



Real Estate

Real estate has emerged as an attractive long-term investment for investors seeking diversification and stable yields in an uncertain economy. As a sector, real estate must both compete with other investment classes and offer a desirable product to end-users whether they are buying or leasing. In addition, many traditional real estate investors are looking to acquire portfolios that transcend borders resulting in the emergence of a global real estate industry.

DLA Piper's global team of 600 lawyers devoted to the real estate sector assists clients throughout the entire life cycle of their investments, wherever in the world the business takes them. We understand the business of real estate, and that understanding is fundamental to our reputation as multidisciplinary deal facilitators.

We offer a full range of real estate services in areas including financing, fund formation, acquisitions and disposals, tax efficiency, land use, environmental law, planning and development, construction and leasing. Our clients benefit from our significant experience in orchestrating high value, long-term projects that involve complex structuring, facilitating negotiations, ensuring tax efficiency, navigating legal and regulatory issues and, when necessary, litigating on their behalf.

- **The Walt Disney Company** in the real estate portion of its US\$71.3 billion acquisition of 21st Century Fox, involving over 350 properties worldwide
- **A Canadian pension fund** in its US\$4.0 billion acquisition of a 180-property logistics portfolio and related management platform
- **North American Properties** in its US\$2.5 billion residential, retail, entertainment, marina, office and hotel development project in New Jersey, one of the largest mixed-use projects in that state's history
- **ASB Capital Management** in the acquisition and subsequent sale of its US\$1.8 billion US data center business
- **Cottonwood Management** in all aspects of its US\$900 million development of Echelon Seaport, one of the largest development projects in Boston. The project includes 733 luxury condominiums and apartments in three towers built over a 125,000 square foot retail podium
- **AEW Capital Management** with respect to joint ventures (including platform/strategic joint ventures), acquisitions, financings and sales of office, multifamily, logistics and retail properties throughout the US, including the US\$385 million acquisition of a private REIT that owns a prominent office tower in New York City
- **Blackstone Real Estate Income Trust, Inc.** in the issuance by Blackstone's first non-traded REIT of up to US\$5 billion of common stock

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- **Harrison Street Real Estate Capital** in its US\$1.9 billion acquisition of Campus Crest Communities, Inc.
- **Bank of Nova Scotia** in the US\$3.75 billion financing of the Las Vegas Sands in Macau, PRC and the US\$1.25 billion financing of the Las Vegas Sands in Las Vegas, Nevada
- **A state-owned enterprise** in a joint venture for a US\$5 billion mixed use development project in New York
- **Mirae Asset Global Investments** in the US\$780 million acquisition of the Hyatt Regency Waikiki Hotel in Honolulu, Hawaii
- **Oxford Properties Group** in the joint venture and development of a US\$2.1 billion office project in New York
- **Union Investment Real Estate GmbH** in its US\$330.2 million acquisition of the Midtown21 office building in Seattle
- **Blackstone Real Estate Group** in the acquisition of 12 hotels with an aggregate purchase price of more than US\$400 million
- **The Atlanta Braves** in the development of a new 57-acre stadium site and surrounding mixed-use development known as The Battery Atlanta™, including office, retail, residential, hotel and entertainment components that feature entertainment districts containing an additional concert/theatre venue
- **A Canadian pension fund** in a complex joint venture for the acquisition of a trophy office building in New York, in part through the acquisition of a Panamanian company
- **Blackstone** in the acquisition of a €536 million logistics portfolio in 40 locations across Cyprus, Germany, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, Switzerland and the UK
- **CBRE Global Investors** in the refinancing of its logistics pan-European fund covering seven countries (France, Luxembourg, Germany, Spain, Portugal, the Netherlands and Belgium)
- **Aareal Bank AG** in an up to €1 billion pan-European real estate loan to Invesco Real Estate, used to refinance a portfolio of properties in France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, Spain and the UK, including an accordion facility to enable expansion
- **Aviva Investors** in the sale of its Central European Industrial Fund comprising a 90-asset logistics portfolio in Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Romania to Partners Group and Valad
- **China Orient Asset Management** in the acquisition and development of a resort in the Maldives through a leasehold structure, including entering into a BVI joint venture arrangement with a local Maldives entity
- **Gaw Capital Partners** in its acquisition of Ocean Towers, a 25-story Grade A office building located at People's Square in Shanghai
- **Allianz Real Estate** in its 50 percent stake in a portfolio of modern logistics assets in China which are owned by a Gaw Capital managed fund. The portfolio includes five projects in the areas of Shanghai, Jiaying, Foshan, Wuhan and Shenyang with a total leasable area of 375,000 square meters
- **Destination Brisbane Consortium** in the development of its AU\$3 billion integrated resort at Queens Wharf, Brisbane. The project will encompass a new integrated resort (including a casino), a residential development and five new hotel brands, including a 6-star Ritz-Carlton and 5-star Rosewood and Dorsett Hotels
- **SP Setia Berhad**, Malaysia's largest listed developer, in its first entry into Australia for the development of two residential towers of more than 800 apartments with commercial and retail spaces

Awards and Accolades

- Band 2 in UK-wide Hotels & Leisure (*Chambers UK 2021*)
- Tier 1 in Real Estate for Four Consecutive Years (*The Legal 500 USA 2020*)
- Tier 1 in Land Use & Zoning for 10 Consecutive Years (*The Legal 500 USA 2020*)
- Tier 1 in Real Estate Law and Land Use & Zoning Law (*US News and World Report "Law Firms of the Year" 2020*)
- A Top 5 Real Estate Law Firm for 10 Consecutive Years (*Commercial Property Executive & Multi-Housing News 2020*)
- Law Firm of the Year (*REFI European Awards, 2020*)
- Band 1 for Investment Funds - Real Estate Funds - Hong Kong (*IFLR 1000, 2014-2020*)
- Firm (Specialism) of the year - Real Estate: Commercial property: investment (*The Legal 500 UK Awards 2019*)
- Commercial Property: Investment Team of the Year (*The Legal 500 UK Awards 2019*)
- Winner of the China Business Law Awards for Real Estate & REIT 2019 (*China Business Law Journal*)
- Global Real Estate Firm of the Year (*The International Who's Who of Business Lawyers 2005-2019*)
- Hospitality Group of the Year 2019 (*Law360*)
- Tier 1 in Real Estate for China and Thailand (*The Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2014-2019*)
- Band 1 in Real Estate in Ukraine (*Chambers Europe 2019*)

- Band 1 in Real Estate in China (*Chambers Asia Pacific* 2017 - 2019)
- Band 2 in Real Estate - Europe-wide (*Chambers* 2019)
- Band 2 in Real Estate in Russia (*Chambers Europe* 2019)
- Band 2 in Real Estate in Italy (*Chambers Europe* 2019)

AKTUELLES

Publikationen

A legal overview

4 January 2022

UNDERSTANDING THE UK NATIONAL SECURITY & INVESTMENT REGIME PODCAST

In episode 2 of our podcast series we discuss the legal context of the regime: how it will operate and the implications for businesses. In particular, the legislation - which comes into force today, 4 January - has wide reaching implications for M&A involving businesses or assets connected with the UK.

Supporting the health of your health system: 2022

3 January 2022

Helping you tend to healthcare system wellness throughout the business life cycle.

Environmental Law for the Future: Wellbeing for Future Generations Bill

17 December 2021

European Commission's Proposals for reform of AIFMD, UCITS Directive and the ELTIF regime

26 November 2021

Following its review of the scope and functioning of the Alternative Investment Funds Manager Directive¹ (AIFMD), the European Commission (the Commission) has concluded that the AIFMD's standards for ensuring high levels of investor protection are mostly effective, but that amendments are required which are intended to be targeted in scope, but may have far-reaching effects.

The Commission has now published new legislative amendments to AIFMD, the UCITS Directive² (UCITSD) and the ELTIF Regulation³ (ELTIF Regulation) (the Commission Proposal). The proposed amendments set out in the Commission Proposal will be introduced by way of an omnibus directive amending the AIFMD, UCITSD and the ELTIF Regulation.⁴

The Glasgow Climate Pact: What does it mean for Business?

23 November 2021

In this article, members of our Sustainability and ESG Steering Committee share their thoughts on eight key themes emerging from COP26 and what they mean for business.

ESG challenges in Real Estate ahead of COP26

14 October 2021

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In a few weeks' time, the eyes of the world will be on Glasgow for the 26th annual United Nations Climate Change Conference. Indeed, over time, environmental as well as social and governance issues have become real challenges for all individuals, businesses and markets, and the real estate sector is no exception. These concerns, which have increased since the COVID-19 pandemic, should not be seen as a brake but rather as a real driver for growth and innovation.

