

Dr. Dirk Debald

Partner

Hamburg

Biography

Dirk Debald focuses on real estate law. During his extensive career, he gathered particular experience and exceptional knowledge in real estate and corporate law as well as in commercial tenancy law.

Dirk's advice covers the entire life cycle of property – from transactions to financing, real estate outsourcing, real estate M&A, project development, portfolio management and renting. National and international investors, mainly of the institutional kind, open- and closed-ended funds as well as private family offices all belong to his clients.

Dirk has successfully completed many deals in the past in particular for special properties such as retail and office buildings, hotels, senior citizen homes and logistics centers. These contributed to Dirk being listed as "Recommended lawyer in the real estate sector" by *Best Lawyers*® for Germany and being a recommended lawyer for real estate in *JUVE* and *Chambers Europe*. Dirk is the head of the Hamburg real estate department. He went to university in Trier and spent some years in our Frankfurt office after that. Dirk spent quite some time working directly for one of our clients in Great Britain.

Representative experience

Advising Groß & Partner on the acquisition of the FOUR T1 skyscraper by way of a forward share deal

Advising Union Investment on a number of projects,



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Languages

English

German

Practices

Real Estate

Real Estate Finance

Industries

Financial Institutions

Real Estate

Private Capital

Areas of focus

Corporate Occupiers

most recently on the acquisition of the headquarter of the shipping company Hamburg-Süd and on the acquisition of "Neue Balan Haus 27" in Munich

Advising Prologis on various projects, recently on the acquisition of 11 logistics properties in Berlin and the Rhein-Ruhr region with a total size of 548,200 sqm

Advising PATRIZIA on the sale of a logistics portfolio, the acquisition of a district center with a nursing home, the sale of Ericus-Contor in Hamburg and the acquisition of a nursing home portfolio

Advising Values Real Estate on the acquisition of the mixed-used district center "Zehlendorfer Welle" in Berlin

Advising MAS for example on the sale of a retail portfolio as well as on the acquisition of a shopping center in Flensburg as well as on asset management issues

Advising Warburg-HIH on the acquisition and sale of various office and logistics properties, recently on the sale of the office building "Schlump One" in Hamburg

Advising Commerzbank on the sale of its headquarters in Hamburg, on the lease of approx. 20,000 sqm of space in Hamburg and on the sale of two properties in Berlin

Awards and rankings

- Recommended lawyer and leading partner in real estate, *JUVE handbook*, 2021/2022
- Ranked in Chambers Europe, *Chambers Europe*, 2019
- One of the world's leading real estate lawyers, *Who's Who Legal*, 2020
- Listed for Real Estate, *Best Lawyers™ in Germany*, 2022
- Thought Leader Germany for Real Estate, *Who's Who Legal*, 2021

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Hotels and Leisure

Planning, Zoning, and Land Use

Real Estate Development

Real Estate Investment

Real Estate Funds

Real Estate Private Equity

Education and admissions

Education

Dr. iur., Trier University, 2005

Second State Exam in Law, Higher Regional Court of Koblenz, 2002

First State Exam in Law, Trier University, 1999

- Lawyer of the Year in Real Estate Law in Hamburg, *Best Lawyers™ in Germany, 2022*

Latest thinking and events

- Insights
 - Cross-Border Investment Map
- Press Releases
 - Hogan Lovells advises Klöpfer & Königer on transfer of operations
- Press Releases
 - Hogan Lovells advises Groß & Partner on the sale of the FOUR T1 skyscraper in Frankfurt
- News
 - Reform of German merger control rules: Important changes for real estate transactions
- Events
 - Hogan Lovells at MIPIM 2019
- Awards and Rankings
 - Best Lawyers™ 2019: Hogan Lovells is ranked with 80 lawyers