

Our CIS Group is a destination practice for companies and entrepreneurs from the CIS.



Our highly experienced lawyers have a track record of advising clients from the CIS and an in-depth knowledge of the region. We provide responsive, commercial and clear advice.

With unrivalled experience in advising entrepreneurs and businesses from the CIS, particularly Russia, Kazakhstan and Ukraine, we are able to provide for all your legal needs across Europe.

Our CIS Group consists of dynamic and highly experienced lawyers drawn from key practice areas within the firm and includes many native speakers from the region.

From acquisitions and IPOs of businesses to energy/infrastructure projects or commercial disputes, our lawyers have sector experience complemented by a deep understanding of CIS client needs. We provide outstanding legal services both within and outside the CIS.

The integration of our specialist skills, with advice being provided seamlessly across our European offices, makes us the logical choice for all your legal requirements. Offering our services in this integrated way ensures that we have the necessary resources to provide expertise and specialist teams for the most demanding of transactions and the most complex of disputes.

Since the Romans' amazing discovery, magnifying glasses have been used in countless endeavours, from studying cells to gazing at stars. Sometimes, it's only by scrutinising details that you can search out the most appropriate solution.





The nut and bolt has innumerable uses in countless industries, providing fundamental structure and strength. It's amazing how just one simple connection can be the basis for a successful relationship.

A rapidly changing environment.

Our track record of advising clients from the CIS has provided us with first-hand knowledge of the key issues facing the region. We understand the rapidly changing legal and economic environment where the abundance of natural resources has resulted in CIS countries experiencing some of the fastest and most dynamic shifts in their economies.

Recent global instability and on-going fluctuations in commodity prices continue to focus the need for countries to diversify and strengthen their economic base. As many CIS countries announce forward-looking, long-term investment plans in key infrastructure projects and new industries, there are substantial opportunities for businesses and entrepreneurs within the region. Our experience, native speakers and contacts in the CIS give us a deep understanding of cultural and business differences between the CIS and Europe, and an insight into the commercial drivers of the matters on which we advise.

With the increasing number of companies and individuals from the CIS looking at Europe as their place for investment, we are well placed to accommodate their legal needs.

For many years we have actively advised both blue-chip and mid-size companies from the CIS. We pride ourselves on giving high-quality, focused and commercial advice at the earliest opportunity with our cross-departmental

group providing clients with excellent legal services to help develop their businesses. Our work invariably has a cross-border element, from advising on an acquisition or an IPO on the London Stock Exchange, to arbitration proceedings in relation to international commercial disputes.

Recent examples of our work include:

- Advising a Russian investment company in relation to a bid for off-shore oil and gas exploration licences in Ukraine.
- Advising a Kazakh company on several corporate acquisitions and issues relating to its listing on the London Stock Exchange.
- Acting for a CIS counterparty in London arbitrations and worldwide litigation in relation to an international investment dispute.
- Advising a minority shareholder on corporate governance and shareholder activism in relation to the operations and management of a FTSE 250 company.
- Acting for an ultra high net worth individual on acquiring a substantial shareholding in a football club.

Our integrated services.

Our CIS Group consists of lawyers from all the key practice areas in which our CIS clients may require assistance.

Corporate

We advise on all aspects of establishing, funding, developing and acquiring businesses. We are particularly experienced in cross-border mergers and acquisitions and regularly advise on corporate governance issues, shareholder activism, competition/anti-trust and other regulatory matters.

Capital markets

We are one of the leading AIM practices but also advise on the Main Market. Our lawyers provide expert advice to CIS clients interested in listing in London and in relation to on-going compliance issues. We act for a number of high-profile companies from the CIS across a range of industries as well as brokers and advisers, both in the UK and overseas.

Energy & natural resources

We have an in-depth understanding of this sector, having acted for many major operators, including oil and gas companies, pipeline operators and world players in steel and iron ore. We advise on all aspects of projects, including construction, mergers and acquisitions, real estate, environmental and financing.

Infrastructure

We assist clients with major infrastructure projects as part of the growth of the PPP approach throughout the CIS region. With our particular expertise in transport, waste and water projects, we are ideally placed to assist on major infrastructure matters.

Dispute resolution

We advise on cross-border and international commercial business disputes, including multi-party litigation and arbitration proceedings. We provide our CIS clients with a responsive, commercial and cost-effective service, providing advice in their own language.

Finance

We have a wide-ranging and well-regarded finance practice, with particular expertise in asset finance and leasing, bank lending, derivatives and structured finance, aviation and ship finance and debt capital markets.

Financial services

Our financial services team includes leading experts who advise many household names in this sector. We have particular strengths in insurance, asset management and investment funds.

Real estate

We offer comprehensive advice on all aspects of real estate, including the acquisition, disposal and letting of all types of investment and high-value residential property.

Tax


We advise companies and individuals on their UK and international taxation strategies and needs, including offshore and onshore trust and corporate structures and estate planning.

Technology, media and telecoms

As one of the largest and most experienced European firms in technology law, we represent clients in broadcasting, advertising, film, television and online media. We advise telecoms clients on infrastructure, outsourcing and regulatory issues, whilst our leading IP team advises clients on protecting, enforcing and exploiting their intellectual property rights.

The workings of a key in a lock are complex and hidden from view. You don't always need to see exactly what's going on to know that a team is effective and works well.



A close-up photograph of a lit matchstick. The matchstick is white and positioned vertically. The tip is dark and charred, with a bright, glowing flame extending upwards and to the right. The flame is a mix of yellow and orange, with a sharp point at the top. The background is solid black, making the flame stand out prominently.

It's believed that the first matches were invented in China in 577AD by impoverished court ladies during a military siege, so they could extinguish fires after cooking and conserve their limited fuel. It just goes to show, that in times of need it often takes a spark of inspiration to turn a problem into an ingenious solution.

Commercial. Practical. Experienced.

We pride ourselves on giving clear, commercial and practical advice to businesses and entrepreneurs from the CIS providing for all their legal needs in the UK and across Europe.

With a focused team dedicated to the CIS, including many English-qualified, native-speaking lawyers from the region, we have a successful track record of advising clients from the CIS and a network of contacts in the region.

As a client you will have access to the full service support of a major international law firm with expertise across a wide range of legal disciplines from corporate and finance to dispute resolution and real estate.

Our lawyers are not only technically excellent and highly experienced but are renowned for the responsive and commercial approach they take to providing advice on a diverse range of matters. With our expertise consistently recognised by the leading independent legal directories, you can be confident that you are working with lawyers who are acknowledged as experts in their field.

About us.

Field Fisher Waterhouse is more than just a full-service European law firm specialising in providing commercial solutions for all industries and sectors. It's our ability to embrace change and to navigate and capitalise on the changing market that makes us different.

Clients choose to work with us because we can provide exceptional lawyers with industry expertise and strong commercial knowledge of their businesses. They value our flexible approach to teamwork and that we will shape our structures and way of working to meet their specific needs.

This commercial attitude, combined with our empowering and down-to-earth style, means you can trust us to provide you with the best possible legal solutions.

What started out as a decorative light designed to sit in a pot plant is now a practical solution for every household. It takes vision to understand potential and maximise an opportunity.