"Green Loans" or "Sustainability Linked Loans" - an overview

12 October 2021

[REAL ESTATE GAZETTE](#)

ESG, green loans and sustainability linked loans – these buzzwords in the field of green financing are gaining more popularity but the details are still a little unclear. Here we shed some light on these terms and provide a more differentiated view on the options available for real estate players.

Asia's road to COP26 won't be paved with coal

12 October 2021

[REAL ESTATE GAZETTE](#)

On the eve of the United Nations 26th Conference of the Parties (COP26), Asia's policy makers are acting fast to curb coal production as global investors turn towards renewable energy. Are the efforts of Asia's advanced economies turning climate ambition into reality?

COP26 and the future of real estate

12 October 2021

[REAL ESTATE GAZETTE](#)

With COP26 just around the corner, there will be few businesses not sharpening their focus on sustainability strategy. While most have already implemented measures to help reduce their carbon footprint, the increasing gravity of the climate crisis, and growing list of countries setting bold commitments to reach carbon neutrality by 2050, appear certain to accelerate the need for change. The real estate industry has no small part to play in this, with the built-environment being responsible for almost 40% of greenhouse gas emissions globally.

Climate-responsive buildings – fighting the effects of climate change in Lagos state

12 October 2021

[REAL ESTATE GAZETTE](#)

The whole world is facing climate change and Nigeria is no exception. To address this, and to prevent the increase in greenhouse gases, governments and international organizations must take immediate and drastic action at both local and global levels. What is the situation in Nigeria?

Data centres in Norway – Rapid expansion and fundamental advantages

12 October 2021

[REAL ESTATE GAZETTE](#)

With its cold climate, easily accessible renewable energy, competitive prices on electricity and active support from the government, Norway has fundamental advantages in terms of investment opportunities in data centers and attracts global interest.

Demystifying electric vehicle charging points in UK real estate

12 October 2021

[REAL ESTATE GAZETTE](#)

In November 2020, the UK government revealed plans to end the sale of new conventional petrol and diesel cars in the UK by 2030. Recent government proposals seek to oblige every new non-residential building and every non-residential building undergoing a major renovation with more than ten car parking spaces to have one EVP and cable routes for an EVP for one in five spaces. So it's important for both landowners and tenants to consider the implications and impact on commercial real estate.

Green Buildings: The call for sustainable retrofitting in Zimbabwe

12 October 2021

[REAL ESTATE GAZETTE](#)

Climate change has imposed upon modern society the need to review past construction practices in-order to reshape the planet's disconcerting future of the planet. This article will examine the increasingly popular concept of green buildings as a means of achieving environmentally sustainable construction practices in Zimbabwe.

Innovative green investments – the future of modern development

12 October 2021

[REAL ESTATE GAZETTE](#)

For several years we have seen an increase in investments using ecological innovations, undoubtedly influenced by the smart technology used in the construction sector and investors' and developers' growing environmental awareness of the advantages such technology can bring.

Legal aspects of connected constructions: Smart buildings – Think outside the building

12 October 2021

[REAL ESTATE GAZETTE](#)

Integrating new technologies in construction plans to create truly connected and data-driven buildings also introduces new regulatory and data protection challenges. It raises numerous questions as to the implications of these developments for the responsibility of all parties involved in the construction industry.

Sustainable Real Estate Financing Options in Kenya

12 October 2021

[REAL ESTATE GAZETTE](#)

The real estate sector in Kenya is a fast-growing sector, with reported exponential growth in recent years. This article covers the major challenges of the real estate sector in Kenya and outlines the need for sustainability in the financing of real estate developments.

Sustainable buildings – real estate tools against climate change

12 October 2021

REAL ESTATE GAZETTE

As sustainability and global commitment towards reversing climate change have come at to the forefront of policy- making and corporations' long-term strategies, property investors and the real estate sector are also looking to get involved and make a change to the buildings they develop and operate, implementing, embedding and enhancing sustainability to their existing properties.

The exhaustion doctrine under the California Environmental Quality Act

12 October 2021

REAL ESTATE GAZETTE

Over the last 15 years, the long-established common law mandate to “exhaust administrative remedies” before filing a lawsuit challenging a public agency decision has been eroded under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) jurisprudence. This development is largely the result of a conflation of the exhaustion requirement with the separate jurisdictional prerequisite of “standing” by courts interpreting CEQA.

An interview with Aldersgate Funding

11 October 2021

In this podcast, DLA Piper partner Henry Quinlan interviews Jim Holding and Matthew Lo at Aldersgate Funding Limited, who shed some light on the advantages of litigation and arbitration funding; the types of claims eligible for funding; the process of funding a case; and the jurisdictional constraints on this type of financing.

DLA Piper · Aldersgate Funding on how litigation funding can help your business

New workplace sexual harassment laws passed – (some) Respect@Work recommendations become law

8 September 2021

After months of anticipation, the Australian Federal Government's Sex Discrimination and Fair Work (Respect at Work) Amendment Act 2021 has now passed both houses of Parliament. The amendment contains important reforms to address workplace sexual harassment.

Data privacy and security within smart cities

7 September 2021

TECHLAW PODCAST

Episode 43 of our TechLaw podcast series features Principal Analyst for Thematic Research at GlobalData, David Bicknell, in discussion with our Amsterdam-based Senior Associate, Floris de Wit. Their conversation focuses on the delicate balance of keeping populations safe when it comes to data privacy and cyber security, but also adopting innovative measures that move smart cities forward to take advantage of new technology. Don't forget to join us on the 5th October 2021 at our fifth European Technology Summit where David will continue the conversation on the smart cities of tomorrow. Register your interest at our fifth European Technology Summit on the 5th October 2021.

DLA Piper TechLaw Podcast Series · Data privacy and security within smart cities

Smart Cities and the future of Real Estate

25 August 2021

TECHLAW PODCAST

In podcast 42 of our TechLaw podcast series, Jeroen Lokerse, Head of the Netherlands at global real estate firm, Cushman & Wakefield, joins DLA Piper Partner, Daphne Bens, to talk about the population explosion and its impact on the creation of smart cities that provide habitable, sustainable and safe spaces to live and work. They also discuss the crucial role urban development and real estate plays in the transformation of these areas. Jeroen will be joining the smart cities panel at our fifth European Technology Summit, taking place on the 5th October 2021. Register your interest at our fifth European Technology Summit on the 5th October 2021.

DLA Piper TechLaw Podcast Series · Smart Cities and the future of Real Estate

Investing in Residential in Europe

24 August 2021

Residential is the new logistics! After the unprecedented growth of online shopping and the related boom in investment in logistics assets, Europe is now turning to residential as a new asset class.

Global M&A Intelligence Report 2021

23 June 2021

Our annual Global M&A Intelligence Report is based on an analysis of key deal terms in over 3,200 private M&A transactions on which we advised since 2015.

Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation - navigating implementation

17 May 2021

EU SUSTAINABLE FINANCE

From 10 March 2021 the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation (SFDR) required Fund and Asset Managers to disclose a significant amount of new information, including how they consider sustainability risks in their investment processes and products.

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

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*. Conducted in February and March 2021, the Survey analyzes the views of CRE experts and leaders on economic recovery, attractive investment markets and general market outlooks.

Gewerberaummietrecht in der Pandemie

26. April 2021

GERMAN REAL ESTATE – LEGAL UPDATES

Einmal mehr erging eine Gerichtsentscheidung über den Anspruch auf Miete zu Zeiten behördlicher Schließungsanordnungen. Dieses Mal hielt das Kammergericht Berlin eine Reduzierung der Miete während des ersten Lockdowns im letzten Jahr um 50% für gerechtfertigt.

Wohnraummietrecht – Bundesverfassungsgericht kippt Berliner Mietendeckel

22. April 2021

GERMAN REAL ESTATE – LEGAL UPDATES

Am 15. April 2021 veröffentlichte das Bundesverfassungsgericht (BVerfG) seine lang ersehnte Entscheidung zum Gesetz zur Mietenbegrenzung im Wohnungswesen in Berlin (MietenWoG Bln).

Wohnraummietrecht – Entscheidung über Verfassungsmäßigkeit des umstrittenen Berliner Mietendeckels naht

12. April 2021

GERMAN REAL ESTATE – LEGAL UPDATES

Über ein Jahr nach Inkrafttreten des *Gesetzes zur Mietenbegrenzung im Wohnungswesen in Berlin* (MietenWoG Bln) ist noch immer unklar, ob das Gesetz in seiner derzeitigen Ausgestaltung verfassungskonform ist.

Wohnraummietrecht – Frühe Ankündigung einer Modernisierung schadet nicht

29. März 2021

GERMAN REAL ESTATE – LEGAL UPDATES

Die zunächst im Dieselfahren erprobte Klageart der Musterfeststellungsklage nutzte auch ein Münchener Mieterverein und verklagte den Vermieter einer Wohnanlage im Münchener Stadtteil Schwabing aufgrund erfolgter Mieterhöhungen.

