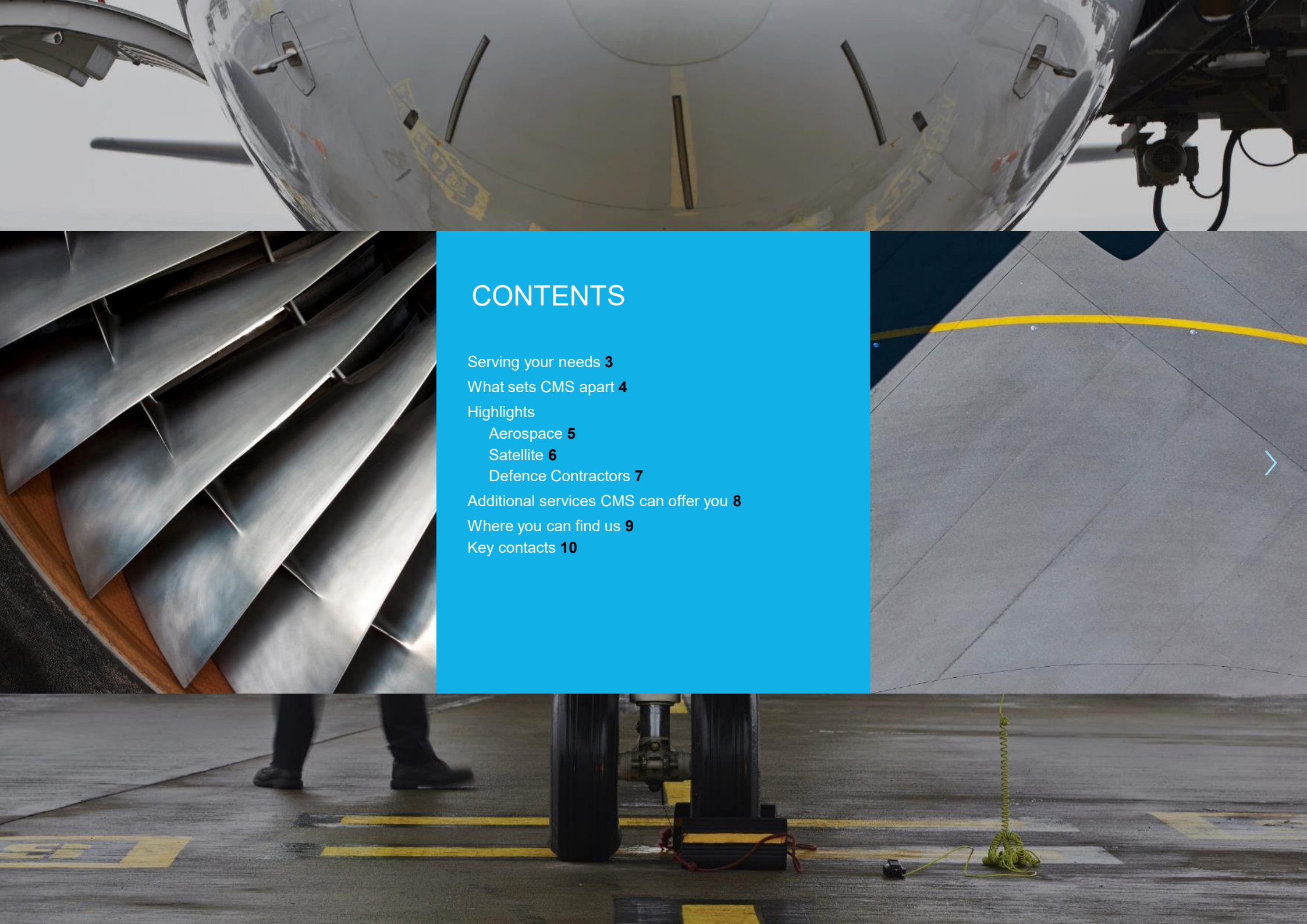


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Serving your needs

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- Antitrust and competition
- Aviation
- Artificial intelligence
- Communications licensing
- Life sciences
- Privacy and cybersecurity
- Procurement



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- Project finance
- Lease finance
- Private equity and venture capital
- Debt and equity financing
- Trademarks and brands



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- Space industry contracts
- Satellite purchase agreements
- Launch services agreements
- Due diligence
- Corporate governance
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What sets CMS apart



We are one of the largest law firms in Europe. Our presence in 47 jurisdictions offers unmatched expertise in navigating the complexities of this cutting-edge industry. Our global team experts provide strategic advice to aerospace manufacturers, defence contractors and government agencies, guiding them through compliance challenges, managing high-profile litigation and negotiating critical contracts. CMS is dedicated to securing your interests while driving innovation and growth. Trust us to be your partner in overcoming the legal challenges in the aerospace and defence sectors, ensuring that you will always stay one step ahead in a competitive market.

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Highlights: Aerospace

A European aerospace manufacturer on a joint venture to develop launchers for space vehicles and satellites in Europe.

A French medical equipment manufacturer's family shareholders on the sale of the group that produces precision tooling especially for the aerospace industry.

