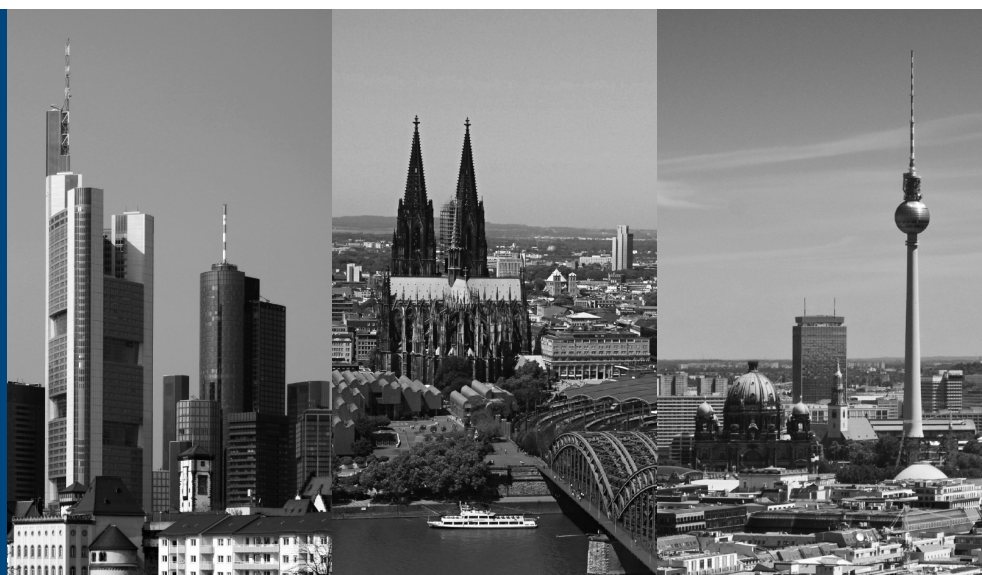


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Mayer Brown LLP has an established presence and a long-standing, successful tradition of legal counsel in Germany. With 40 partners and more than 110 lawyers in Frankfurt, Cologne and Berlin and in combination with our firm's global resources, we advise companies and financial institutions on transactions as well as on all legal aspects of their daily business.



The practice focuses in particular on the following industry sectors:

- Automotive, Metals, Machine Tool Engineering
- Aviation and Airports
- Banks, insurers and other financial service provider as well as investors
- Biotech, Pharma and Life Science, Chemicals
- Construction, Property Development and Management, Planning
- Energy Industry
- Food and Beverages, Consumer Goods, Retail, Textiles
- Information Technology, Telecommunications, Internet & Media
- Private Investment Funds
- Sports Marketing

Core Areas of Practice

ANTITRUST

This practice encompasses all aspects of antitrust and competition law, including merger control law, civil litigation, governmental investigations as well as all aspects of unfair competition. We frequently counsel our clients with respect to their strategic and operational decisions, be it with mergers, joint ventures, the conclusion of development cooperation, the creation of sales or licensing systems or also with the development of advertising and marketing concepts.

BANKING, CAPITAL MARKETS & FINANCE

Core areas of this practice are financial engineering and the drafting and negotiation of financing agreements. Besides classical loan syndications, we assist with the financing of complex projects in the field of acquisition finance as well as with structured finance transactions such as asset-backed securitisations (ABS). We are known for our expertise in all kinds of portfolio transactions, in particular with respect to non-performing loans (NPLs). Our lawyers can also draw on a wealth of experience in equity capital markets transactions, in particular initial public offerings and stock exchange listings. Our transactions practice is complemented by our know how and experience in banking and capital markets regulatory issues.

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