Alliance contracting in the UK infrastructure industry: An Australian perspective

9 March 2021

Given a recent history of infrastructure projects that have exceeded budget and timelines, and with the potential for continuing cost overruns on government infrastructure projects, is it time for the UK to reconsider traditional forms of contracting for infrastructure projects? Is it time the UK took alliance contracting seriously?

Imminence does not mean haste

4 March 2020

EU SUSTAINABLE FINANCE

Sustainability and ESG stewardship are at the forefront of investment managers' and investment funds' agendas under the combined pressure of investors and as a result of several important pieces of regulation becoming live. SFDR is one of them. It will become applicable in phases, the first deadline being as early as 10 March 2021.

Ein Berufungsurteil folgt auf das Nächste – OLG Karlsruhe spricht sich zu Gunsten des Vermieters aus

2. März 2021

GERMAN REAL ESTATE – LEGAL UPDATES

Nun gilt die zweite Runde der mietrechtlichen Streitigkeiten um die Vertragsanpassungsansprüche wohl endgültig für eröffnet. Viele Berufungsinstanzen sind derzeit bereits mit der Frage um die möglichen Mietreduzierungen zu Zeiten behördlicher Schließungsanordnungen befasst.

Update im Gewerberaummietrecht

17. Februar 2021

GERMAN REAL ESTATE – LEGAL UPDATES

Noch nicht einmal drei Wochen sind vergangen, seitdem das Landgericht München I (Urteil vom 25.01.2021 – 31 O 7743/20) unter erstmaliger Anwendung des neuen Art. 240 § 7 EGBGB einen Vertragsanpassungsanspruch, hinsichtlich einer Minderung des Mietzinses, auf der Ebene der Einzelfallabwägung scheitern ließ

Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulation – Are you ready?

16 February 2021

EU SUSTAINABLE FINANCE

Sustainability and ESG issues are making headlines like never before. 2021 has started with a flurry of activity, announcements and promises from policymakers and corporations around the world.

Tax benefits due to lower WOZ assessment

15 February 2021

Property owners in the Netherlands will receive a property valuation assessment (WOZ assessment) from your municipality in the coming weeks. Critical review and objection against the WOZ assessment may result in (significant) reduction of taxes.

Corruption Perceptions Index 2020 - a regional perspective

11 February 2021

Last week Transparency International launched the 2020 edition of its Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI), which ranks 180 countries and territories by their perceived levels of public sector corruption, according to experts and business people, using a scale of zero to 100 (100 being very clean and zero being highly corrupt).

Almost Energy-Neutral Buildings - the new standard for the Real Estate sector in the Netherlands

1 February 2021

The real estate sector is key in meeting the requirements to reduce CO2 emissions and achieving a more sustainable society. Subsequently, the sector is constantly faced with ever-tightening regulations that influence the value and costs of Dutch real estate. In this article, we outline a new key legislative development for new buildings.

Boardroom Brexit: What the deal means for business

31 December 2020

[BOARDROOM BREXIT](#)

Welcome to this last edition of Boardroom Brexit, marking the end of the negotiations and the agreement of a new trade deal, the UK-EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA). In this edition, we summarise the impact of the deal on all aspects of business operations in one place – please use the hyperlinks below to help you navigate the report.

Boardroom Brexit: What the deal means for trade in goods

31 December 2020

[BOARDROOM BREXIT](#)

What will the Trade and Cooperation Agreement mean for tariffs and quotas, rules of origin, technical barriers to trade, customs and product standards

Practical Compliance

8 December 2020

[PRACTICAL COMPLIANCE](#)

Q4 2020: Spotlight on real estate COVID-19 compliance.

Building a full fibre future: European fibre-to-the-premises (FTTP) investment trends 2021

2 December 2020

Our new study, conducted in partnership with TMT Finance, indicates that the recent rise in FTTP investment is set to continue over the next two years. The insight gathered through this report highlights key factors for the rise and appeal of FTTP to investors, as well as the potential risks they see in this industry.

Brexit: Choice of Law, Jurisdiction, Enforcement, and Service

27 November 2020

This article looks at the impact of reaching the end of the Brexit transition period (at 11pm on 31 December 2020) on governing law, jurisdiction, enforcement, and service in contracts between UK entities and EU member state entities.

Contracting for the climate: The Climate Contract Playbook is a trove of climate clauses

11 November 2020

Contracts have become an essential vehicle for companies seek to mitigate their environmental risks and limit their carbon footprints.

Approaches to developing and implementing a survival strategy for hotel owners facing COVID-19

9 November 2020

Developing a successful strategy will require significant up-front analysis, communication and cooperation among key stakeholders.

Breaking New Ground

9 November 2020

BREAKING NEW GROUND

Commercial real estate perspectives, trends and analysis.

Equity pledges in mortgage lending – examining the "clogging" defense

9 November 2020

Examining the parameters of the doctrine against "clogging the equity of redemption" and the value of an equity pledge.

It turns out there are ways to get "money" from a stone

9 November 2020

A few strategies to extract much-needed capital from owned real estate.

Pro bono spotlight

9 November 2020

Learn more about recent pro bono work by members of our Real Estate team.

Q&A: ACORE Capital

9 November 2020

Tony Fineman of ACORE Capital discusses the loan origination market and the repositioning of the retail sector.

Q&A: Crescit Capital Strategies

9 November 2020

Joe Iacono of Crescit Capital Strategies offers thoughts on opportunities in the hotel industry and how the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic differs from the 2008-09 financial crisis.

Q&A: Iron Hound Management Company, LLC

9 November 2020

A conversation about loan modifications and flaws in the current CMBS model, among other topics, with Robert Verrone of Iron Hound Management Company, LLC.

Q&A: Nuveen Real Estate

9 November 2020

Jason Hernandez of Nuveen Real Estate speaks about the structure of office loans and the most important factors in deciding to make these loans.

Q&A: Square Mile Capital Management, LLC

9 November 2020

Michael Lavipour of Square Mile Capital Management, LLC predicts the future of shopping malls and explains why now is a good time to lend on hotel assets.

Q&A: UBS Investment Bank

9 November 2020

A conversation with David Nass of UBS Investment Bank that touches on structuring loans in an uncertain market and lending to suburban office buildings, among other topics.

Real estate tokenization and the potential benefits of reassessing the limited partner structure

9 November 2020

Benefits of tokenization include improved liquidity, market expansion and reduced transaction costs.

Recent transactions

9 November 2020

A few examples of DLA Piper's recent work on behalf of clients.

The secret to fixing CMBS (hint: channel Peter Drucker)

9 November 2020

By taking a few key steps, the CMBS industry can repair its perception in the CRE community and re-establish itself as an essential and viable player in the CRE marketplace.

Planning and Environment Journal - Issue 5

3 November 2020

[PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT JOURNAL](#)

Welcome to the fifth edition of DLA Piper's Planning and Environment Journal where our lawyers share their experience and knowledge of zoning and environmental issues in various jurisdictions. This edition is dedicated to logistics development in France and Hong Kong.

Coronavirus: Directors' duties and making decisions in a crisis

2 November 2020

Directors need to carefully consider how to address the risks of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic within their business, given its impact on the global economy. As many companies are continuing to face significant, and increasing, cash flow pressure, directors should carefully consider their actions in the context of the legal framework.

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

28 October 2020

The year 2020 has been remarkable and incomparable. The impact of COVID-19 on all facets of life across the globe will continue to be measured and felt for years to come, and it is within this context that DLA Piper fielded the 2020 DLA Piper Annual State of the Market Survey. Conducted between August and September of 2020, the results of the State of the Market Survey are undoubtedly influenced by COVID-19 and provide a current perspective into how real estate experts view the virus's impact on the commercial real estate (CRE) market.

China Enforces Tax Collection on Employees Working for Chinese-invested Enterprises Overseas

16 October 2020

With the recent IIT reform in 2019, and the introduction of a number of implementation rules (particularly the tax policy on overseas income), it appears the China tax authorities are taking a harder stance on how overseas income derived by China tax residents will be taxed in China, starting with Chinese expatriates working for Chinese state-owned enterprises.

Luxembourg 2021 Budget bill – changes for personal tax and domestic real estate investments

16 October 2020

In the on-going COVID-19 context, the Luxembourg Ministry of Finance has disclosed, on 14 October, several tax measures as part of the budget bill for the tax year 2021 (Budget Bill). The Budget Bill aims to increase tax and social equity as well as economic sustainability.

