

TURKEY

Gide Turkey was established in Istanbul in 1997 and is now one of the leading international law firms in Turkey offering comprehensive services in both business and finance law, combined with outstanding local expertise. Gide Turkey advises on mergers, acquisitions, banking and finance, insurance, intellectual property, competition, distribution and consumer matters, taxation, energy, real estate, construction, infrastructure, employment, litigation and arbitration.

Our lawyers work in Turkish, English and French which, combined with their knowledge of the local business environment, ensures that we provide the best possible service to our clients. Gide Turkey advises public and private institutions and assists both foreign companies wishing to set up business in Turkey and companies which already have a foothold in the country. Gide Turkey works in close cooperation with the firm's other international offices, particularly with those located in Central and Eastern Europe, North Africa and the Middle East. In this context, Gide Turkey regularly assists international investors on their projects in Turkey as well as local companies on their outbound investment projects in Western or Eastern Europe, Asia and Africa.

Expertise and Main Practice Areas

Mergers & Acquisitions / Corporate Law - Privatisations Restructuring

Mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures and privatizations constitute Gide Turkey's core practice area since its establishment in 1997. Our team provides comprehensive legal support in conducting due diligence, drafting and negotiating agreements and carrying transactions through to completion. Gide Turkey frequently advises on project-based assignments, and provides assistance to its clients in their day-to-day needs as regards corporate law, governance and restructuring issues.

Banking & Finance

Drawing on the expertise of over 120 lawyers (including some 20 partners) located in Europe and throughout our international network, mainly in Paris, London and New York, our Banking, Finance and Capital Markets practice is one of Gide's core practice areas. Gide Turkey regularly advises local and foreign banks as well as international financial institutions.

Infrastructure - Public-Private Partnerships

Gide Turkey is regularly instructed by public and private clients and financial institutions to advise on public-private partnership projects in many fields, particularly in the construction and operation of major infrastructure-related projects in the energy and transport sectors (e.g. concessions/BTO, BOT/BOOT agreements, EPC, O&M, management and lease projects).

Energy

Gide Turkey regularly assists local and foreign investors in various areas of the energy sector (oil, gas, renewable) on mergers / acquisitions and joint ventures, power plant construction and licensing processes, privatization projects, project finance, tax optimization and more generally on regulatory and compliance issues.

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Real Estate, Construction and Environmental Law

Our team constantly advises local and foreign investors as regards various aspects of property and construction laws. Alongside the recent significant growth of the real estate market, Gide Turkey has developed a strong practice in property development projects, zoning and environmental matters.

Insurance

Based on their in-depth knowledge of the insurance market, Gide Turkey's lawyers regularly advise local and foreign insurance and reinsurance companies, traditional distribution networks of insurance products (banks, agencies, brokers, etc.) as well as various institutions (finance companies, car dealers, etc.) willing to set up partnerships with insurance companies.

Intellectual Property, Telecommunications, Media & Technologies (IP-TMT)

Our lawyers are highly experienced in the handling of civil and criminal proceedings relating to infringement of intellectual and industrial property rights (trademark, patent, design, literary/artistic works, copyright). They work in close cooperation with the Customs Authorities to prevent and pursue infringements of intellectual property rights and contribute to the trainings of public servants.

Gide Turkey's lawyers also carry out procedures relating to objections, transfers and registration of trademarks and designs before the Turkish Patent Institute. Additionally, our team regularly advises companies and IT operators on licensing issues and Internet/technology legislations.

Competition Law - International Trade

Our activities in Competition Law mainly consist in: prior approval notifications to the Competition Board for mergers and acquisitions, setting up of distribution/dealership/franchise networks and compliance analysis of existing ones, as well as applications to the Competition Board for exemption and negative clearance. Gide Turkey also provides legal assistance at all stages of preliminary examinations and investigations initiated by the Competition Board against horizontal agreements between competitors and cartels.

Tax, Exchange Control and Customs

Gide Turkey advises on various tax matters in line with the corporate strategy and management requirements of its clients. Our expertise extends to all areas of taxation, with a particular focus on corporate tax, value-added tax, stamp duty, charges, income tax, banking and insurance transactions tax, exchange tax and customs tax, in light of both national legislation and international treaties.

Employment and Social Security Law

Gide Turkey's team of experienced lawyers assists local and foreign companies in various areas of employment and social security law, including definite and indefinite term employment contracts, staff regulations, sub-contracting issues, individual and collective dismissal processes, employee/workplace transfers, occupational safety and health issues, preparing relevant documentation and handling legal proceedings.

Litigation - Arbitration

Gide Turkey provides a comprehensive range of legal services in the scope of court and arbitration proceedings, including the development of strategies, settlement of disputes and the handling of proceedings under the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) and the International Arbitration Law rules, and any other institutional or ad hoc arbitration procedures (UNCITRAL, ICSID, etc.).

“Long-established international team advising on inbound and outbound M&A in Turkey, co-ordinating with the firm's global office network on multi-jurisdictional mandates. Recently successful on mandates in sectors such as food and beverages, finance, tourism and chemicals. 'The lawyers are prepared, precise and know the law very well - we are confident in their work.' »

Chambers Europe 2016

“This firm's Turkish office has such a good relationship with the wider network that all legal issues, within and outside of Turkey, can be easily addressed. »

Chambers Europe 2015

“Appreciated for working on transactions for primarily international clients in the Turkish market... 'I would give this firm high marks. The team is thorough, helpful and responsive.' one client says. »

Chambers Europe 2014

“The Istanbul team benefits from the firm's global expertise and works in close cooperation with Gide's London, New York and Paris offices... 'It's hard working and has a high capacity for multitasking, good client relations, and perfect linguistic skills,' one client says. »

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