

A great team of advisers that truly understand the modern hotel and leisure industry and have a genuine global reach and a full service offering.



Acknowledged experts.

With the global hotel & leisure industry facing challenges such as the current economic uncertainty, lack of brand loyalty among customers and the value puzzle, good legal advisers that truly understand the international and domestic hospitality sector are invaluable.

With our extensive knowledge of the industry we are at the cutting-edge of market trends in areas such as turnover leases and franchise and management contracts. We ensure that when your business expands, you can take advantage of the most sophisticated and current structures available.


Our expertise, acknowledged by clients and legal directories alike, in real estate development, hotel and leisure finance, franchising, operating agreements and joint ventures, has helped us to give our clients an advantage over their competitors. We create “bankable” agreements which enable you to move forward with your projects quickly and cost effectively.



Field Fisher Waterhouse

Every stroke from a paintbrush is unique. Anyone can be taught the techniques but true inspiration doesn't come from simply following procedures. Real creativity also depends on instinct, inventiveness and flair.





Galileo and Newton are just two of the enquiring minds who have been instrumental in the development of the telescope. Being empowered by a passion to see further and know more leads to the most inspirational achievements.

Taking hospitality around the world.

Europe is our domestic market

Our presence in each country is built on the strength of our local team. We work with a European perspective to provide our clients with an integrated service.

We have offices in Belgium, France, Germany and the UK and exclusive relationships with leading firms in Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Spain and Italy and affiliations with specialist firms in all other EU jurisdictions. Our presence in each country is built on the strength of our local team and their reputations, but we work with an international perspective to provide clients with a one-stop service.

Emerging markets

Our reach is truly international. Our team includes lawyers qualified in numerous jurisdictions including the US, India, China and Japan. We have affiliates in China, Japan, India and many other jurisdictions throughout Asia and the Middle East. As WIPO (United Nations) experts, we have advised governments around the world (including India and China) on the role of global brands in the economy.

Eastern Europe

We also have a wealth of experience advising clients on deals throughout Eastern Europe including Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Russia, the Ukraine, Romania, Bulgaria and Moldova.

We work with you to identify the key commercial drivers and major risk factors for your business and decide how these should be reflected at both a structural and an operational level in your business and in each separate market.

A full service offering that operates on a global scale.

Our Hotel & Leisure Group brings together the experience of hospitality experts from across the firm that are recognised leaders in this sector. Several of our partners are renowned internationally for their expertise and speak regularly at conferences around the world.