Real Estate Gazette: Distressed assets in real estate

12 October 2020

REAL ESTATE GAZETTE

The latest edition of DLA Piper's Real Estate Gazette looks at different aspects of distressed assets as the world continues to adapt to what has been dubbed the new normal. This edition brings you voices, opinions and analysis from real estate markets in Asia, Denmark, Germany, Angola, the Netherlands, Norway, the UK and US, from freeing up capital in difficult times to providing tips and techniques for commercial landlords forced to deal with tenant hardship and debt.

Mass layoffs and collective redundancies guide

6 October 2020

As COVID-19 continues to impact the global economy in unprecedented ways, companies that have had to scale back or shut down operations are bracing for what the next few months will bring, and what this means for their workforces. In this guide, we examine key considerations for employers looking to make permanent reductions in force across APAC.

New CFIUS regulations change mandatory filing requirements and increase the importance of US export controls

30 September 2020

The new rule modifies the criteria that trigger a mandatory filing with CFIUS, potentially subjecting more transactions to mandatory CFIUS review.

Details of the second tranche of Hong Kong's Employment Support Scheme released

24 August 2020

On 18 August 2020 the Hong Kong government announced details surrounding the second tranche of the Employment Support Scheme. While the majority of the rules surrounding the second tranche remain largely the same as the first tranche, there are new penalties for employers who have fallen foul of a number of nebulous terms.

Release of exposure draft legislation for major reforms to Australia's Foreign Investment Framework

10 August 2020

Many governments around the world have been strengthening their laws relating to foreign investment. Australia is no exception to this development and has just released proposed sweeping reforms to its foreign investment regime. In this article, we provide a high level overview of the key proposed amendments and our thoughts on how some of those proposals are likely to affect foreign investment into Australia.

Vlog series: How to raise equity capital during the Coronavirus pandemic (UK)

4 August 2020

The first half of 2020 has seen an unprecedented volume of activity by companies raising capital through follow-on equity offerings on the London Stock Exchange in response to the Coronavirus pandemic. There have been over 140 equity issues on the London Stock Exchange's main market or AIM since 20 March 2020 raising more than GBP14 billion.

Hong Kong Government increases statutory entitlement for maternity leave

16 July 2020

On 10 October 2018, the Chief Executive stated in her policy address that the government proposed to increase the statutory maternity leave entitlement from ten to 14 weeks.

Planning and Environment Journal - Issue 4

14 July 2020

[PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT JOURNAL](#)

Welcome to the fourth edition of DLA Piper's Planning and Environment Journal where our lawyers share their experience and knowledge of zoning and environmental issues in various jurisdictions. This edition is dedicated to regulation of building permits in Japan and Belgium.

COVID-19: Update to compulsory purchase guidance

26 June 2020

The Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government's (MHCLG) planning update in mid-May stated that the government wants Compulsory Purchase Orders (CPOs) to progress during the COVID-19 pandemic.

CFIUS encourages public to provide tips and referrals

24 June 2020

The new webpage encourages tips and referrals about non-notified deals, violations of CFIUS mitigation measures, and other matters that raise national security risk.

Dublin office anniversary

19 June 2020

Our people in the Irish practice are celebrating our first anniversary and the substantial growth that has been achieved in just 12 months.

Australia tightens rules on foreign investment

17 June 2020

In this article we summarise the tax-related developments from early June 2020, as Australia takes a more stringent approach towards compliance procedures involving foreign investments.

COVID-19 Construction Guide

16 June 2020

This guide looks at the impact of COVID-19 on the construction sector in over 30 countries, including the latest position as jurisdictions relax their lockdown measures.

Real Estate Intelligence Report 2020 – Hungary

4 June 2020

Welcome to the 4th edition of our Real Estate Intelligence Report on the legal trends of the Hungarian commercial real estate market. In 2019 the strong economic growth in the CEE region fuelled a robust development and investment activity both in Hungary and the other countries of the region. Domestic investment activity has never been so dominant on the Hungarian commercial real estate market as in 2019 as around 70% of the deals were completed by local purchasers.

B.C. Government limits commercial landlord's remedies if they forgo CECRA

2 June 2020

On May 29, 2020 the B.C. Government issued Ministerial Order No. M179 in an effort to encourage more BC landlords to apply for assistance under the Federal Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance program.

Online application portal for the Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance program to open May 25

21 MAY 2020

Canada Mortgage Housing Corporation (CMHC) has confirmed that the online application portal for the Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance (CECRA) program will open at 8:00 a.m. EST on May 25, 2020 and has provided further details regarding the program's application process on its website.

CMHC provides further details on the Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance program

15 MAY 2020

Canada Mortgage Housing Corporation (CMHC) released further details about the Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance (CECRA) program on May 14, 2020.

COVID-19: Regulation of Hotel Cancellations

14 May 2020

This article provides an overview of the governmental regulations, local laws and COVID-19 guidelines applicable to hotel owners and operators and the cancellation of guest bookings across 10 European jurisdictions.

Giving back during a pandemic

12 May 2020

DLA Piper's John Sullivan talks with Dean Shapiro of Oxford Properties about ways the company has served its communities during the Covid-19 pandemic. In addition, DLA Piper's Mariah DiGrino talks with Kate Maehr, director of the Greater Chicago Food Depository about the pandemic's effect on daily operations.

Structured real estate finance: The basics of tranching real estate debt

12 May 2020

Understanding the interplay of multiple creditors exercising different rights under different financial structures.

Coronavirus: Changes to rules governing meetings and the execution of company documents (Australia)

7 May 2020

Certain requirements in the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) (**Corporations Act**) relating to shareholders meetings, and document signatures, are not compatible with public health requirements for social distancing during the coronavirus pandemic. In order to facilitate these important corporate functions during this period, on May 6, 2020 the Australian Federal Government introduced the Corporations (Coronavirus Economic Response) Determination (No. 1) 2020.

This determination modifies the legislative requirements regarding meetings and execution of company documents. These changes

come into force on 6 May 2020, and will expire after six months, on 5 November 2020.

CFIUS filing fees effective as of May 1, 2020: What you need to know

5 May 2020

The filing fees go into effect and must be paid for transactions filed on or after May 1, 2020.

The CARES Act and related relief for the multifamily industry: Part III – Freddie Mac Forbearance Program

5 May 2020

A brief summary of the forbearance program for multifamily borrowers as currently offered by Freddie Mac.

Coronavirus: Directors' duties and making decisions in a crisis (Australia)

4 May 2020

Directors need to carefully consider the risks of the COVID-19 outbreak within their business, given its impact on the global economy. As many now face significant, and increasing, cash flow pressure, directors should carefully consider their actions in the context of the legal framework.

In this new guide we have set out the practical steps directors should be taking to protect their company and its business going forwards.

CMHC outlines eligibility requirements for commercial rent assistance program

1 MAY 2020

On April 29, 2020 the Canada Mortgage Housing Corporation (CMHC) released further details on the Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance (CECRA) program.

eNotes use surges – insights for lenders looking to close mortgage loans electronically

30 April 2020

Some key considerations for lenders looking to close loans electronically, either in person or remotely.

eSignature and ePayment News and Trends

30 April 2020

[ESIGNATURE AND EPAYMENT NEWS AND TRENDS](#)

Some key considerations for lenders looking to close loans electronically, either in person or remotely, plus latest regulatory, legal and case law developments around eSignatures and ePayments.

Loan modifications and forbearance during the COVID-19 crisis

28 April 2020

Both states and the federal government have implemented changes to real estate policy.

Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance program update

27 APR 2020

On April 24, 2020, the Federal government provided further details about Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance (CECRA), the joint Federal and Provincial/Territorial program intended to lower rent for small businesses affected by COVID-19 by up to 75% for the months of April, May and June.

Planning and Environment Journal - Issue 3

23 April 2020

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT JOURNAL

Welcome to the third edition of DLA Piper's Planning and Environment Journal where our lawyers share their experience and knowledge of zoning and environmental issues in various jurisdictions. This edition is dedicated to nursing homes in Germany and retirement villages in New Zealand.

Federal government announces program to provide commercial rent support for small businesses affected by COVID-19

17 APR 2020

The Federal government announced, as part of its COVID-19 Economic Response Plan, that they will be working with the provinces and territories to develop the Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance Program, aimed at providing support to help small businesses with their rent for the months of April, May and June.

Our guide to the top 10 employment issues facing the hospitality & leisure industry during COVID-19

17 April 2020

1. Do I owe greater health and safety obligations as a hotel/establishment?

As with other sectors, hotels and establishments have an obligation to ensure a safe workplace for their employees, which includes taking steps to guard against the risk of infectious diseases.

Hotel Management Agreements and COVID-19

15 April 2020

This note considers the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on hotel management agreements (HMAs), particularly HMAs which hotel owners have entered into with large upscale brands.

The CARES Act and related relief for the multifamily industry: Part II – The Fannie Mae Forbearance Program

13 April 2020

Relief available for multifamily borrowers under the CARES Act.

