

At a glance



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Dechert is a global specialist law firm.

Focused on sectors with the greatest complexities, legal intricacies and highest regulatory demands, we excel at delivering practical commercial judgment and deep legal expertise for high-stakes matters.

In an increasingly challenging environment, clients look to us to serve them in ways that are faster, sharper and leaner without compromising excellence.

We are relentless in serving our clients – delivering the best of the firm to them with entrepreneurial energy and seamless collaboration in a way that is distinctively Dechert.

Deep expertise

Dechert is a global specialist law firm focused on sectors with the greatest complexities, legal intricacies and highest regulatory demands.

Complexity/ Recognized for our role in the “Global Dispute of the Year” involving a 13-year legal battle triggered by Argentina’s 2001 default on US\$100 billion of debt. *The American Lawyer*, 2016.

Global breadth/ We are part of the “Global 20,” which recognizes law firms with the largest global presence and involvement in the biggest, most complex and most diverse cross-border matters over the past year. *Law360*, 2017.

40+ languages/ We think globally, and our expertise crosses borders. Our lawyers speak more than 40 languages.

32 standout practices/ We have 32 standout practices recognized by *Chambers Global*, 2018.





Commercial judgment

Dechert's deep sector knowledge enables us to deliver practical commercial insight and judgment to our clients' most important matters.

Laser-sharp/ “They don't need to be got up to speed, are very focused, and have a laser-sharp level of precision in their advice.”

Chambers Asia Pacific, 2015.

Business-focused/ Dechert's “industry knowledge and business acumen are exceptional.”

The Legal 500 USA, 2014.

Commercial/ “The lawyers are very commercial, and they don't get engrossed in the legal issues. They know what we want to achieve and they get it done.” *Chambers UK, 2014.*

Innovative/ We're recognized for creating solutions to the most complex legal issues. The *Financial Times* ranked us in the top 10 most innovative law firms in both North America and Europe, one of just two firms named in both reports this year. *Financial Times, 2016.*

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1.60

\$ 1.8

137.7

213.8

\$2,872.8

1,573.6

19.1

Relentlessly client-focused

Dechert is relentlessly focused on our clients' needs. Nothing stands in the way of giving our clients the best of the firm's entrepreneurial energy and seamless collaboration.

Responsive/ "Outstanding firm" Dechert "gets high marks for responsiveness, subject matter expertise and quality of product." *The Legal 500* (U.S.), 2014.

Strategic/ "The team as a whole was outstanding in its strategic advice and advocacy." *Chambers Global*, 2015.

Loyal/ More than half of our business revenue in 2017 came from clients that we've worked with for more than five years.

#1/ Among the top 20 global law firms, Dechert is rated #1 for service delivery. *The Legal 500 Client Intelligence Report*, 2015.



Our practices

Antitrust

Dechert's antitrust/competition lawyers are a go-to team for cutting-edge mergers as well as a destination practice for difficult antitrust litigation. We offer practical solutions and strategic counsel for derailing class actions, litigating monopolization and other complex cases, responding to criminal and civil investigations, and securing antitrust compliance. With lawyers in key global business and legal centers, Dechert is well-positioned to service clients wherever their antitrust/competition issues arise. Our areas of deep specialism make us a repository for the industry experience that supports our delivery of sound commercial advice to the world's leading companies.

Financial Restructuring

Dechert is known for our ability to assess both the legal and economic challenges presented by complex restructuring and bankruptcy matters and craft creative solutions to achieve our clients' goals. Our lawyers are adept at highly sophisticated bankruptcy issues and often advise on precedent-setting matters. We serve all parties of interest in corporate restructuring transactions, distressed mergers and acquisitions, bankruptcy planning and related litigation. Clients include creditors, distressed companies, private equity funds, hedge funds and investors in distressed assets in all types of in-court and out-of-court restructuring matters, as well as distressed financial products.

Corporate and Securities

Our global corporate and securities team helps clients achieve their goals because we understand business practicalities. We advise clients on domestic and international mergers, acquisitions and disposals; private equity, including fund formation, investments and portfolio company transactions; corporate finance and capital markets; leveraged finance transactions and debt restructurings; securities compliance and corporate governance; and general corporate matters. Recognized for our deep expertise in the financial services and life sciences sectors, our clients include national and multinational corporations, sovereign entities, private funds and financial institutions.

Employee Benefits and Executive Compensation

We provide comprehensive services relating to employee benefits and executive compensation, including designing and implementing retirement, welfare, equity-based and other benefit and compensation plans and programs for public and private companies. Our benefits and executive compensation lawyers offer a broad range of services regarding substantive law and tax planning, in both the transactional and non-transactional contexts. Our expertise extends to the complex fiduciary questions that arise under ERISA and other laws, for plan sponsors, investment managers and other financial services organizations in connection with the management and investment of plan assets.

Financial Services and Investment Management

Dechert is a leading advisor to asset managers, investment funds and other financial services firms. We represent most of the world's largest asset managers as well as smaller and emerging managers. We are the only firm with lawyers in all of the EU's leading investment fund jurisdictions as well as numerous others throughout the U.S., Europe, Asia and the Middle East. We advise on fund formation across the full range of asset classes, management company issues, regulatory and compliance matters, fund and management company transactional matters, commodities and derivatives law, and financial institutions regulation.

