposed Carried Interest Regulations.

NEWS

DLA Piper lawyers and practices ranked in latest edition of *The Legal 500*

17 June 2021

DLA Piper announced today that the firm received 42 individual lawyer rankings and 49 firm rankings in *The Legal 500 United States* 2021 guide.

DLA Piper's 2021 Annual Global Real Estate *State of the Market Survey*: Resiliency is the new normal for the CRE market

5 May 2021

Commercial real estate (CRE) experts' outlook on the CRE market has returned to optimism, according to DLA Piper's 2021 Global Real Estate Annual *State of the Market Survey*.

DLA Piper advises Rastegar in launch of Rastegar Opportunity REIT and US\$200 million share offering

26 January 2021

DLA Piper represented Rastegar Property Company, LLC, a technology-enabled private real estate investment firm, in its launch of the Rastegar Opportunity REIT, Inc. ("the REIT"), a US\$200 million private real estate investment trust offering shares pursuant to Rule 506(c) of Regulation D.

DLA Piper lawyers and practices ranked in latest Chambers edition

8 May 2020

DLA Piper today announced that the firm received 172 lawyer rankings and 71 practice rankings in *Chambers USA's* 2020 guide.