COVID-19: Impact on real estate in the Czech Republic

9 April 2020

In response to the economic impact of the COVID-19, the Parliament of the Czech Republic recently adopted the Act to Mitigate the Effects of the Coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 Epidemic on Tenants of Business Premises.

UK government to provide additional financial support measures for mid-market business impacted by COVID-19

9 April 2020

On 3 April 2020 the Chancellor announced a new scheme for larger companies, with the creation of the new Coronavirus Large Business Interruption Loan Scheme (CLBILS) to ensure that more firms are able to benefit from government-backed support during this difficult time.

The Hospitality & Leisure sector's response to COVID-19 in Europe

8 April 2020

COVID-19 has without doubt had the biggest impact on the hospitality and leisure sector in recent living memory. Our global hospitality team has been talking a lot over the last few weeks and we have all become inherently aware of the profound effect of the quarantines, lock-downs, social distancing and travel restrictions that have been applied across the globe. Whilst China appears to have ridden the worst of the initial wave, the Western world is now in the middle of the furnace and the hospitality industry has probably been burnt the most. With the Christian holiday of Easter just around the corner, it is usually a time of activity and positivity in the sector, this Easter will be different.

A Call for Action: UNWTO, Supporting Jobs and Economies Through Travel and Tourism

7 April 2020

Contract analysis in a crisis: flowcharts

7 April 2020

Flowcharts providing considerations for analyzing commercial contracts in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic through a logical process flow that can serve as a practical checklist.

Cost-cutting considerations in the time of COVID-19 (Part 3 – employment issues outside the US)

7 April 2020

A deeper dive into various cost-saving measures and their viability for employers outside the US.

COVID-19 and the "essential business" designation: Practical guidance for businesses that fall in the gray area between "essential" and "non-essential"

6 April 2020

Certain frequently asked questions as well as practical guidance.

Rent relief options for US commercial leases: approaches to making a deal for landlords and tenants

6 April 2020

Options to explore for both landlords and tenants.

Australian Government Real Estate Measures for Commercial Tenancies (as at 2 April 2020)

3 April 2020

The Australian Federal and State Governments have been actively examining the commercial and residential leasing markets in light of the effect that COVID-19 is having on landlords and tenants. The developments in these areas, and the Government responses are fast moving and will change, but the current approach is outlined.

Public legislative processes and public meetings during the time of COVID-19

3 April 2020

While modifications to open meetings laws may allow many public meetings to take place remotely, municipalities and petitioners must also take steps to ensure the legal sufficiency of public participation in remote public hearings.

Beyond social distancing: What employers need to know to keep their workplaces safe and manage privacy obligations in the face of COVID-19

2 April 2020

Guidance from OSHA, EEO and CDC to help employers seeking to protect the health, safety and privacy of their on-site employees.

UK rent concessions during the COVID-19 outbreak

2 April 2020

The Coronavirus crisis has affected all of us and will continue to present serious challenges for businesses for the foreseeable future. The support that the Government has introduced, whilst welcome, addresses only a few of the issues that will continue to arise for both landlords and tenants over the coming months.

Coronavirus COVID-19 Tax Q&A: France

1 April 2020

This Q&A will explore the main tax law and related issues raised by the coronavirus COVID-19 outbreak in France. This will include practical answers on main issues and risks, impacts of home working, Financial assistance to group companies, generation of additional cash and Supply chain management.

Auswirkungen des Gesetzes zur Abmilderung der Folgen der COVID-19-Pandemie im Zivil-, Insolvenz und Strafverfahrensrecht auf gewerbliche Mietverhältnisse

31 MARCH 2020

Durch das Gesetz zur Abmilderung der Folgen der COVID-19-Pandemie im Zivil-, Insolvenz- und Strafverfahrensrecht („COVID-19 Gesetz“) vom 27.03.2020 werden Erleichterungen zugunsten der Mieter ab dem 1. April 2020 eingeführt.

Coronavirus: Cybersecurity considerations for your newly remote workforce (United States)

31 March 2020

Cyber risk management involves balancing the productivity of a workforce with ensuring confidentiality, integrity and availability of the company's own systems and data, as well as that of their supply chain.

Practical advice for US commercial landlords relating to COVID-19

31 March 2020

General areas for landlords and building owners to consider in connection with the impact of COVID-19 on their buildings, leases and other agreements.

Coronavirus: DHS Response to COVID-19 - What US Employers Need to Know

29 March 2020

Key questions and answers related to the new DHS guidance.

Coronavirus: Cyber hygiene practices

25 March 2020

While the world is responding to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), and individuals are increasingly focused on personal hygiene and social distancing, augmenting cyber hygiene efforts at home and at work are increasing in importance too.

Coronavirus: Employee furloughs, reductions-in-force and similar temporary cost-saving measures (Part 2 – Employment issues outside the US)

25 March 2020

A general overview of key employment issues to consider outside of the US in light of COVID-19.

Coronavirus: Employee furloughs, reductions-in-force and similar temporary cost-saving measures in the US - Part 1

25 March 2020

Key employment-related issues for US-based employers in relation to cost-saving measures due to COVID-19.

Hotels and hospitals may find new partnerships to solve for bed capacity issues and vacancies

25 March 2020

The impacts of COVID-19 upon the hospitality sector as well as hospital systems and the healthcare industry have been sudden and dramatic.

Coronavirus: Several state and local governments issue “shelter in place” orders (United States)

23 March 2020

Between March 17 and 22, state and local governments have promulgated at least a dozen “Stay-at-Home” / “Shelter-at-Home”-type Orders. This alert provides details on a number of state and local government orders.

Coronavirus and construction: Q&A (United States)

19 March 2020

With the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) reaching pandemic levels across the world, construction industry clients have been particularly focused on how the outbreak will impact their ongoing and future developments.

Coronavirus: Federal government stimulus response – Massive stimulus package may move through US Congress at “warp speed”

19 March 2020

The economic stimulus package taking shape may be the biggest one ever.

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Real Estate Gazette: Operational Real Estate

17 March 2020

[REAL ESTATE GAZETTE](#)

Operational real estate is a rising star in the real estate investment market. One element that makes this asset class so interesting is the various sub sectors it covers, each calling for specialist experience and practical know-how in both commercial and legal terms.

That diversity is reflected in this issue, we hope you enjoy it.

Coronavirus and the US commercial real estate sector

13 March 2020

Considerations on the impact of COVID-19 on commercial real estate agreements already in place.

Inspirational Women in Real Estate 2020

11 March 2020

The Real Estate Industry sometimes suffers from a lack of female Role Models. For this reason, we are proud to present, in honour of International Women's day, the third edition of our Inspirational Women in Real Estate booklet. By continuing to highlight the stories of some of our women in Real Estate around the world, we hope to make our small contribution to engendering a more gender balanced industry.

The end of Libor looms near: Are your "fallbacks" in place?

10 March 2020

LIBOR, the most important benchmark interest rate used in a large portion of all financial contracts worldwide, will very likely be terminated or at least its reliability severely impaired by the end of year 2021. It is of the utmost importance for all participants of the financial markets to take appropriate measures in due time, as those insufficiently prepared may suffer detrimental consequences.

PropTech in the United States – where we're heading

2 March 2020

PROPTech INSIGHTS

The legal implications of operating smart buildings.

Eco-friendly practices and sustainability – a priority consideration in hotel operations

26 February 2020

DLA Piper recently co-hosted a roundtable lunch with PKF to discuss sustainability in the hospitality industry.

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

21 February 2020

REAL NEWS

CFIUS's new role in real estate transactions

20 February 2020

An outline of CFIUS's new authority to review foreign investment in US real estate and its impact on real estate investors who have not previously dealt with CFIUS risk.

Coronavirus COVID-19 and corporate governance (Australia)

18 February 2020

The coronavirus COVID-19 outbreak and ensuing government restrictions raise corporate governance concerns and create areas of risk across the ESG spectrum that should be considered by companies and their directors and officers.

An update on the impact of the coronavirus on business in Singapore

12 February 2020

Due to the evolving 2019- nCoV acute respiratory disease (the COVID-19) situation, the Ministry of Health (the MOH) and the Ministry of Manpower (the MOM) have, since January 2020, issued advisories which employers will need to be aware of. In particular, the MOH and MOM have, since our last update on February 12 2020, updated and issued new advisories due to the increased risk of importation of COVID-19 into Singapore.

Coronavirus COVID-19: The legal impact on force majeure events (Australia)

12 February 2020

Key considerations for parties that may wish to declare a force majeure event or dispute the declaration of a force majeure event by a counterparty in relation to coronavirus COVID-19.