A British aerospace manufacturing company on the Future Strategic Tanker Aircraft (FSTA) programme for the UK Ministry of Defence for new air-to-air refuelling aircraft.

A service provider for the German armed forces (Bundeswehr) on public procurement, budgetary and pricing law regarding the provision of mobility services for a federal body.

The Norwegian Ministry of defence on the delivery of NH 90 helicopters.

A US drone manufacturer and logistics company on operational licensing requirements in the UK.

UAE based defence aviation business
On the acquisition of a minority stake in a Brazilian aviation company and the establishment of a manufacturing facility in the UAE.

A German defence technology group on establishing a joint venture with an Asian company to develop flight simulation technology and train civilian pilots to use it.

A manufacturer of aircraft seat actuation on cross-border transactions including in the US and Singapore.

The Norwegian Armed Forces on many procurement matters on land, in the air, in space and at sea as well as civilian and international procurement matters including the pre-negotiation of the MoU, MoA and TA with various stakeholders.

A global helicopter leasing company on lease renewal and termination negotiations in Europe.

The Norwegian Ministry of defence on the conversion of the Air Force's main service station at Kjeller from being a part of the state administration to a separate legal entity.

A Middle-Eastern airline on its engine and aircraft technical contracts.





Highlights: Satellite



A multinational technology company on delivery of a Low Earth Orbit (LEO) satellite system including identifying and mitigating existing regulatory barriers and obtaining approvals from multiple international regulators in the Czech Republic.

A global provider of satellite communication solutions on regulatory and procurement matters in Romania.

A global provider of satellite and electronic communications services on the global launch of its S-band mobile satellite service (MSS), a constellation of 28 new LEO satellites providing IoT, M2M and data connectivity in Spain.

A global provider of satellite and electronic communications services on competition and merger control issues in the UK.

A French satellite operator on all CMT aspects of its proposal to the EC Commission to build and operate the Galileo satellite project in the UK.

A global provider of satellite and electronic communications services on regulatory and corporate matters in the Czech Republic.

A British satellite telecommunications company on various regulatory compliance issues associated with its IsatPhone, license regulatory matters and compliance with EU sanctions.

Satellite operators on ESA and EMSA procurement regulations in the UK.

US clients on Ofcom's satellite filing procedures and the European regulatory framework in the UK.





Highlights: Defence Contractors

A US aerospace manufacturer on applying for Ukrainian licenses for radio frequencies for the onboard operation of cell phones, TV and radio broadcasting.

A major defence contractor on the provision of marine services to the UK Royal Navy involving the manning, operation and maintenance of over 100 vessels over a 15-year period via a long-term multi vessel ship-build contract.

A US defence contractor on leasing UAVs in Europe.

An aerospace and defence company on its entire global trademark portfolio, involving regular filings, brand clearances, oppositions, invalidations and other spin-out dispute work in Europe.

A US manufacturer of military radio equipment on negotiating and performing offset agreements in Europe.

A US arms, defence, information security and technology corporation on the largest offset program in the world, for Polish F-16s.

A French defence group on defence tenders and offset issues in Europe.

A US aerospace manufacturer on Poland's acquisition of F-35 jet fighters.

The UK Ministry of Defence on a project involving the construction and refurbishment of military accommodation, offices, workshops and other similar assets at army garrisons in southern England.

Multiple defence contractors on defence acquisitions and offset programs in Poland.

The Norwegian Ministry of Defence on the delivery of NH 90 helicopters.

A global defence, aerospace and security group on a range of technology and IP related matters, including licensing & collaboration projects, patent and trademark matters, technology procurement, regulatory matters, supply chain matters, and M&A in the UK.

Saudi Arabian Military Industries (SAMI)
On the acquisition of Advanced Electronics Company (AEC) from BAE System, Al-Bilad, Saudia and National Commercial Bank, described as the largest military industries deal ever concluded in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.





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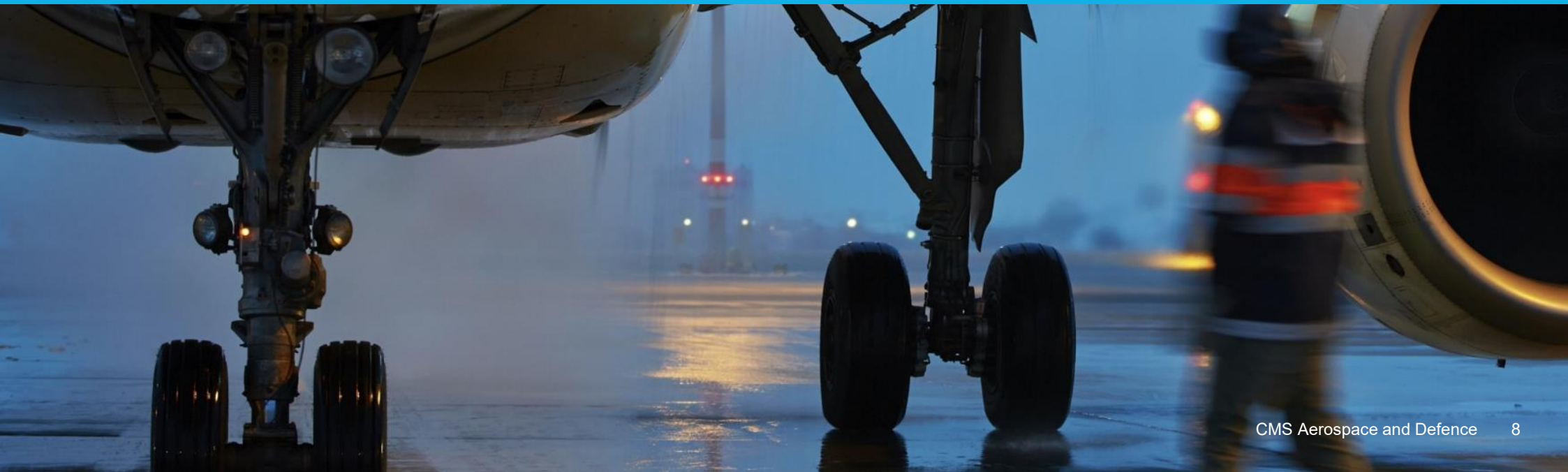


