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In its 2017 edition, Chambers Europe is again ranking our firm in the leading firms. We are ranked in the 1st Tier in Dispute Resolution and in Employment with two lawyers, Marc Kleyr and Christian Jungers, also individually ranked in Tier 1.

Dispute Resolution

Within Dispute Resolution, we are now ranked among the **top 3** law firms (Tier 1) in the Luxembourg legal market.

"What the team is known for First-class practice renowned for dealing with complex litigation and arbitration. Specialises in high-value real estate and construction disputes, alongside a dedicated focus on banking cases, shareholder disputes and insolvency matters. Acts for state entities and private companies on a local and international level.

Strengths

The lawyers' dedicated and pragmatic approach draws praise from clients: "The whole team always seeks to explore all possibilities before offering guidance on choices and solutions, and makes sure that we understand the options."

According to impressed clients, "the team is highly technical and determined."

Notable practitioners

*The market-leading **Marc Kleyr** focuses on commercial litigation, specialising in finance, shareholder and insolvency disputes. Clients describe him as "one of the best litigators in Luxembourg." He defended Hellas Telecommunications in a EUR976 million damages claim filed by the liquidators of Hellas II.*

***Donata Grasso** is experienced in corporate and banking cases, with areas of expertise including shareholder disputes and contentious insolvency issues. She represented investment company Eastbridge in proceedings brought by Prima Banka Slovensko. Clients commend her "great analytical ability as well as her approachable and client-friendly manner."*

***Rosario Grasso** specialises in white-collar crime cases and has particular expertise in anti-corruption and anti-money laundering matters. He draws praise from clients for his "technical knowledge, commercial awareness, effectiveness and client-service."*

***Pascal Sassel** is described by clients as "efficient, extremely available and very good in banking matters." His practice focuses on commercial, financial and insolvency litigation; his recent work has involved shareholder disputes."*

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Employment

Within Employment, we continue to be ranked in Tier 1 among the **top 4** law firms.

“What the team is known for *Highly reputed practice with a dedicated employment team. Assists with the full range of employment advice and represents employers in employment agreements and terminations. Experienced in cross-border cases and regularly advises significant local and international clients, particularly within the transportation, financial and technology sectors.*

Strengths

The department has been commended for its approach: “They are always transparent with me. I know exactly what they think and they give me the full picture in their advice. The quality of their delivery is very high.”

Another client remarks on the team’s specialised service: “They have great experience and knowledge of the Luxembourg market. They are straight to the point and able to explain labour law regulations in an understandable way.”

Notable practitioners

Christian Jungers heads the department and specialises in individual and collective dismissals, as well as negotiating collective bargaining agreements and social plans on behalf of employers. His flexibility and availability stands out to clients: “He is very helpful, cooperative and at our disposal.” He recently assisted CFL Multimodal with the negotiations for a new company collective agreement.

Up-and-comer **Sandra Rapp** receives excellent feedback for her client-orientated approach: “She is very credible, works with a quick turnaround and does not just follow the letter of law but thinks in terms of what makes sense for our business.” She assisted Mercedes-Benz with a restructuring project and provides the company with ongoing employment advice.”

Real Estate

Real Estate – our firm is now ranked in the **top 7** law firms in the Luxembourg legal market.

“What the team is known for *Extensive experience of real estate and construction matters. Recognised for its strong work in real estate dispute resolution, as well as transactions and lease agreements within the retail, transport and residential sectors.*

Strengths

Clients commend the team’s “technical knowledge and short response time.”

Clients praise the lawyers for their “reactivity and ability to understand the technicalities of the business.”

Notable practitioners

Department co-head **François Collot** is noted for his work in the residential sector. He specialises in real estate and construction, leasing and commercial litigation and recently advised Rizzani de Eccher and CIT Blaton on the construction of a new shopping centre.”

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Corporate/Commercial

In Corporate/Commercial, our firm is ranked among the leading law firms.

“What the team is known for Independent firm with a strong reputation for domestic and cross-border transactions, regularly winning referrals from foreign law firms for international mandates. Clients include private equity houses, institutional investors and multinational companies. Areas of expertise include restructuring and insolvency.

Strengths

Clients cite the team’s reactivity and efficiency as its major strengths: “They are responsive, able to react to tight deadlines and turn things around quickly.”

Commentators praise its expertise on the local market: “They have very good knowledge of Luxembourg, as well as having good international contacts.”

Notable practitioners

Jean-Paul Spang regularly handles M&A and corporate restructurings. Sources say: “He’s available, pragmatic and has an impressively broad knowledge of every topic linked to corporate matters, Luxembourg, legislation and the people.”

Patrick Chantrain is hailed by sources as “very hard-working and very knowledgeable.” His practice is wide-ranging and includes regular work on public M&A, private equity-related matters and investment funds. He recently advised Corestate Capital on the EUR290 million sale of a German mixed-use commercial and residential property portfolio.”

Banking & Finance

In Banking & Finance, our firm is again ranked among the best law firms in the Luxembourg legal market.

“What the team is known for Advises local and multinational clients on all aspects of banking law, including asset, corporate, project and real estate finance matters. Offers further expertise in investment-related regulatory matters and is known in the market for its overlapping expertise in the insolvency and litigation areas of the financial sector.

Strengths

One source reports: “They are so plugged in. They really push things and chase up. They offer an interesting alternative approach which clients really like.”

Notable practitioners

Patrick Chantrain receives glowing praise from interviewees who say: “He understands the intricacies of the law but also knows when it’s necessary to be pragmatic.” Sources also report that he is “very approachable as a person and also very responsive.” He advises on a range of M&A transactions, investment deals and banking arrangements, with a particular focus on real estate finance.”

Private Equity

In Private Equity, our firm is now also ranked among the **top 10** law firms.