Hong Kong Government introduces mandatory quarantine measures

11 February 2020

On 9 February 2020, the number of deaths due to the rapidly spreading coronavirus in Mainland China officially surpassed the figure seen during the 2002/2003 SARS epidemic.

Numerous governments have been implementing restrictions barring entry to those with recent travel history through Mainland China, including Singapore, Japan, Australia and the United States. Following pressure from public health workers, the Hong Kong Government has now followed suit and has begun a mandatory two-week quarantine for anyone arriving from Mainland China.

How to resume business amid the coronavirus outbreak (China)

11 February 2020

As reported in our previous article, China has extended its Chinese New Year holiday and work suspension period as a result of the novel coronavirus outbreak which has now infected more than 40,000 people around the world.

This is a summary of the Back to Work Day and compensation for working before Back to Work Day in key cities and provinces across China.

EU Policy & Regulatory Alert

3 February 2020

On 29 January 2020, the new European Commission has adopted its 2020 annual Work Programme, announcing 43 new concrete policy and legislative measures to be introduced over the course of the year of 2020, and thereby translating into practice the Political Guidelines of new European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen.

APAC employment issues arising out of the Coronavirus (AsiaPac)

31 January 2020

On 29 January 2020, the number of confirmed cases of the rapidly spreading coronavirus in Mainland China officially surpassed the figure seen during the 2002/2003 SARS epidemic.

Multinationals with local operations around the APAC region have been significantly affected. As staff return to the office following the Chinese New Year holiday period, businesses are now considering what they can do to minimise any risk to health and safety and support staff through this challenging period where anxiety and uncertainty is rife, whilst at the same time complying with their employment obligations and maintaining business continuity. Putting in place detailed business and contingency plans and ensuring careful communications with staff to address key topics and concerns is key, as is keeping such plans and communications under frequent review given the fluidity of the current situation.

This alert considers some of the key issues that HR and business leaders should be considering across the APAC region.

Harsher penalties on discriminatory employment practices in Singapore

29 January 2020

The Fair Consideration Framework was updated in January 2020 to impose harsher penalties on employers found to be engaging in discriminatory practices such as by favouring the hiring of foreigners over Singaporeans.

China extends holidays for workers amid coronavirus outbreak (China)

28 January 2020

Learn about how the widely publicised corona virus outbreak affects business in Greater China.

New regulations reinforce CFIUS's expanded role with respect to foreign investments in the United States

16 January 2020

The new CFIUS regulations become effective on February 13, 2020.

Tax incentives in Puerto Rico: a quick introduction

13 JUN 2017

Puerto Rico offers a spectrum of economic incentives aiming to promote many key industries. This handbook offers a quick look at ten of the most significant of these incentives.

SEMINARE UND VERANSTALTUNGEN

Vergangene

Greenwashing - and how the hotel industry can avoid it

9 December 2021

Webseminare

The essential legal update for consumer goods businesses

29 September 2021
Webinar

Global Investments in Local Development Projects

23 September 2021
Webinar

Embracing Digital Evolution

15 September 2021
Webinar

Part 2 - Use of FIDIC for offshore projects

26 May 2021
Webinar

Investing in Residential in Europe

20 May 2021
Webinar

Pan-European Week: Investing in European Real Estate

14 April 2021
Webseminare

Outline Planning Law Update

11 March 2021
Webseminare

Outline Planning Law Update

11 February 2021
Webinar

Use of FIDIC for offshore projects

4 February 2021
Webseminare

FIDIC overview and boilerplates

9 December 2020
Webseminare

The New Dutch Franchise Act: A paradigm shift for franchise in the Netherlands

3 December 2020
Webseminare

Webcast: Real Estate Finance

2. December 2020
Webseminare

EDPB recommendations for safeguarding data transfers after Schrems II

19 November 2020
Webseminare

Webinar - Restructuring, Hospitality & Leisure - Challenges and Opportunities

19 November 2020
Webseminare

Webinar: FIDIC in the context of COVID-19

3 November 2020
Webseminare

Raising capital from Real Estate – are sale and leasebacks the answer?

21 October 2020
Webseminare

Chambers Global Practice Guides: Real Estate Transactions Webinar Series: Europe

15 October 2020 | 2:00 - 2:45 BST

[CHAMBERS GLOBAL PRACTICE GUIDES: REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS WEBINAR SERIES](#)

Webinar

Chambers Global Practice Guides: Real Estate Transactions Webinar Series: Asia

9 October 2020 | 10:00 - 10:45 BST

[CHAMBERS GLOBAL PRACTICE GUIDES: REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS WEBINAR SERIES](#)

Webinar

Webinar: Current people implications of COVID-19 for the hospitality and leisure sector

6 October 2020

Webseminare

Chambers Global Practice Guides: Real Estate Transactions Webinar Series: The Americas

1 October 2020 | 4:00 - 4:45 BST

[CHAMBERS GLOBAL PRACTICE GUIDES: REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS WEBINAR SERIES](#)

Webinar

What next for occupiers and landlords?

24 September 2020

Webseminare

Operational Property - The end of the lease as we know it?

1 July 2020

Webseminare

COVID-19 and construction: touching all the bases now

14 April 2020 | 1:30 – 2:30 ET

Webinar

CARES Act: A practical guide for the real estate industry

3 April 2020

Webseminare

Webinar: US commercial real estate and the impact of COVID-19

27 March 2020
Webinar

Webinar: Skyscrapers for the masses: Real Estate Tokenisation and the future of STOs

25 March 2020
Webseminare

NEWS

DLA Piper advises Stena Real Estate BV on the acquisition of office portfolio in Kraków and Wrocław for EUR128 million

10 January 2022

The transaction consists of the first phase of the Centrum Południe complex in Wrocław containing two joint office buildings, and the last building of the High5ive complex in Kraków, comprising of approx. 39,400 sqm of office space. Both projects are designed and built in line with ESG standards.

DLA Piper berät Schroder Real Estate beim Verkauf des „Victoriastadt Lofts“ in Berlin an Signa

30. Dezember 2021

DLA Piper hat Schroder Real Estate beim Verkauf des „Victoriastadt Lofts“ am Berliner Ostkreuz beraten. Käufer des Objekts ist die österreichische Signa Holding GmbH. Der Verkauf des „Victoriastadt Lofts“ ist eine der größten Immobilientransaktionen in Berlin in diesem Jahr. Schroder Real Estate hatte das Objekt im Jahre 2016 zum Preis von gut 130 Mio. Euro für eine schweizerische Versicherung und eine finnische Pensionskasse akquiriert. Auch beim seinerzeitigen Ankauf der Immobilie wurde Schroder Real Estate rechtlich von DLA Piper beraten.

DLA Piper berät CONREN beim Erwerb der Büroimmobilie Air20 am Flughafen Düsseldorf

13. Dezember 2021

DLA Piper hat den Immobilieninvestor CONREN Land beim Erwerb der Düsseldorfer Büroimmobilie Air20 am Flughafen Düsseldorf beraten. Der Erwerb erfolgte im Rahmen eines Asset Deals von einem institutionellen Investor.

DLA Piper berät LIP Invest beim Erwerb einer Logistikimmobilie südlich von Berlin

9. Dezember 2021

DLA Piper hat LIP Invest, ein führender Investmentmanager und Fondsiniciator für Logistikimmobilien in Deutschland, beim Erwerb einer Liegenschaft in Thyrow für einen seiner Logistik Fonds beraten.

DLA Piper berät KINGSTONE Real Estate beim Erwerb eines Wohn- und Geschäftshauses in Ingolstadt

1. Dezember 2021

DLA Piper hat die Investment-Management-Gruppe KINGSTONE Real Estate beim Erwerb eines Wohn- und Geschäftshauses in Ingolstadt im Rahmen einer Off-Market-Transaktion für den offenen Immobilien-Spezial-AIF „KINGSTONE Bavaria Süd“ (KBS) beraten.

DLA Piper berät Aurelis beim Verkauf eines Teils der Nürnberger Marienzeile an Wealthcap

24. November 2021

DLA Piper hat Aurelis Real Estate beim Verkauf des dritten von insgesamt vier geplanten Bürogebäuden in der Nürnberger Marienzeile an Real Asset und Investment Manager Wealthcap, ein Tochterunternehmen der Unicredit Group, beraten.

DLA Piper berät PROJECT Immobilien beim Verkauf eines Hotelneubaus im Business Park Berlin an Premier Inn

17. November 2021

DLA Piper hat die PROJECT Immobilien Gewerbe AG beim Verkauf eines Hotelneubaus im Business Park Berlin an eine Tochtergesellschaft der Premier Inn Holding GmbH beraten.

