

OOSTVOGELS PFISTER FEYTEN

Firm Credentials



ABOUT OOSTVOGELS PFISTER FEYTEN

Oostvogels Pfister Feyten is a leading independent law firm providing legal advice and assistance with many facets of Luxembourg business and financial law. The firm has particular expertise across specialist practice areas including Tax, Corporate and M&A, Private Equity, Investment Funds, Banking & Finance, Real Estate, Restructuring & Insolvency and Litigation.

With offices in Luxembourg and London, Oostvogels Pfister Feyten assists with projects such as structuring cross-border transactions through Luxembourg, the creation of investment vehicles such as the venture capital investment company (SICAR), the specialised investment fund (SIF) as well as other regulated and non-regulated funds. Teams also assist with debt and equity restructuring proceedings, including structuration through distressed debt funds. Throughout the course of the past few years, the firm has advised on a broad range of pre-insolvency and bankruptcy cases, debt structuring and buy back schemes as well as refinancing projects.

Oostvogels Pfister Feyten serves an international clientele from regions such as Europe, the US and Asia. Clients include multinational corporate groups, leading banking and finance institutions, private equity houses and investment funds as well as high-net-worth individuals. The firm has extensive technical expertise across complex international transactions and is regularly advising buyers and sellers, target companies, investment banks and private equity houses on a wide range of domestic and cross-border activities.

Practice teams within the firm work closely alongside one another, particularly on those projects which involve a much broader application of Luxembourg law. For those requiring a wider cross border element, the firm has established a strong and trusted network of international law firms with proven expertise in international transactions. Details of the firm can be found in all key legal guides including Chambers, Legal500, Martindale and IFLR amongst others. www.oostvogels.com

The firm's underlying culture and philosophy is founded and built on fundamental principles of team spirit, well being, entrepreneurial culture, respect and commitment to development of people & their talents. These are at the heart of the business and are intended to provide a solid platform for all work carried out on behalf of clients.

This document provides an overview Oostvogels Pfister Feyten and its core practice areas.

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- ❑ Founded in 1999, based in Luxembourg and London (rep. office)
- ❑ One of Luxembourg's leading independent business law firms (50 lawyers)
- ❑ **Key strategic adviser to renowned PE houses. The firm has developed a sound knowledge of the sector over the years**
- ❑ Clients also include international corporate groups, leading banking and finance institutions, investment funds as well as high net worth individuals
- ❑ Network in key financial centres around the world and extensive track record in teaming up with international law firms on cross-border transactions
- ❑ Firm's legal practitioners regularly cited for their work in key legal and business directories (Chambers, Legal 500, IFLR, PLC Which Lawyer?...)
- ❑ Membership of all key industry bodies

OUR KEY PRACTICE AREAS

□ Tax

Oostvogels Pfister Feyten's tax team assists with a broad range of projects whether in relation to direct and indirect tax matters, VAT, cross border transactions, mergers & acquisitions, structured finance or in respect of Luxembourg investment funds. In this respect, the team will always seek the most tax efficient structure to meet investors' expectations.

The core objective is to make the complex simple, by providing an easier route to the country's law, both current and new, and to those products specifically created for domestic and international clients. A priority is to ensure clients have full access to top level skills and knowledge required for this highly specialised area.

Over the years, the team has gained a strong reputation in the industry for being at the cutting edge of Luxembourg's tax laws.

□ Corporate

The Corporate / M&A practice encompasses an experienced team of legal specialists who have a history of advising on many complex domestic and international transactions.

The team advises a range of clients in the area including industrial groups, investment banks, private equity houses and target companies on a wide range of domestic and cross-border activities. In every project, the focus is on combining technical expertise with strong business acumen to deliver sound commercial advice and assistance.

The corporate team works closely alongside other practice teams within the firm on all projects which involve a much broader application of Luxembourg law. For those projects that require a cross border element, the team has established a strong and trusted international network.

