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Gide Loyrette Nouel Hungary

Gide Loyrette Nouel Budapest was founded in 1993 and currently offers the services of some twenty lawyers and legal consultants under the supervision of partner François d'Ornano. Hungarian, French, English, German, Serbian and Croatian are spoken fluently by the members of the Budapest Office.

The Budapest office is a regional "hub" of the Firm and provides legal services for several Central and Eastern European jurisdictions, including Hungary, the Czech Republic, Slovakia and the successor states of the former Yugoslavia. Our extensive knowledge of the Balkans and the CEE region allows us to build closer ties with key local players and provide high quality advice to our clients in this region.

GLN Budapest advises clients on all areas of business law and has developed particular expertise in privatisations, mergers and acquisitions, banking and finance law, real estate transactions, competition law, employment law, taxation, intellectual property and litigation.

We can therefore provide all the legal and tax assistance investors need to set up and pursue their business projects in the region. These range from creating joint ventures to the implementation of innovative legal and tax schemes, by way of negotiations with local business associates, banks, and government authorities.

Expertise and Main Practice Areas

Privatisation - Mergers and Acquisitions

The Budapest office's lawyers have in-depth knowledge of the local economic environment and business law. Our services range from day-to-day corporate advisory work to large-scale cross-border sale and purchase transactions of shares and assets in addition to joint venture deals. The team often works together with the Firm's other offices and is experienced in conducting and coordinating complex matters in Hungary and in the region.

Banking and Finance - Project Finance

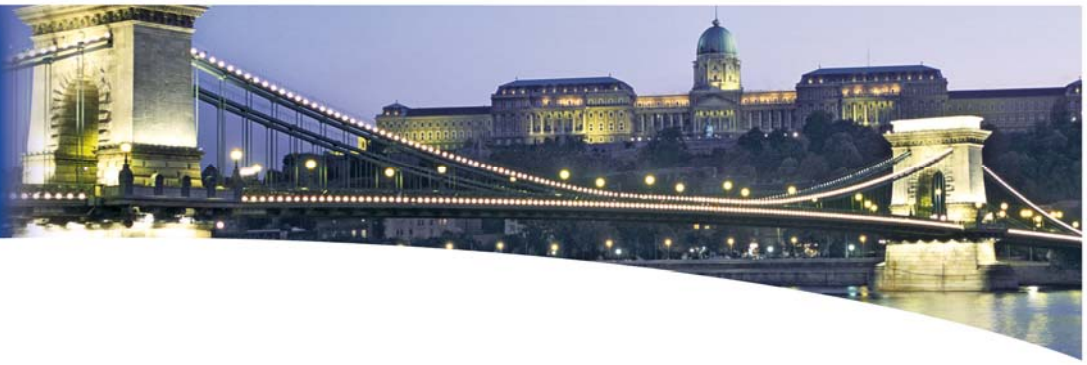
GLN Budapest has a sound knowledge of banking and finance law and advises international and Hungarian financial institutions, investors and borrowers on national and cross-border transactions. The Banking and Finance team's expertise covers a broad range of finance-related matters, including acquisition finance, real estate finance, project finance, asset finance, debt restructuring, debt capital markets, derivatives and financial regulatory advice.

Real Estate Transactions

We assist a wide variety of clients in the real estate sector, including developers, construction companies, real estate funds and other clients seeking assistance in real estate-related issues. The Real Estate team has gained experience and specialist knowledge in all fields of real estate law including leasing, sale and purchase transactions, due diligence reviews, construction, zoning, litigation and real estate financing.

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Competition and Regulatory

The Competition & Regulatory team assists clients in evaluating and managing risks stemming from Hungarian and EU competition law as well as general and sector-specific regulations. In addition to providing tailor-made audits, compliance programmes and legal advice, it represents clients before the Hungarian Competition Office and other authorities in charge of the supervision of various regulated markets. The team is also active in distribution matters advising clients on the compliance of their distribution agreements and networks with the relevant national and EU legislation.

Employment Law

GLN Budapest assists clients in all types of employment-related matters related to their operations in Hungary. The Employment team's particular fields of expertise include: drafting and reviewing individual employment contracts and collective agreements; assisting clients in drawing up various internal policies (bonus, incentive and retirement schemes) and compensation packages, participating in negotiations with employees' representative bodies during information and consultation procedures, advising on employment-related restructurings, redundancy plans and mass lay-offs; and representing clients in employment-related litigation. The Employment team's competences include advising clients on a regional level through the network of our correspondent law firms in the CEE region and in the Balkans.

Taxation

The Firm has developed a highly-rated tax practice providing overall consultancy in both direct and indirect taxes and other levies. Services include tax optimisation, international tax structuring, tax audits, and tax litigation. Our projects regularly comprise mergers and acquisitions, optimising cross-border real estate transactions, and developing international tax-efficient financing schemes.

Projects & Energy

Our lawyers advise clients on energy and infrastructure projects, public-private partnership (PPP), privatizations, environment law and project financing in the Balkans and in the CEE region. The team has extensive experience in the coordination of cross-border projects in the energy, infrastructure (motorways, metro) and water treatment sectors.

Litigation and Arbitration

GLN Budapest represents clients in all types of civil, commercial and administrative litigation and occasionally in constitutional actions before the highest courts in Hungary. For the most part, these proceedings involve distribution law, employment law, intellectual property and administrative law. The litigation team is often consulted in administrative proceedings seeking to reverse decisions awarding public procurement or works contracts. We also assist our clients in execution proceedings for recovering their claims based on either Hungarian or foreign judicial or arbitral awards. The team also deals with mediation and helps clients to resolve their legal disputes out of court by negotiating their own fair and reasonable settlement.

Intellectual Property

GLN Budapest has extensive experience in all areas of intellectual property law including patents, trade marks, designs, and copyright. Our team also assists clients with infringement disputes.

Insurance

GLN Budapest has acknowledged expertise in mergers, acquisitions, and purchases of equity interests in insurance companies. Our insurance team is also involved in the drafting and review of insurance and reinsurance contracts.

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