DLA Piper berät Catella Real Estate beim Erwerb eines Fachmarktzentrums in Augsburg von ILG

4. November 2021

DLA Piper hat den Münchener Immobilieninvestment-Manager Catella Real Estate AG beim Erwerb eines Fachmarktzentrums in Augsburg-Oberhausen für ihren offenen Immobilien-Spezial-Fonds „IWS II – Wirtschaftsregion Süddeutschland“ beraten.

DLA Piper berät Geisel Privathotels beim Verkauf des Hotels Königshof in München

3. November 2021

DLA Piper hat die Münchner Hotelgruppe Geisel Privathotels beim Verkauf der Immobilie „Neubau Hotel Königshof“ an das Münchner Familienunternehmen Inka Karlsplatz GmbH & Co. KG (Inka Karlsplatz) beraten. Geisel Privathotels wird als Projektentwickler den Fünf-Sterne-Hotelneubau in der Münchner Innenstadt am Karlsplatz (Stachus) noch bis Mitte 2023 fertigstellen.

DLA Piper berät Catella Real Estate beim Verkauf eines Büro- und Geschäftshauses in München

29. Oktober 2021

DLA Piper hat die Catella Real Estate AG (CREAG) im Auftrag des offenen Immobilienfonds Catella MAX beim Verkauf eines Büro- und Geschäftshauses in einer der beliebtesten Einkaufsstraßen Münchens an die Investment- und Projektentwicklungsgesellschaft QUEST Investment Partners beraten.

DLA Piper berät Tilad beim Verkauf eines Münchener Baumarkts

11. Oktober 2021

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

DLA Piper berät Catella Real Estate beim Erwerb einer City-Logistikimmobilie in Rheinbach

8. Oktober 2021

DLA Piper hat die Catella Real Estate AG (CREAG) im Rahmen eines forward funding Asset Deals beim Erwerb der rd. 8.020 m² großen Projektentwicklung Industriestraße 1 in Rheinbach für den „Catella Logistik Deutschland Plus“ beraten.

DLA Piper berät Catella Real Estate beim Erwerb des „Campus 71“ in Essen für Nachhaltigkeitsfonds

5. Oktober 2021

DLA Piper hat die Catella Real Estate AG (CREAG) beim Erwerb des Neubau-Microliving-Apartmenthauses „Campus 71“ in Essen für ihren offenen Publikumsfonds „KCD-Catella Nachhaltigkeit IMMOBILIEN Deutschland“ beraten.

DLA Piper berät Mileway beim Erwerb von zwei Last-Mile-Logistikimmobilien in Deutschland

24. September 2021

DLA Piper hat Mileway, ein europaweit führendes Immobilienunternehmen für Last-Mile-Logistik, beim Erwerb von zwei Premiumimmobilien im unmittelbaren Umfeld der Stuttgarter Innenstadt beraten.

DLA Piper berät Principal Real Estate beim Erwerb einer Einzelhandelsimmobilie für Fonds Novapierre Allemagne 2

7. September 2021

DLA Piper hat Principal Real Estate Europe in seiner Funktion als Asset- und Transaktionsmanager beim Erwerb einer Einzelhandelsimmobilie im Auftrag des von PAREF Gestion gemangten Fonds Novapierre Allemagne 2 SCPI beraten. Verkäufer ist ein von der Hahn Gruppe gemanagter Immobilienfonds. Über den Kaufpreis wurde Stillschweigen vereinbart.

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 berät Schroder Real Estate beim Erwerb eines Bürogebäudes in Berlin für neuen Immobilienfonds

13. Juli 2021

DLA Piper hat Schroder Real Estate beim Erwerb eines Büroneubaus in Berlin-Tiergarten für seinen kürzlich neu aufgelegten offenen Immobilienfonds „Schroders Immobilienwerte Deutschland“ beraten.

DLA Piper berät PROJECT Immobilien beim Verkauf eines Büro- und Laborgebäudes im Potsdam Science Park

29. Juni 2021

DLA Piper hat die PROJECT Immobilien Gewerbe AG beim Verkauf des Büro- und Laborgebäudes „H-Lab“ im Potsdam Service Science Park beraten. PROJECT Immobilien agiert bei diesem Projekt auch als Entwickler der Immobilie.

DLA Piper berät DIC Asset AG beim Erwerb von zwei Top-Immobilien in München für rund 635 Mio. Euro

10. Juni 2021

DLA Piper hat die DIC Asset AG, ein führendes deutsches börsennotiertes Immobilienunternehmen, beim Erwerb von zwei Büroimmobilien im Rahmen einer Off-Market-Transaktion in München beraten.

DLA Piper berät die pbb, die Berlin Hyp und die Helaba bei der Refinanzierung eines Logistikportfolios

6. Mai 2021

DLA Piper hat die Deutsche Pfandbriefbank AG (pbb) als Konsortialführerin im Konsortium mit der Berlin Hyp AG (Berlin Hyp) und der Helaba bei der EUR 380 Mio. Refinanzierung eines von GARBE Industrial Real Estate verwalteten Logistikportfolios beraten.

DLA Piper berät KINGSTONE Investment Management beim Erwerb des MAYOFFICE der GIEAG Immobilien AG

22. April 2021

DLA Piper hat KINGSTONE Investment Management (KINGSTONE IM) bei der Akquisition der Büroimmobilie MAYOFFICE in Stuttgart von der GIEAG Immobilien AG für das Sondervermögen „KINGSTONE Wachstumsregionen Süddeutschland“ (KWS) beraten. Der Kaufpreis liegt im mittleren zweistelligen Millionenbereich.

DLA Piper berät GLP bei der Vermietung der Unit 6 seiner 134.000 m2 großen Logistikimmobilie in Mönchengladbach an Coca-Cola

21. April 2021

DLA Piper hat GLP, ein führender Investor und Entwickler für Logistikimmobilien und Distributionsparks, bei der Vermietung der rund 15.000 Quadratmeter (m2) großen Unit 6 in seinem 134.000 m2 großen Logistikzentrum in Mönchengladbach an die Coca-Cola European Partners Deutschland GmbH (CEP) beraten.

DLA Piper berät die Helaba bei der Finanzierung des Silberturms in Frankfurt am Main

14. April 2021

DLA Piper hat die Landesbank Hessen-Thüringen Girozentrale (Helaba) bei der Finanzierung des Ankaufs des Landmark-Hochhauses „Silberturm“ in Frankfurt am Main beraten.

DLA Piper berät die LBBW bei der Finanzierung eines Wohnimmobilienportfolios der Adler Group

9. April 2021

DLA Piper hat die Landesbank Baden-Württemberg (LBBW) bei der Finanzierung eines Wohnimmobilienportfolios mit einem Gesamtfinanzierungsvolumen von EUR400 Millionen beraten.

DLA Piper berät Aviva Investors beim Erwerb von Bürogebäude Spektrum in München

7. April 2021

DLA Piper hat Aviva Investors, die global tätige Asset-Management-Gesellschaft des britischen Versicherers Aviva plc., beim Erwerb des Bürogebäude Spektrum in der Landsberger Straße 302 -312 in München für einen ihrer Kunden beraten.

DLA Piper berät Aviva Investors beim Erwerb der Immobilie „Altes Klöpperhaus“ in Hamburg von Barings

16. März 2021

DLA Piper hat Aviva Investors, die global tätige Asset-Management-Gesellschaft des britischen Versicherers Aviva plc., beim Erwerb des Bürogebäudes „Altes Klöpperhaus“ in Hamburg für einen ihrer Kunden beraten. Verkäufer ist der global tätige Immobilien-Investmentmanager Barings.

DLA Piper berät HALLMANN HOLDING bei Übernahme von Mehrheitsanteilen am Fachmarktzentrum in Neu-Ulm

16. März 2021

DLA Piper hat HALLMANN HOLDING des österreichischen Unternehmers und Investors Klemens Hallmann bei der Übernahme der Mehrheitsanteile an der Eigentümergesellschaft des Fachmarktzentrums an der Borsigstraße in Neu-Ulm beraten.

DLA Piper berät PROJECT Immobilien beim Verkauf des Büro- und Gewerbeneubau MACHWERK74

10. März 2021

DLA Piper hat die PROJECT Immobilien Gewerbe AG beim Verkauf des Büro- und Gewerbeneubaus „MACHWERK74“ in Berlin beraten.

DLA Piper berät The Carlyle Group beim erneuten Erwerb einer Logistik-Immobilie in Deutschland

4. März 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 berät IHG Hotels & Resorts bei Fortführung von Hotels der Tidal-Gruppe und Übertragung auf neuen Betreiber Westmont

02. März 2021

DLA Piper hat die global agierende InterContinental Hotels Group (IHG) Hotels & Resorts bei der Fortführung von 10 Hotels des Franchisenehmers Tidal Operations Germany GmbH (TOG) und deren Übertragung auf den neuen Betreiber, der Westmont Hospitality Group (Westmont), beraten.

