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Our knowledge of China's legal and regulatory systems as well as its culture ensures we are able to give our Western clients tailor-made and fully integrated advice on their projects in the PRC. Moreover, our extensive network of European offices means we are able to give Chinese clients seamless service across Europe, including not just Western Europe but Central and Eastern Europe, too.

Our approach is rooted in deep knowledge of industry sectors and our clients' specific businesses, and is aimed at finding commercially viable results and solutions for clients.



We need lawyers who show the way to solutions. And that is exactly how I experienced the lawyers at CMS, China.

Client of CMS, China

Our clients enjoy our strengths:

- a solid knowledge of law and practice in China, based on hundreds of cases;
- a high level of partner involvement in legal consultancy projects;
- a large network of relations within the Chinese administration established over 25 years;
- a good understanding of our clients' businesses through Industry Sector Groups;
- an excellent balance between experienced Chinese and European lawyers.



Our expertise in China

We understand the unique needs and challenges of each market sector and the importance of providing a tailored service to all our clients addressing their specific requirements. Our paramount concern is to add real value to our clients' undertakings. In doing so, we focus on building long-term relationships with clients.

Our advice often goes beyond legal and taxation aspects as we strive to provide an insight into the business implications of legal decisions, corporate culture and specifics of local business approaches.

Our expertise covers the following areas:

- Corporate
- Banking & Finance
- Real Estate & Construction
- Intellectual Property
- Employment & Pensions
- Tax
- Dispute Resolution
- Competition & EU
- Technology, Media & Telecoms
- Consumer Products
- Life Sciences
- Insurance & Funds
- Hotels and Leisure
- Infrastructure & Project Finance
- Private Equity
- Energy



CMS is one of the largest law firm networks in Europe, and it is able to provide its clients with access to advice ranging over 28 jurisdictions. In China, the team provides comprehensive and tailored advice to mainly foreign corporate clients looking to capitalise on growing markets in the PRC. Clients like the lawyers' proactive approach, remarking: "They are completely on the ball and extremely thorough."

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