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From major multinationals and mid-caps to start-ups, we provide the technical rigour, strategic excellence and long-term partnership.

## Our offices

Albania, Algeria, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, China, Croatia, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Luxembourg, Mexico, Morocco, Montenegro, The Netherlands, Oman, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates and United Kingdom.

## Facts and figures

- Lawyers: >3,000 to total lawyers
- Total number of people: c 5,500
- Offices: 59
- Jurisdictions: 33

## Our Budapest office

CMS Budapest was established in Hungary in 1989. With over 65 legal staff and around 50 highly trained support staff, including in-house translation services, the office is the largest international law firm in Hungary and a one-stop-shop for day-to-day legal support and the most complex transactions in the country and in CEE.

## Range of services

### Practice groups

- Banking and International Finance
- Commercial
  - Competition
  - Employment
  - Intellectual Property
  - Public Procurement
- Corporate and M&A
- Dispute Resolution
- Energy, Projects and Construction
- Real Estate
- Taxation

### Sectors

- Automotive
- Consumer Products
- Energy & Utilities
- Financial Institutions
- Hotels & Leisure
- Infrastructure & Project Finance
- Insurance & Reinsurance
- Lifesciences
- Real Estate and Construction
- Technology, Media and Communications

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# Our experience

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## Corporate

### **MKB Bank (Bayerische Landesbank)**

- Sell-side transaction advisor in relation to the sale of the bank's subsidiaries in Romania and Bulgaria.

### **PUMA Group**

- Reorganisation of its entire business operation in Hungary into branch form by way of business transfer from its Hungarian subsidiary to a newly established branch of a Czech group company.

### **Work Service**

- Acquisition of ProHuman, Hungary's second-largest workforce solutions firm, making Work Service the biggest temporary work agency in CEE.

### **Advent / Partner in Pet Food**

- Acquisition of Provimni Pet Food (renamed to Partner in Pet Food / PPF) and later on the acquisition of the pet food unit of Agro-Trust by PPF.

### **Samsung, Delphi, Diageo, Marriott Hotels, GE, Sportsdirect, Wizz Air, Claire's, Iberdrola, Coveris Rigid**

- General corporate services and corporate maintenance to these clients amongst others.

## Banking and international finance

### **ERSTE Group**

- Ongoing legal support from regulatory to transactions.

### **Hypothekbank Frankfurt**

- Restructuring of the bank's Hungarian portfolio.

### **AXA**

- 100% sale of shares in its life insurance business in Hungary.

### **Raiffeisen Bank**

- Ongoing legal support on all project finance and restructuring transactions.

## Real estate

### **Bluehouse, a Greek investor**

- Acquisition and financing of the "E" unit at Infopark and of a Tesco hypermarket in Budapest.

### **An institutional investor**

- Acquisition of 50% of a shopping centre in Budapest through a share deal.

### **Invesco**

- Sale of a logistic centre currently used by Auchan to Prologis.

### **Shell**

- Sale of petrol stations in Hungary.

## Energy, projects and construction

### **Budapest Power Plant (EDF subsidiary)**

- Advice on energy regulatory and general representation.

### **MOL, the Hungarian oil and gas company**

- Development of the strategic natural gas storage project in Hungary.

### **Iberdrola, Raiffeisen Energy Services**

- Acquisition and development of several wind park projects in Hungary for both clients.

### **Siemens/Advanced Power**

- Development of a new 800 MW CCGT power plant in Szeged.

## Employment

### **Johnson & Johnson, Roche, Becton Dickinson, Marriott Hotels, GSK Biologicals, Iberdrola, Chello Central Europe, Crown Packaging, EDF Group, Honeywell, Zoetis**

- Advice on a regular basis regarding various employment and labour law matters, including contractual advice, collective bargaining agreements, employee benefits and compensation schemes, representation in various employment cases before courts and authorities.

## Commercial

### **Samsung, NSN, CIB Bank, Magyar Telekom, Provera, MetLife, GE, UPC DTH, Microsoft**

- Continuous advice on a wide range of their operations in Hungary, including employment, competition, corporate, tax and commercial issues on a daily basis; review of IT contracts, supply agreements.

### **Diageo, Johnson & Johnson, Roche, Becton Dickinson, Marriott Hotels, GSK Biologicals, Iberdrola, Chello Media**

- Advice on a regular basis regarding various data protection matters.

### **Eli Lilly, Johnson & Johnson, Roche, Becton Dickinson**

- Pharma regulatory advice, review of sponsorship agreements, setting up sample schemes for campaigns.

### **Budapest Bank, Johnson & Johnson, Roche, Eli Lilly, RTL Group, Prímagáz, Sumi Agro**

- Advice on a full scale of competition law matter, including cartel cases, abuse of dominant position, misleading consumers etc.

### **Wizz Air, Hypothekenbank Frankfurt, Prímagáz, RTL Group, Syngenta**

- Registration of trademarks, handling the international trademark portfolio, advising on IP disputes.

## Dispute resolution

### **E.ON**

- Representation in a wide range of legal matters.

### **Siemens**

- Various disputes, including arbitration proceedings in relation to the construction of the Budapest metro line 4.

### **Johnson & Johnson**

- Representing the U.S. pharmaceutical giant in various litigious proceedings.

### **A German automobile, motorcycle and engine manufacturer**

- Representing in a dispute against a major supplier.

## Tax

### **ERSTE Bank & Credigen Bank**

- Assisting Erste Bank on VAT aspects of purchasing a wealth management portfolio and Credigen on the sale of a loan portfolio.

### **A major international telecommunications company**

- Assisting with respect to a high value VAT dispute.

### **AXA**

- Assisting on all tax aspects of selling their Hungarian insurance business.

### **Bricostore Holding SAS**

- Assisting with the restructuring of its Hungarian operations.



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