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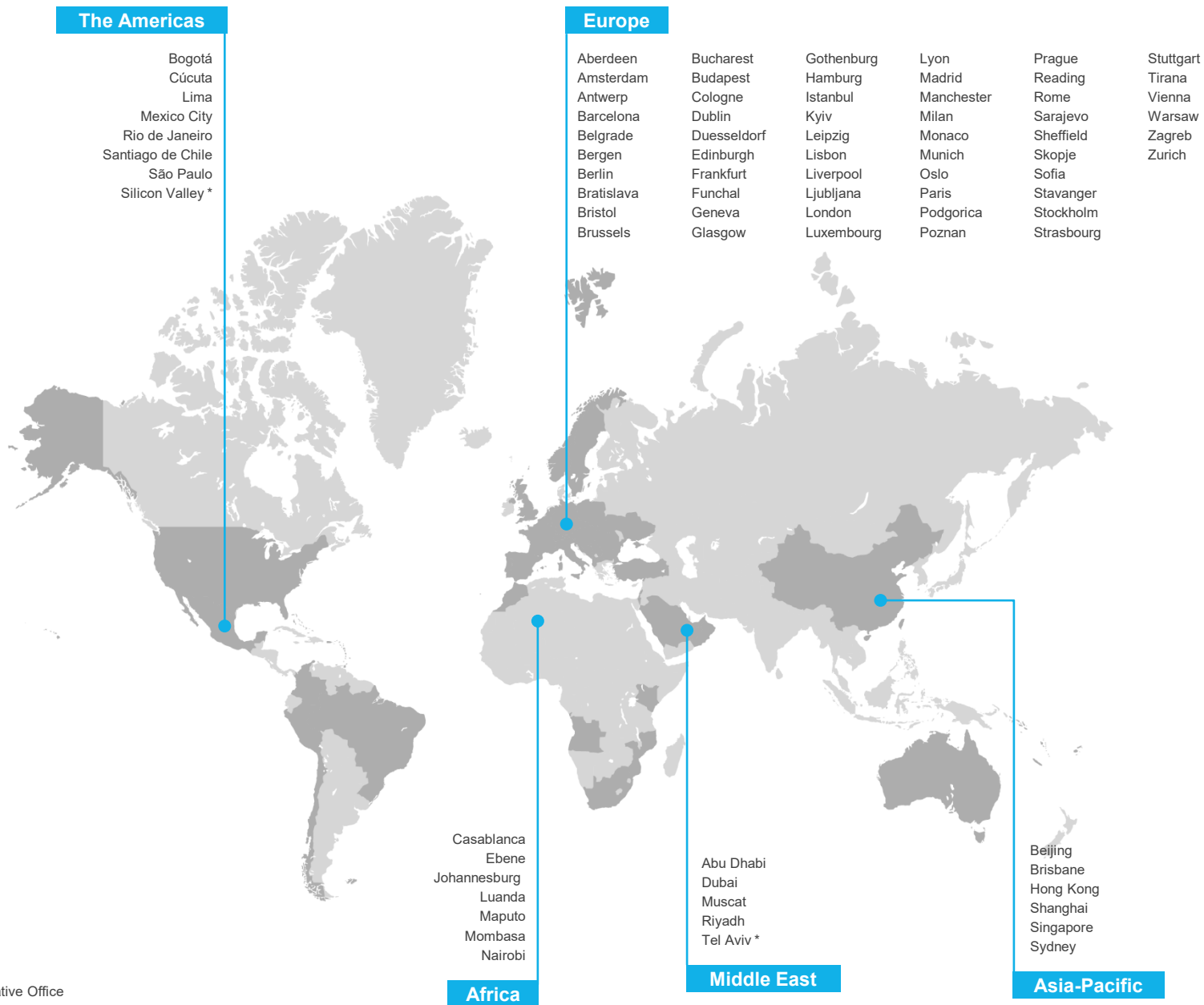
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