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Hotellerie Deutschland on the development of a new acquisition structure for hotels.

Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP's compact tax team includes the 'very accurate' Daniel Weyde, who works to a 'very high standard and has good relationships with the tax authorities'. The tax practice focuses on tax-driven corporate restructuring and tax optimisation of M&A transactions, in addition to a major emphasis on capital markets-related issues. In a complicated tax structure, it advised Deutsche Post on its €1bn sale of a portfolio of real estate to American investor Lone Star Funds.

At Dewey & LeBoeuf LLP, Hanno Berger is renowned especially for tax structuring advice. The team expanded and diversified during the year with the arrival of Bela Jansen from Clifford Chance, and counsel Georg Scherl. It has a broad, institutional client base and also counts various high-net-worth individuals as clients. On the transactional side, the team has been involved in some notable mandates, and advised Lone Star on the setting up of a tax-efficient acquisition structure for a portfolio acquired from Deutsche Post World Net, consisting of 1,300 properties worldwide.

McDermott Will & Emery Rechtsanwälte Steuerberater LLP's Dirk Pohl is 'always involved in interesting and influential tax litigation before the ECJ'. The practice's forte is in tax litigation but it also performs well on transactional and restructuring work. It has a 'reputable but small tax department', which it successfully represented CLT UFA, a subsidiary of Bertelsmann, in the ECJ proceeding regarding the tax rate, which Germany imposed on profits of a permanent establishment situated in Germany, in 1994.

Nörr Stiefenhofer Lutz's team includes the 'very professional' Gerog Edelmann, who has a 'very good understanding of complex products'. Key areas of advice include VAT, structuring of companies within a group and inheritance tax, with advice on the taxation of partnerships and corporate tax law also significant components of the practice. The team advised the management of Klöckner Pentaplast Group in seven jurisdictions, in a secondary buy-out of the group by Blackstone.

Peters, Schönberger & Partner is a 'classical auditing and compliance' firm, advising on a diverse range of issues such as national and European VAT, tax disputes and criminal tax law. Asset succession planning and corporate tax law are other important components of this tax practice. Clients include Axel Springer, Hitachi Ltd and Sixt.

RP Richter & Partner expanded its team with a considerable number of lateral hires at a senior level. Ursula Augsten has joined from Ernst & Young and Georg Renner from Nörr Stiefenhofer Lutz. The practice includes Ulrich Burkhardt, who is appreciated by clients for his IAS/IFRS skills, and Roland Weigl is also highly recommended by clients. Other names to note are Wolfgang Richter, who is 'always looking for creative solutions', Claus Lemaire and Sven Fritsche, who have the ability

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acquisition structuring and leasing deals. Germany focuses of this stand-alone tax practice are tax planning, corporate succession and estate planning. Also, it has secured new clients in the real estate sector, which has led to an increase in its real estate tax structuring advisory work.

At Ashurst LLP, Klaus Herkenroth 'provides considered yet commercial advice' specialising in the tax aspects of M&A and corporate reorganisations, as well as the taxation of derivatives. The team is admired for its 'responsiveness' and advised Intermediate Capital Group on the tax structuring of its €2.25bn mezzanine fund.

Beiten Burkhardt's focus is on financial products, M&A tax, real estate tax and advice to high-net-worth individuals, with BNP Paribas and SEB Asset Management both clients. Hans Volkert Volckens left the firm in 2008 to take up an in-house position.

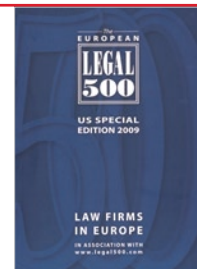
Debevoise & Plimpton LLP's team includes the well-regarded Friedrich Hey, who concentrates on US/German cross-border tax planning and also tax planning for migrating high net worth individuals. It is providing ongoing advice to Dover Corporation, especially on reorganisations, and Oaktree Capital in its negotiations with investors.

Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP is praised by clients as a 'leading international law firm with considerable expertise in tax'. Hans Martin Schmid is well thought of for international tax law and structuring advice, and 'finds creative but reliable solutions', building up a reputation for taxation of trusts and tax planning for high-net-worth individuals. The team provided tax advice to Miner on the establishment of a German mining project.

to 'source excellent urgent knowledge'. The team does a sizeable amount of work for family-owned businesses, and advises clients on the full spectrum of tax issues from compliance work and real estate work to complex tax structuring. On the transactional side, it advised Auctus Management on the acquisition of PROCON-Group.

Rödl & Partner is adept at advising on tax planning, transfer pricing and restructuring with a key pillar of its practice being advice to closed and real estate fund companies. Notable clients include SachsenFonds Group and Morley Funds/Aviva Great Britain. Planning of company succession for family-owned businesses is an additional focus of the team. Highly regarded partners include Christian Rödl and Bernd Rödl, and the team has added Matthias Wulff-Dohmen.

White & Case LLP's head of department, Andreas Knebel, mainly advises clients on



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