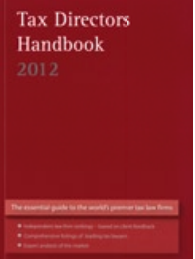


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Baker & McKenzie
CMS Hasche Sigle
Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP
Dewey & LeBoeuf LLP
Haarmann Partnerschaftsgesellschaft Rechtsanwälte Steuerberater
Wirtschaftsprüfer
Latham & Watkins LLP
McDermott Will & Emery Rechtsanwälte Steuerberater LLP
Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy LLP
Noerr
RP Richter & Partner ●
Rödl & Partner
SJ Berwin LLP
Shearman & Sterling LLP
Streck Mack Schwedhelm
White & Case LLP

Ashurst LLP
Debevoise & Plimpton LLP
Heuking Kühn Lüer Wojtek
Honert + Partner
Peters, Schönberger & Partner
Sibeth
Weil, Gotshal & Manges

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International LLP, which benefited from the firm's opening of a Berlin office, headed by Jens-Uwe Hinder, and

now includes four partners. The practice deals with many energy and real estate related tax matters, but has also seen

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controversy work, coupled with a focus on US/Germany cross-border tax planning. Recent mandates include advising Dover on German tax matters, including reorganisations, acquisitions and divestitures. The team also assisted Ingenico on the tax aspects of the €290m acquisition of payment services provider easycash.

Heuking Kühn Lüer Wojtek has a growing team and a commitment to entrepreneurialism. The practice advised a German IT and media company on significant M&A-related tax matters, and also acted for Geers Hoerakustik & Co on the €100m takeover of the HoerGut group and the sale of the client's holding. Dieter Bohnert and Marion Sangen-Emden are recommended.

Honert + Partner is a boutique firm based in Munich and Hamburg, and has expanded its practice on the corporate side. The firm generally represents smaller sellers and has a good name in the mid-cap sector. Jürgen Honert is recommended, and Jochen Neumayer brings together tax and corporate expertise in a *'pragmatic and to-the-point'* way.

Munich-based firm **Peters, Schönberger & Partner** has a good name in dealing with family-owned businesses and succession matters. It also offers extensive advice to *Mittelstand* businesses and handles advice covering other jurisdictions, as well as audit instructions. Christopher Schönberger and Bernhard Winterstetter are recommended.

Sibeth's department is led by Rupert Klar and has a wide-ranging practice across all areas of commercial and transactional taxation, notably real estate matters. Clients include several closed-end real estate funds. Through its membership of the MERITAS network, the firm is able to offer both domestic and cross-border advice.

Weil, Gotshal & Manges' two-partner team includes Tobias Geerling in Munich and Jürgen Börst in Frankfurt, and has been increasingly busy in restructuring work alongside its other broad-based capabilities. The team advised Change Capital Partners on the tax structuring of the acquisition of German fashion retailer Hallhuber, and the CPI Group on its cross-border reconstruction. Deals also included several closed-end foreign real estate transactions.