Global Finance

Dechert is the choice of market makers for innovative deal structures, creative financing strategies and complex transactions. We advise our clients on corporate finance, leveraged finance, real estate finance, structured finance and securitization matters. Combining the firm's global reach with our breadth of expertise (including tax, ERISA, investment company matters, securities, derivatives and bank regulatory matters), Dechert provides comprehensive representation for all our clients' finance needs wherever they do business.

Intellectual Property

We represent companies in every aspect of intellectual property. Our approach involves partnering with clients to find business solutions that will enable them to manage, leverage and enforce their IP. We regularly develop proactive risk mitigation, rights optimization and IP enforcement strategies and defend clients against charges of patent infringement. While we work in a wide variety of fields, we focus particularly on computers and electronics, biotechnology, pharmaceuticals and in the special needs of financial services companies.

International Tax and Private Client Services

Dechert is widely recognized for offering sophisticated, results-oriented representation in virtually every area of tax law. Our lawyers combine in-depth knowledge of their own country's tax regimes with a thorough understanding of the business tax systems of the major trading nations and the ramifications for international and domestic transactions and structures, as well as cross-border income tax rules. Additionally, private clients rely on Dechert for personal estate planning advice and financial and tax planning services, including those related to closely held businesses, interests in private equity and hedge funds, and charitable interests.

Labor and Employment

Dechert provides rapid, integrated solutions to any employment, benefits or labor matter. We work closely with companies of all sizes in virtually every industry to ensure that their interests are protected. Our lawyers navigate clients through the ever-changing landscape of laws and regulations governing the workplace, assisting clients with structuring and implementing effective workplace policies and procedures, protecting their trade secrets and investigating and responding to claims by employees and government agencies. We also represent clients in a wide range of labor and employment litigation matters before courts, government agencies and arbitrators.

Litigation

Businesses and individuals turn to Dechert to resolve high-stakes domestic and international disputes and to handle a wide variety of white collar investigations. We approach matters from the perspective of our clients' strategic and commercial objectives with outstanding results. We vigorously advocate for clients' claims and defend their interests and reputations with the benefit of our specialized knowledge of their businesses and industries. With a long history of successful trials, appeals, motions and strategic settlements, Dechert is recognized as the go-to firm for some of the most challenging litigation, arbitrations, and administrative and regulatory proceedings in locales and across borders around the globe.

Pro bono

82,000+ Dechert took on more than 1,200 pro bono matters of great significance in 2017, dedicating approximately 82,000 hours. Thanks in part to our advocacy, we were able to help our clients reunite with their children, avoid deportation, keep their homes, receive compensation for combat injuries, attend a school that meets their needs, or simply register to vote.

27/ Our pro bono committee consists of representatives from each of Dechert's 27 offices in 11 countries.

25/ Our pro bono practice is managed by one dedicated partner, and we require all lawyers to perform a minimum of 25 hours of pro bono work per year.

#1/ Ranked #1 internationally for pro bono commitment and #7 overall for U.S. pro bono. *The American Lawyer*, 2017.





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1. A Dechert partner assists a client on a housing matter in Philadelphia / 2. Dechert lawyers celebrate their victory for a reunited family from Ethiopia / 3. Client Ms. W. and a Dechert associate work together to obtain an adoption decree / 4. London Walk for Justice participants / 5. A Dechert team successfully obtains a final judgment enjoining Wisconsin's voter photo ID law. / 6. Dechert is an active supporter of TrustLaw Connect, Thomson Reuters Foundation's global pro bono service that connects NGOs and social enterprises with law firms around the world / 7. Dechert handles a family court matter for client Mrs. T. and her two adoptive children / 8. Dechert partners with A4ID, Advocates for International Development, to assist NGOs fighting world poverty / 9. Dechert hosts a monthly advice clinic for young entrepreneurs in The Prince's Trust Enterprise Programme, which gives practical and financial support to young people starting their own businesses / 10. Along with Advocates for Human Rights, a Dechert partner embarks on an investigatory mission in Mongolia to assess their domestic violence laws / 11. In partnership with the Lawyers' Circle and Oxfam, Dechert is leading a group of 37 women lawyers to prepare a report on the implementation of a UN women's rights protocol in African countries / 12. A representative from the National Veterans Legal Services Program discusses a new collaboration with the Veterans Pro Bono Practice Group, led by a Dechert associate and partner / 13. Client Ms. M. proudly displays her U.S. naturalization certificate with her Dechert lawyer / 14. Dechert assists a woman from El Salvador and her children to obtain U-visas, reuniting the family after spending six years apart / 15. Dechert lawyers support the creative spirit through Lawyers Volunteering for the Arts (LVFA) in London / 16. Philadelphia office winners of the Samuel E. Klein Pro Bono Award / 17. Dechert List Project client and her two sons, Iraqi refugees recently brought to the U.S. / 18. Dechert establishes the administrative backbone of the Immigrant Justice Corps (IJC) in New York

Offices

The lawyers in our integrated offices throughout the world work together to achieve our clients' international objectives.



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