

Your World First



Infrastructure & Project Finance





Delivering to you

To meet domestic and global growth expectations a huge amount of infrastructure will need to be built, rebuilt, refurbished or retrofitted. The scale and investment required to plug this infrastructure gap presents a formidable challenge and one in which our clients will play an important part.

Our infrastructure sector insight has been gained by advising many of the biggest players in relation to projects across the transport, health, education, waste, energy, defence, IT/telecoms, leisure, custodial and justice, airports and shipping, rail, roads and water sub-sectors. You will benefit from the breadth and depth of our sector expertise whichever role and in whatever infrastructure sector you participate.

A market-leading team

CMS has six Band 1 rankings for Infrastructure and Transport in the latest editions of Chambers UK and Legal 500 UK.

As a law firm that works in partnership with the infrastructure and public sectors, you will work with lawyers who understand the nuances and requirements of all parties to an infrastructure deal and who understand the importance of a commercially acceptable outcome for all.

CMS is focused on achieving the best result for you.

There for you



Whether you are building, financing or investing in infrastructure in the UK, Europe, Middle East, South East Asia, South America or Africa we're here for you.

No surprises



Our market leading team can advise you on every aspect of the project. We will anticipate and navigate problems before they arise saving you money and time down the line.

Future facing



CMS has been at the forefront of innovation in the infrastructure and project finance market, advising in relation to bespoke structures and financing. We are using this expertise in our work with the UK/China Infrastructure Academy and the UNECE PPP team.



They are a very strong team in the infrastructure space.

Chambers and Partners, 2018



How we help you

Whether you are a sponsor, lender, investor, government or procuring authority, we have the infrastructure specialists to meet all your strategic challenges.

Primary markets

Our award-winning team has considerable experience advising: contracting authorities, sponsors, sub-contractors and lenders on all types of infrastructure projects both locally and internationally and using various forms and sources of funding.

Having advised on ground breaking projects with a combined value of more than GBP 16bn in the UK alone, our top-tier Infrastructure & Project Finance Group has been at the forefront of the industry for over 20 years.

Our 200+ lawyers work on projects in the UK, Central and Eastern Europe, Western Europe, the Middle East, Turkey, India, Africa, Asia and the Americas.

Experience of traditional project finance solutions and other more innovative approaches means we can advise on all infrastructure projects regardless of the complexity or the challenges.

Once a deal has reached financial close we maintain relationships with our clients so we can support them on any construction and operational issues that may arise. This continuity of advice means we have extensive experience of advising on restructurings, refinancings, variations and disputes, should they arise.

Secondary markets

We have helped shape the sector, ensuring quick deal completions on terms that optimise your returns. Our team is led by lawyers who specialise in infrastructure M&A and who work alongside those with specialist knowledge of the relevant project, offtake and finance documents to provide a seamless and focussed approach.

Having been embedded in this sector, we understand your specific issues and provide innovative solutions.

As the privately financed infrastructure market expands internationally, our UK-based team works in partnership with international colleagues to advise clients on their international infrastructure portfolios.

Energy and Infrastructure Team of the Year
(Legal Business Awards, 2017)



Top Tier
United Kingdom
(Legal 500, 2017)

Ranked No.1
in Infrastructure
(Legal 500, 2017)



Involved in

125+
PFI/NPD

projects in Scotland



Ranked No.1

both in the UK overall & for PPP (InfraDeals, 2016)



300+
IPF lawyers in total
including throughout Europe, as well as Turkey, Iran, Oman, Dubai, Singapore and Brazil



Highlights of our recent experience

Defence

Project Allenby and Connaught, the largest infrastructure PFI ever led by the Ministry of Defence to provide army accommodation and subsequently in relation to the GBP 1bn variation to provide additional capacity to the Army Basing Programme.

Health

The GBP 170m Alder Hey Children's Hospital PFI, the Papworth Hospital PFI project and the Dumfries and Galloway NPD project.

Also advising a private equity firm on the development of multiple hospitals across Africa, India and Pakistan.

Infrastructure Portfolio

On the structuring and sale of an infrastructure projects portfolio across France and Italy.

OFTO

Advising in relation to numerous OFTO bids for National Grid and Dalmore/DIF.

Renewable Energy

Aviva Investors in relation to the acquisition of 5 onshore windfarms from RES Equitix and in relation to numerous merchant energy from waste/biomass facilities.

Roads

The GBP 500m Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route, the Mersey Gateway Bridge project, the Milot Morine Highway in Albania and sale of A1 highway in Poland.

Rolling Stock

Financing of new rolling stock on the Stansted Express, Norwich Line and cross country lines in East Anglian franchise.

Scottish Hub

Advised across all 5 Scottish hub Territories.

Aviation

On and drafting tender and standard form contract documents for the USD 6.8bn expansion of Abu Dhabi airport.

Awarded European Rail Deal of the Year, 2017, IJ Awards

Waste

The development of over 20 Energy for Waste Facilities in the UK, Poland, UAE and South East Asia, including the GBP 450m Edinburgh and Midlothian Waste project and the GBP 2bn North London Waste Services PPP Project.

Education

Westminster BSF, Barnsley BSF, Priority Schools Building Programme projects including North-East, North-West and Yorkshire and Ealing Schools PFI project.

Maritime

Braemar Shipping Services merger with ACM Shipping Group, International Mooring Services on successful defence of USD 127m breach of contract and GasLog Ltd on the USD 1.3bn ECA-supported financing of the construction and delivery of 8 LNG carriers.



Knowledge and know-how

We invest in, and prioritise, knowing what is new, what is coming and how fresh technologies will impact the work our clients do. This knowledge is incorporated into every piece of advice. Below is just a small selection that are available to you.

Infrastructure Index Series – A successful thought leadership series which ranks the investment attractiveness of jurisdictions globally. These thought-provoking reports give indicators for attractive and hot markets for investment. The most recent report is Infrastructure Index: A new direction.

Visit cms.law/en/GBR/Publication/Infrastructure-Index



Law-Now – Our award-winning legal news service with content covering over 30 jurisdictions giving immediate access to legal developments. You can sign up to receive it straight to your inbox. Visit cms-lawnow.com

Law-Now

Public Aye – Our public sector legal commentary and know-how for Scotland helps our clients navigate the challenges and maximise the benefit of any opportunities that might arise.

Public Aye

Spotlight Series – This series brings you practical and commercial seminars on today's legal hot topics. You can register your interest for any seminars via our new website. Visit cms.law/spotlightseries



Conferences – We have hosted various conferences addressing key issues within the sector including 'New PM, New Cabinet and Post Brexit – where now for UK Infrastructure', 'The Future of UK Infrastructure' and 'Energy Update following the Autumn Statement'. Previous speakers have included Lord Adonis, Chair of the National Infrastructure Commission and Lord Finkelstein, journalists and politicians.



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