

Rankings

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The Legal 500 - 2016 Edition

In its 2016 edition, the Legal 500 legal directory is again ranking our firm in the top leading firms. Two of our lawyers, Patrick Chantrain and Christian Jungers are now ranked as "leading lawyer" in *Real estate and construction* and *Employment* respectively.

Dispute resolution

Within Dispute resolution, KLEYR GRASSO is a **first tier** firm,

"Kleyr Grasso's litigation practice is 'very knowledgeable about local court procedures' and its expertise includes representing clients in shareholder disputes, insolvency-related litigation, administrative law and employment litigation. **Marc Kleyr**, who is 'an excellent drafter and pleader', is defending the Republic of Venezuela against the enforcement of a \$713m French arbitration award issued against it. The 'exceptional' **Donata Grasso** has a strong reputation for corporate and banking litigation and is a key practitioner in the team, which also includes **François Collot**."

Real estate and construction

Within Real estate and construction, KLEYR GRASSO is a **first tier** firm,

"Kleyr Grasso has strong coverage across private, commercial and corporate real estate matters. The 'proactive and commercial' **Patrick Chantrain** is regularly involved in corporate real estate transactions and has recently handled a number of deals for real estate investor Corestate Capital, including the sale of a portfolio of urban residential real estate in Germany. **François Collot** and **Yasmine Poos** have a focus on real estate and construction litigation."

Employment

Within Employment, KLEYR GRASSO is a **first tier** firm,

"'Top of the market', Kleyr Grasso fields ten lawyers specialising in employment law, covering the spectrum of non-contentious and contentious issues facing domestic and international clients. 'Outstanding' practice head **Christian Jungers**, who has 'excellent technical knowledge', continues to act for numerous international banks and three of the 'Big Four' auditing firms across a range of employment issues. Counsel **Philippe Ney** and the 'responsive' **Sandra Rapp** are also recommended."

Corporate, commercial and M&A

Within Corporate, commercial and M&A, KLEYR GRASSO is a **second tier** firm,

"Kleyr Grasso provides 'an attentive and knowledgeable service' to corporates and private equity funds. The 'responsive' **Rina Breininger** and **Jérôme Burel** advised TA Associates on its acquisition of a majority interest in UK-based Access Group. **Jean-Paul Spang** and **Patrick Chantrain** are also recommended."

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Insurance

Within Insurance, KLEYR GRASSO is a **second tier** firm,

*"Kleyr Grasso handles non-contentious and contentious work for insurance and reinsurance companies. **Rosario Grasso** and **Rina Breininger** are the main contacts."*

Banking, finance and capital markets

Within Banking, finance and capital markets, KLEYR GRASSO is a **third tier** firm,

*"At Kleyr Grasso, **Patrick Chantrain** and **Pascal Sassel** are 'excellent at explaining difficult concepts' and are regularly involved in the highest profile transactions and regulatory mandates handled by the team. Sassel advised Deutsche Bank on the local law aspects of its financing to facilitate Apollo's purchase of a real estate property portfolio from RBS. The 'responsive' **Rina Breininger** is also recommended, as is the 'very knowledgeable and patient' counsel **Sophie Arvieux**, who regularly works alongside Chantrain on deals."*

Investment Funds

Within Investment funds, KLEYR GRASSO is a **third tier** firm,

*"The 'helpful and knowledgeable' team at Kleyr Grasso acts for an impressive roster of private equity and hedge funds on their structuring and concomitant regulatory issues. **Patrick Chantrain** has been advising GSO Capital Partners on AIFMD compliance. **Rina Breininger**, **Jean-Paul Spang** and counsel **Sophie Arvieux** are 'very responsive and knowledgeable'."*

Private Equity

Within Private equity, KLEYR GRASSO is a **third tier** firm,

*"Kleyr Grasso provides a 'committed and professional service' to an impressive range of private equity sponsors on their investments and exits, as well as on regulatory matters. The 'proactive and commercial' **Patrick Chantrain** advised Corestate Capital on the sale of a portfolio of urban residential real estate in Germany. **Jean-Paul Spang** and the 'responsive and attentive' **Rina Breininger** are recommended."*