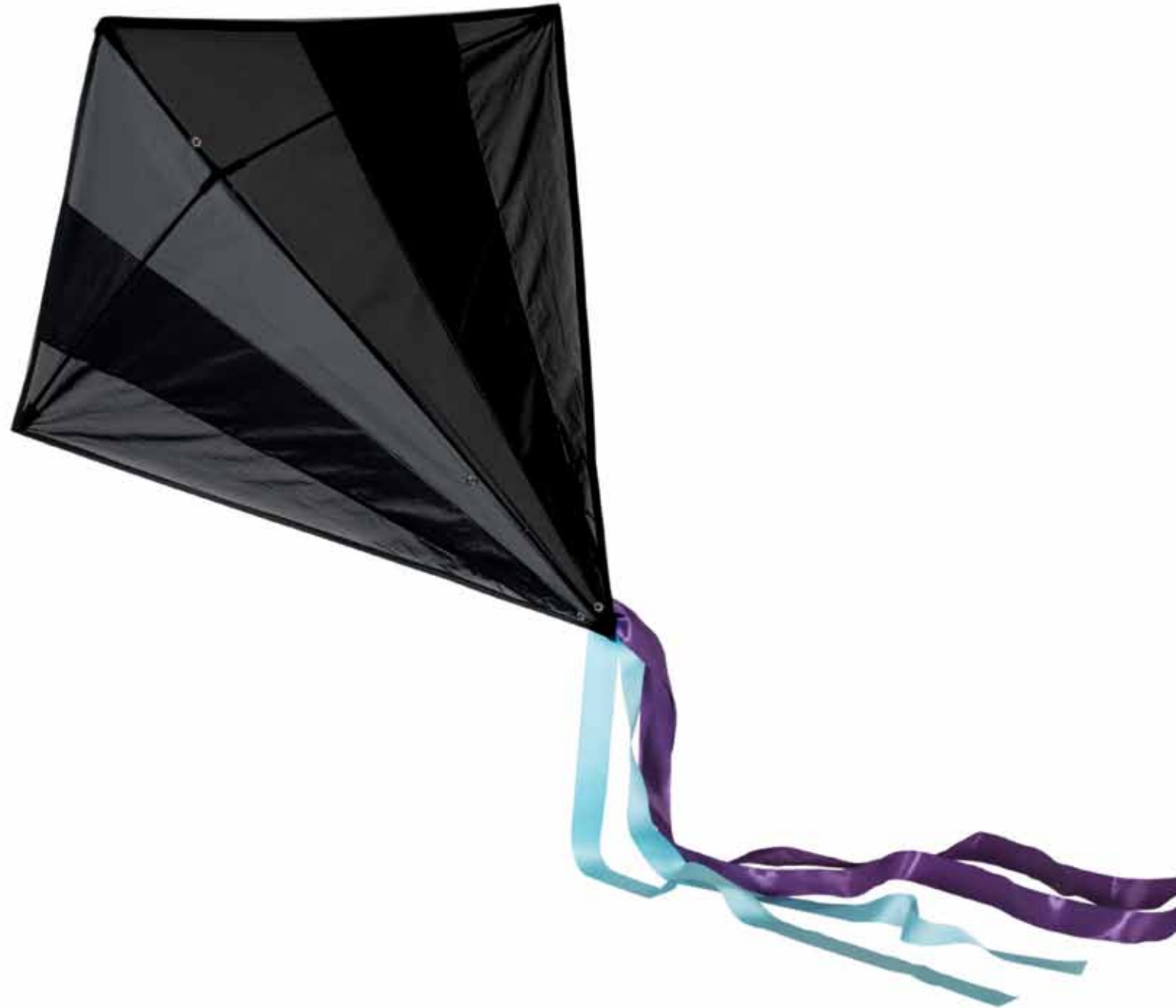
Our expertise is spread over a range of practice areas including: real estate, franchise and management contracts, finance and restructuring, corporate, dispute resolution, technology law and intellectual property.

Using our multidisciplinary team we are able to provide a full service for owners, operators, investors and developers.

We have specialist expertise in:

- hotel management contracts
- finance and restructuring
- development and construction
- franchising
- property acquisitions, disposals and leases
- reservation systems
- intellectual property and brands
- corporate acquisitions/disposals
- employment
- tax and tax efficient incentive schemes
- data protection and guest loyalty schemes
- dispute resolution

With its agile dips and dives a kite in flight is graceful and beautifully orchestrated but it's not as simple to fly as it looks. With true talent you can make something that requires hard work and co-ordination look absolutely effortless.





Spurred on by customers complaining about the lack of coat hooks, an enterprising wirework designer devised the coat hanger. It just goes to show that a simple idea can provide the most innovative solution.

No-nonsense, commercial sector specialists.

Over recent years we have noticed a shift in what hotel and leisure clients want, need and expect from their legal advisers. We know you need practical, commercial solutions from lawyers who demonstrate an in-depth knowledge of your sector and the challenges you face in the current market.

Where possible we go beyond offering purely legal advice. We partner with you to provide business advice using our market knowledge and previous experience. We pride ourselves on providing you with the right commercial advice that will help you achieve the required outcome.

Our clients praise our commercial understanding and team approach, and for us, what our clients think is key. So, come to us if you want to work with lawyers who share your passion for the hotel and leisure industry.

We will be happy to talk to you about the issues you face and how we can work with you to resolve them.

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.

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.

