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Leading tax law firms – GERMANY

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Ashurst LLP
Debevoise & Plimpton LLP
Haarmann Partnerschaftsgesellschaft Rechtsanwälte Steuerberater
Wirtschaftsprüfer
Heuking Kühn Lüer Wojtek
Honert + Partner
Peters, Schönberger & Partner
Sibeth
Streck Mack Schwedhelm
Weil, Gotshal & Manges

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Hengeler Mueller integrates the corporate, finance and tax teams, providing seamless advice, most recently on restructuring-related matters. Friedhelm Jacob is recommended for cross-border matters, and the team advised Freenet on the sale of its DSL business, TUI on the partly sale of Hapag-Lloyd and Deutsche Bank on taking a stake in Deutsche Postbank. Ernst-Thomas Kraft is also recommended.

Renowned for its private equity-related work, **P+P Pöllath + Partners** is known for its Munich team, that has been busy advising on restructuring-related matters. The '*extremely strong*' Richard Engl is highly praised, and the practice advised Stargate Capital on the acquisition of Gehring and Wellington Partners on various financing matters.

Also recommended are Reinhard Pöllath and Andreas Rodin.

Clifford Chance's team displays '*deep knowledge*' and '*can deliver quickly*'. Tax advice on real estate restructurings kept the team busy in 2009, and the new split into sector group-specific advice paid off. Hubert Schmid advised Merrill Lynch on the sale of a €148m real estate loan portfolio, RWE on the acquisition of 50% in Agrienergy, and Volkswagen on the sale of VW Truck & Bus. Allianz Global Investors instructed the team on funds-related matters. Stefan Menner is regarded for advising on VAT issues.

Dewey & LeBoeuf LLP has been able to maintain a steady workflow, frequently providing funds product-related advice. On the transaction side, the team acted for Barclays Private Equity

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Ashurst LLP provides *'outstanding services'* with Matthias Kuhn particularly singled out. In cooperation with the London team, it advised IKB on the securisation of leveraged loans, and a major bank on the auction process regarding Citibank. Klaus Herkenroth is recommended in a team that represents a *'great combination of individual consulting and the use of different specialists'*.

Debevoise & Plimpton LLP has been growing at associate level, and has a good reputation for advising on funds-related matters. Friedrich Hey is recommended in a team that has a particular expertise in cross-border issues related to the US. MAG and Dover are clients.

HAARMANN

Partnerschaftsgesellschaft Rechtsanwälte Steuerberater Wirtschaftsprüfer has a focus on tax-related advice within the firm, with a steadily growing team including new partner Michael Graf. One of the team's assets is the reputation of experienced Wilhelm Haarmann, who attracts both large companies and institutions as clients.

Heuking Kühn Lüer Wojtek's Düsseldorf office is particularly visible, with Dieter Bohnert praised. Highlights included advising Konica on its internal restructuring, and a manufacturer of photovoltaic cells on the acquisition of an energy company.

Honert + Partner has seen a dynamic development thanks to the growing Munich office, now increasingly advising on corporate transactions as a

complement to tax advice. Corporate tax law is a focus, and the team does a significant amount of work for international clients. It advised EQT Opportunities Fund on the sale of its stake in Pfaff. Jochen Neumayer and Jürgen Honert are recommended.

Peters, Schönberger & Partner has been busy advising on matters related to electronic invoicing and transfer pricing, and the team, including Christopher Schönberger and Stefan Groß, advised Secrypt and Computershare on electronic invoicing matters. Longstanding clients are Constantin Film, Kinowelt and Sixt.

SIBETH's practice has a particular focus on advising on real estate-related matters. A tax-driven closed-end investment fund, a closed-end real estate fund and a real estate special fund for institutional investors are all clients. Rupert Klar is singled out, heading a team that represents *'good value'*.

Streck Mack Schwedhelm is a highly specialised boutique with a great reputation for litigation matters. A particular focus is advising clients with assets in foreign countries, and compliance is a growing field of advice for the team. A number of lawyers are highly recommended, among them Rainer Spatscheck, Rolf Schwedhelm and Burkhard Binnewies.

Weil, Gotshal & Manges provides *'outstanding services'*, acting for CEZ on the acquisition of 100% of the shares in MIBRAG, and advising Real I.S. on tax matters related to the structuring of several closed-end foreign real