OUR KEY PRACTICE AREAS

□ **Restructuring & Insolvency**

The insolvency team has extensive experience with a wide variety of complex restructuring and insolvency projects including debt restructuring for a broad range of domestic and international clients. They regularly apply 1346-2000 EU regulations on cross border insolvency cases.

The key objective with every project is to achieve the best result in a timely and efficient manner whilst keeping associated costs to a minimum. The team is fully committed to international standards and applying the best practices.

Always taking a proactive approach, the team will call upon other colleagues in other practice areas to ensure clients have full access to the broad range of skills that may be required.

□ **Banking & Finance**

The firm's Banking & Finance practice supports a range of domestic and international companies and financial institutions.

They regularly advise on a diverse and complex range of activities and provide a broad range of legal and tax services with a particular focus on regulatory activities and listings, contractual and security agreements as well as securitisations.

The firm takes great measures to ensure every situation is treated individually, and previous experiences in this area are always extremely beneficial as it provides a sound knowledge of what is required and can act quickly on various situations that can arise.

The firm is also in the process of developing its practice on Islamic finance.

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□ Investment Funds

The funds department assists with the formation of various types of Luxembourg investment funds and has a particular expertise with the creation of regulated investment vehicles including the venture capital investment company (SICAR), the specialised investment fund (SIF), undertakings for collective investments (UCIs & UCITS) and unregulated vehicles.

The team has a long history of structuring investment funds particularly with regards to alternative asset classes from a regulatory and tax perspective as well as structuring underlying assets.

Activities range from drafting prospectuses and management agreements through to handling UCITS, SICAR and SIF registration.

The team will negotiate service providers' contracts with custodian banks whilst also dealing with all central administration and compliance issues.

□ Litigation

Oostvogels Pfister Feyten acts for a number of clients with regards to both civil and commercial litigation proceedings.

The team assists with matters relating to Directors' and Managers' liability issues including contractual and commercial disputes, drafting agreements, assisting with compliance and shareholders' conflicts. The team also provides assistance with regulatory investigations and enforcement proceedings.

The team assists with projects particularly with regards to employment law, corporate law, contract law and real estate. They advise on enforcement and provisional measures as well as all aspects relating to insurance and liabilities.

Working with other departments in the firm, the team firm has also been advising a range of investors and investments in recent high profile litigation cases.

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□ Real Estate

The team has broad expertise with the acquisition or sale of a range of Luxembourg real estate portfolios. Specifically, the firm's experience includes selling a project through a share deal which includes a binding engagement on the developer to build a specific office and retail building as well as finding first class tenants.

The team works closely with the firm's Tax Department for VAT matters and the Banking and Finance team for securing transactions and incorporating various guarantees and securities.

In 2009, Chambers and Partners provided a summary of the Real Estate practice. It said: 'This firm handles work in this sector through the real estate and investment funds departments, creating a practice of nine lawyers in total. It has the capability to take on a variety of work, thanks to its skills in a wide variety of matters, including environmental, corporate, financial and administrative law.'

THIRD PARTY ENDORSEMENTS

Our firm and lawyers have regularly been commended for their work in each of our various practice areas. The publications below are prominent in the international legal industries and provide a sample of publications which have endorsed us over the course of the past year and beyond.



WHO'S WHO LEGAL



*'Clients say lawyers are 'knowledgeable, articulate, responsive and have a commercial view on advice''. **Legal500***

*'Helpful and pleasant to work with'. 'The firm works quickly and is well organised, even under pressure'. **Legal500***

*'This "hungry and ambitious" local outfit continues to expand at an impressive rate and, according to observers, has built "a respectable presence in corporate and banking work." The firm is particularly renowned for its private equity work and advises a significant number of private equity houses, whilst also providing general corporate, tax and fund structuring advice'. **Chambers and Partners, Global***

*'...this outfit earns client praise as "a firm of quality, full of approachable lawyers. With growing exposure to international users, this firm's development is attracting peer and client attention'. **Chambers and Partners Europe***

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