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Tax Directors Handbook 2008





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Rödl & Partner GbR
SJ Berwin LLP
White & Case LLP

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Ashurst
Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP
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RP Richter & Partners ⓘ
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clients single out the department as 'highly professional', 'creative' and 'always available'. The tax group boasts a range of prominent multinational clients including a series of technology-oriented corporations. The firm's local and international emphasis on tax, warrants an elevation to this tier.

CMS Hasche Sigle's emphasis on tax expertise has seen the department grow substantially in recent years and the department now reflects the significant size of the firm in Germany. With a healthy flow of corporate transactions and restructuring mandates, the practice is well utilised, though the growth in day-to-day advice and international tax matters should not go unnoticed. Wolf-Georg von Rechenberg is particularly highly reputed.

Dewey Ballantine LLP's hire of Hanno Berger from **Shearman & Sterling LLP** in 2004 looks to have paid off with clients recognising his technical expertise mixed with a healthy commercial understanding. Financial institutions are the firm's mainstay business, but it is becoming noticeably broader.

McDermott Will & Emery Rechtsanwälte Steuerberater LLP's

tax practice sustained a setback in August 2006 when a four-partner team that had joined from KPMG in April 2005 left the firm. The firm has strong global credentials in the tax sector and, with the seasoned Arndt Raupach still active alongside senior name Dirk Pohl, it retains a formidable offering.

Nörr Stiefenhofer Lutz's illustrious record in the tax arena is demonstrated by a throng of fine recent instructions. Its advice to private equity and real estate investment funds forms a substantial driver of the practice. It advised Montagu Private Equity Limited on the structuring and establishment of the German parallel fund Montagu III GmbH & Co and CDP Capital Real Estate Advisory in relation to its acquisition of the IBC building in Frankfurt from Blackstone. Georg Renner, Christoph Herrmann and Georg Edelman have fine reputations.

Munich-based Peters, Schönberger & Partner operates a multi-disciplinary practice and is particularly strong on the corporate transactional side for Mittelstand clients in the main. Jürgen Peters, Christopher



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Schönberger and Klaus Höfner have outstanding reputations.

Nuremberg-based **Rödl & Partner GbR** has a leading tax practice, which has very much formed the basis for its growth into other business areas. The German Mittelstand remains the core of the firm's client following that it represents on a domestic and international basis. The firm now also represents a large number of prominent international companies. Christian Rödl is recommended for tax and corporate advice.

SJ Berwin LLP has an illustrious name in the tax sector thanks in part to the profile of Rüdiger Knopf. The sizeable department has a busy practice in the private equity segment and frequently cross-refers work to other departments. The firm is also particularly strong in the funds-structuring area and has now built an impressive record in M&A transactions.

White & Case LLP continues to invest in additional resources and former **Simmons & Simmons** Düsseldorf partner Hans-Jörg Wittmann and Dirk Eisolt from the Berlin office of **Aderhold v. Dalwigk Knüppel** have recently joined. Real estate acquisitions,

structured finance deals and private equity transactions form an important element of the business. Josef Große Honebrink, Andreas Pochhammer, Günter Kahlert and Andreas Knebel have prominent reputations.

Ashurst is particularly strong in the private equity area and is developing strong connections to real estate funds and mezzanine funds. It continues to represent West LB on a regular basis and acts for private equity houses like Apollo and Cinven Limited which it advised on the tax structure for the Fourth Cinven Fund aimed at European buyouts. Structured finance is also a core sector. Munich partner Stefan Süß joined **Latham & Watkins LLP** in 2006, but Klaus Herkenroth remains and has a prominent reputation.

Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP is recommended for M&A and capital markets-related tax advice, as well as matters relating to the firm's active NPL business. Daniel Weyde is the firm's key tax partner.

Debevoise & Plimpton LLP's tax practice is primarily concerned with transaction structuring and funds formation. In this regard, Friedrich Hey is widely commended.