

LONDON

AT A GLANCE

McDermott Will & Emery's London office brings a prestigious legal practice to Europe and complements our capabilities in the United States, Germany, Italy and Brussels. Unlike most US law firms in London, virtually all of our lawyers are UK-qualified. We are part of an extensive 16-office international network that provides a unique platform from which we offer legal advice to local and international organisations.

Experience

The London office represents a wide range of clients, including large publicly held commercial, industrial and financial corporations, small and medium-sized businesses, trustees, and high-net-worth individuals and families. Our office has a strong industry focus, with clients in sectors such as agriculture, chemicals, electronics, energy, financial services, food and beverages, life sciences, medical devices, pharmaceuticals, telecoms and transport. Our lawyers have gained numerous recognitions from a variety of directories such as *Legal 500*, *Chambers*, *Global Counsel* and *Legal Experts*.

In the London office, we advise in several practice areas:

- **Banking, capital markets and projects:** McDermott advises clients in the banking and financial services sectors on UK regulatory matters as well as on straight, structured and asset-backed debt issuances, syndicated and bilateral loans, acquisition and venture capital finance, asset and project finance, derivatives and other treasury products, funds and debt restructurings
- **Corporate finance and securities:** The office provides counsel on private equity investments, initial public offerings (IPOs), international equity offerings and going-private transactions, as well as guidance on shareholder activism and other securities law issues that arise in UK or cross-border contexts
- **Dispute resolution:** The London office has extensive experience in advising clients on all aspects of dispute resolution. Our team represents clients before Tribunals and UK & European Courts and manages cross-border litigation with teams from McDermott's other offices.
- **Employment:** McDermott's highly rated London team advises clients on the full range of UK and EU employment issues, including wrongful and unfair dismissal, executive severance, confidentiality and restrictive covenants, employee fraud, discrimination, union recognition and works councils, industrial disputes, breaches of fiduciary duty, corporate governance, TUPE, pensions, and employment, employee benefits and data-protection aspects of acquisitions
- **Energy:** As part of one of the world's leading energy firms, the London office advises energy producers and traders in the US, Europe, the Middle East and the Far East in all aspects of physical and financial trading, structured transactions, project finance and domestic and international regulations and compliance
- **Intellectual property:** McDermott's IP department handles all aspects of IP procurement, exploitation and enforcement, with particular focus on data protection, patent and trade mark litigation and cross border disputes, general advisory and commercial work
- **International private client:** The newly established, yet already highly regarded London team advises business owners, corporate executives, high net worth individuals and family groups across the globe on all aspects of cross-border wealth management, trust and estate planning, and wealth transfer issues, with particular experience in UK, US and South African legal, tax and compliance matters
- **Mergers, acquisitions and restructurings:** McDermott delivers full-service advice with respect to domestic and cross-border joint ventures, strategic alliances, mergers and acquisitions, divestitures, and public and private corporate restructurings
- **Taxation:** The firm provides multidisciplinary service on all UK and international tax issues concerning corporate and commercial business matters, including mergers, acquisitions, spinoffs, flotations, corporate structuring, asset and structured finance, treasury management, cross-border transactions and transfer pricing

Scope of Services

- Banking and finance
- Corporate
- Employment
- Energy & commodities
- Intellectual property, media & technology
- International private client
- Mergers & acquisitions
- Taxation
- US securities

Our Team

60+ lawyers

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International Reach

As part of the Firm's European practice, we work closely with our Brussels, German and Italian offices to provide a seamless multi-jurisdictional service. Our clients reap the benefits of our interdisciplinary approach as we guide clients through the business and legal risks involved in the continually evolving worldwide market. Constant interaction across our offices keep our lawyers abreast of the most recent developments within the Firm, as well as the global business and political landscape.

Awards & Recognition

Our London office is recognised by the major legal directories.

- *Chambers UK 2010* has ranked 15 partners and associates as 'leaders in their field' and 'up and coming' in 13 different disciplines
- *Legal 500 UK 2009* 5 of our partners are ranked as leaders in their field in 14 different disciplines
- *Legal 500 UK 2009* "McDermott Will & Emery UK LLP runs a full-service practice in London, with strengths across corporate and finance, employment, IP, energy, litigation and international arbitration."

Our Firm

McDermott Will & Emery is a leading international law firm with a diversified business practice. We represent a wide range of commercial, industrial and financial enterprises, both publicly and privately held. Our clientele include some of the world's largest corporations, small and medium-sized businesses, and individuals.

Currently numbering 1,000 lawyers, we have offices in Boston, Brussels, Chicago, Düsseldorf, Houston, London, Los Angeles, Miami, Milan, Munich, New York, Orange County, Rome, San Diego, Silicon Valley and Washington DC. McDermott Will & Emery has a strategic alliance with MWE China Law Offices (Shanghai).