

Our Data Centres expertise



CMS is one of the world's largest law firms, and one of the leading full-service firms in the UK. The firm has around 80 offices in over 40 countries around the world, with more than 5,000 lawyers. Our real estate team is the biggest in Europe and largest geographical coverage. With our market exposure, experience and coverage, we believe we are an excellent fit to support expansion throughout the UK and Europe and beyond.

A proper understanding of real estate and landlord and tenant issues is integral to any data centres business. Our market-leading real estate team has been advising investors, developers, occupiers and funders in the data centres sector for over two decades.

The CMS real estate lawyers work seamlessly with data centre specialists in our planning, construction, power, sustainability and tech teams, ensuring that we bring to your transaction a deep understanding of the sector's unique characteristics, sensitivities and challenges.

Working with all the leading local, national and international clients

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Our experience in Data Centres

Our multi-jurisdictional experience and interdisciplinary approach is anchored in our expertise in the following areas:

Commercial contracts	ESG/Sustainability	Power
Construction	Finance	Real estate
Data, privacy and cyber security	Funds	Technology
Dispute Resolution	Investments	
Environment	Planning	

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With a real depth of experience and an impressive breadth of resources, CMS is hands down, one of the strongest firms in the global real estate industry.

Legal 500

Awards



To find out more about our Data Centres experience and to request our **UK and International guides**, visit the QR code opposite.

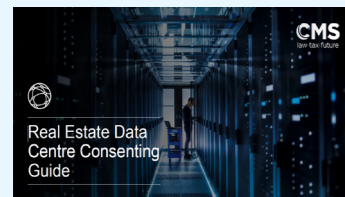


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Data Centre Consenting guide

We have produced a summary of the legal consenting considerations for data centre development. This highlights the distinct requirements for different jurisdictions when deciding where to commence development.



Articles

Charlotte Miller has written a recent article looking at **Data Centres: Invest with your eyes wide open** which has been published in Estates Gazette. It looks closely at how generative AI and machine learning has increased the global appetite for data in our increasingly digitised world.



Key issues to consider when outsourcing to a data centre provider

Read how businesses are increasingly becoming reliant on data centres to support their data storage and processing needs as business use and reliance on data has grown exponentially.



National Security and Investment Act 2021 – impact on Real Estate and Data Centres

Read how the regulatory landscape born from the UK's National Security and Investment Act 2021 (the Act) shows a substantial increase in national security investment screening powers.



Training programme

Our lawyers are able to offer training on a range of topics in each of the specialisms listed below (or any other topics which may be of interest). Please get in touch if this would be of interest.

Construction

Disputes

Electricity / Power

Environment

ESG / Sustainability

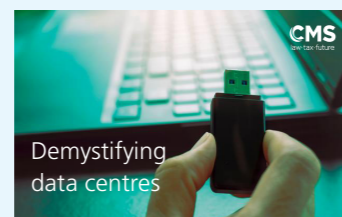
Finance

Funds

Planning

Real Estate

TMT



Global Coverage

CMS is the largest law firm in Europe with the largest real estate team with over 800 real estate lawyers. The CMS Real Estate Group is the largest real estate specialist team in Europe and one of the biggest worldwide, providing full-service legal assistance in all real estate matters.