DLA Piper berät MARCOL bei 250 Mio. Euro Self-Storage Joint Venture mit Angelo Gordon

25. Februar 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 berät Catella Real Estate beim Erwerb von Mixed-Use Immobilie in Köln

04. Februar 2021

DLA Piper hat den Münchener Immobilieninvestment-Manager Catella Real Estate AG beim Erwerb einer gemischt genutzten Immobilie in der Kölner Innenstadt für den AVW European Real Estate Fund beraten.

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 berät Aviva Investors beim Erwerb von Bürokomplex in Stuttgart

22. Januar 2021

DLA Piper hat Aviva Investors, die global tätige Asset-Management-Gesellschaft des britischen Versicherers Aviva plc., beim Erwerb des Bürogebäude Rotebühlstraße 121 in Stuttgart für einen ihrer Kunden beraten.

DLA Piper berät The Carlyle Group beim Erwerb eines Logistik-Immobilien-Portfolios in Deutschland

8. Januar 2021

DLA Piper hat die globale Investmentgesellschaft The Carlyle Group (NASDAQ: CG) beim Erwerb eines Portfolios von drei Logistik-Immobilien in Deutschland beraten.

DLA Piper berät Heidelberger Druckmaschinen AG bei der Veräußerung von Gewerbefläche am Standort Wiesloch/Walldorf

28. Dezember 2020

DLA Piper hat die Heidelberger Druckmaschinen AG (Heidelberg) im Rahmen ihrer geplanten Standort- und Strukturoptimierungen beim Verkauf einer Fläche von rund 130.000 Quadratmetern an die VGP Gruppe beraten.

DLA Piper berät Hahn Gruppe beim Verkauf des Fachmarktzentrums Pfungstadt

22. Dezember 2020

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

DLA Piper berät KINGSTONE bei der Akquisition von zwei Quartieren von Sontowski & Partner

15. Dezember 2020

DLA Piper hat KINGSTONE Investment Management (KINGSTONE IM) bei der Akquisition von zwei Quartiersimmobilien von der S&P Commercial Development, einem Beteiligungsunternehmen der Sontowski & Partner Group (Sontowski & Partner), beraten.

DLA Piper als Kanzlei des Jahres für Immobilien- und Baurecht sowie Versicherungsrecht ausgezeichnet

30. Oktober 2020

DLA Piper ist bei der gestrigen Verleihung der JUVE Awards als Kanzlei des Jahres für Immobilien- und Baurecht sowie als Kanzlei des Jahres für Versicherungsrecht ausgezeichnet worden.

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 berät The Carlyle Group beim Erwerb eines Logistik-Immobilien-Portfolios in Deutschland und Frankreich

29 Oktober 2020

DLA Piper hat die globale Investmentgesellschaft The Carlyle Group (NASDAQ: CG) beim Erwerb eines Portfolios von 27 Logistik-Immobilien in Frankreich und Deutschland beraten. Die Transaktion ist als Sale-and-Leaseback strukturiert.

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 berät P3 Logistic Parks bei Vermietung von Gewerbeflächen an Makita Werkzeug GmbH

27 August 2020

DLA Piper hat die P3 Logistic Parks GmbH bei der Vermietung von Gewerbeflächen an die Makita Werkzeug GmbH beraten. Der Akku- und Elektrowerkzeughersteller mietet nach Fertigstellung ab Mitte Oktober mit 16.651 qm den kompletten zweiten Bauabschnitt im P3 Park in Obertraubling nahe Regensburg.

DLA Piper beriet kürzlich bei Immobilien-Transaktion in Luxemburg

24. August 2020

DLA Piper Weiss-Tessbach hat die FFF Real Estate S.à r.l., eine Tochtergesellschaft des in Luxemburg ansässigen, von einer Management-Firma mit Sitz in Zypern regulierten Multikompartiment-Fonds FFF Fund I SCSp SICAV-RAIF, bei der Finanzierung eines Wohnimmobilienentwicklers für den Erwerb und die Entwicklung eines Wohnprojekts in Hesperange (Luxemburg) beraten.

DLA Piper berät CONREN Land beim Erwerb einer Düsseldorfer Gewerbe- und Büroimmobilie

11 August 2020

DLA Piper hat CONREN Land beim Erwerb der Gewerbe- und Büroimmobilie „Hansastern C“ für das Spezial-Sondervermögen CONREN Land Büro INVEST-Plus, das von der IntReal International Real Estate Kapitalverwaltungsgesellschaft mbH verwaltet wird, beraten. Verkäuferin ist die 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 berät Allianz Real Estate bei der Finanzierung des Erwerbs des Bishop's Square in Dublin durch GLL Real Estate Partners

7 Mai 2020

DLA Piper hat die Allianz Real Estate GmbH, den Immobilien-Investmentmanager innerhalb der Allianz Gruppe, bei der Finanzierung für den Kauf des Bishop's Square in Dublin durch ein von GLL Real Estate Partners verwaltetes Investmentvehikel beraten.

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.

Internationales DLA Piper Team berät bei Immobilien-Transaktion in Luxemburg

29 April 2020

DLA Piper hat die FFF Real Estate S.à r.l., eine Tochtergesellschaft des FFF Fund I SCSp SICAV-RAIF, einem in Luxemburg ansässigen regulierten Multikompartiment-Fond, beim Erwerb und der Weiterentwicklung eines Wohnprojekts in Luxemburg beraten.

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.

Sustainability and ESG

In 2019, the global value of professionally managed commercial real estate (CRE) was estimated to be US\$1.6 trillion. Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) is no longer an emerging trend in this large global asset class – it is now an important component of CRE investment and is integrated into the investment decision-making of many of the world's leading real estate investors. In some jurisdictions, real estate, owners and operators must also contend with social issues, particularly affordable housing, which means taking into consideration property regulations, community engagement, employee relations, brand and reputation.

Increasingly, prudent real estate investors and operators understand that setting and reporting on ESG-related performance indicators – including on energy usage, waste management, greenhouse emissions and employment rights – can have a positive long-term impact on the value of their properties.

Key sustainability and ESG issues in the Real Estate sector include:

- **Green buildings and leases:** With the built environment reportedly responsible for over 40 percent of global greenhouse gas emissions, many builders and developers have been working closely with governments as they strive to achieve emissions targets under the Paris Agreement on climate change. Energy efficient buildings are the tip of the iceberg; the real estate market is also responding to demand for green homes and commercial buildings that feature water-saving and greywater recycling technology, upgraded insulation and a renewable energy supply. Real estate investors and owners have developed green leases that build in sustainability features as legally binding contractual conditions, such as biodiversity protection targets for contractors, retrofitting requirements for landlords and energy usage limits for occupiers.
- **Green financing and impact investment:** Innovative green financing mechanisms have unlocked investment in sustainable real estate. Certain real estate investors are seeking more than economic returns; they also desire to invest in projects and properties that will have a positive social impact (eg, affordable housing; solar projects, wind farms). One challenge for these so-called social impact companies is attracting capital by demonstrating sustainability despite today's competing ESG standards and ratings systems that often fail to capture real performance. Developing ESG due diligence tools can help to identify risks and clear the path for sustainable investment.
- **Increased information, reporting and disclosure requirements:** By harnessing new data tools and technologies, the real estate sector has been improving on both internal and external reporting against sustainability and ESG standards. Many jurisdictions impose mandatory sustainability disclosure requirements, such as the EU's Non-Financial Reporting Directive. Leading businesses also participate in voluntary reporting programs, such as the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) rating system, the Energy Star rating system and Global Reporting Initiative standards. The challenge is in navigating these at times competing reporting systems and keeping up with evolving standards and expectations.
- **Towards a circular economy in the built environment:** A circular economy aims to gradually decouple growth from the consumption of finite resources, rethinking materials sourcing, energy use, energy supply and waste management at all stages of the business life cycle and across the supply chain. Leaders in real estate have applied circular economy principles to save costs while embedding sustainability into their business strategy. Successful real estate businesses have developed smart circular designs which reuse materials or existing structures to create resource efficiencies and minimize waste.
- **Climate change and environmental planning:** Participants in the real estate sector are already well aware that property values are vulnerable to the physical impacts of climate change. Sea-level rise, drought, and heat stress, for example, increase risks to entire metropolitan areas – not only to individual real properties and locations. In some cases, environmental planning laws lag behind the

modelling on likely climate scenarios, and developers and investors must take the initiative to prepare for impacts and climate-proof their investments.

- **Regenerative solutions and community benefits:** Real estate projects that fail to engage with local communities risk damaging their reputations. Some real estate companies have built success by ensuring their real estate developments benefit the community – for example, through community revitalization, sensitivity to access to transit, and regenerative solutions.
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To discuss the implications of these issues for your business, please contact our ESG leaders.