

LEGAL UPDATE

THE LEGAL 500 EUROPE, MIDDLE EAST & AFRICA RANKINGS

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The Legal 500 has released its 2018 rankings for the EMEA region. Regarded as one of the world's largest and most reputable legal referral guides, *The Legal 500* is an independent directory which assesses the strengths of law firms in over 100 jurisdictions and continues to grow each year with new practice areas and additional countries, with this year's edition including first-time research-based coverage of Botswana, Senegal and Uganda. Firms and individuals are recommended purely on merit.

Werksmans has been ranked in tier 1 for its excellence in Dispute Resolution. We have also been ranked in the following 11 practice areas for our work in the areas of: Banking & Finance; Commercial, Corporate & M&A; Competition; Construction; Employment; Intellectual Property; Investment Funds; Mining; Projects & Infrastructure; Real Estate; and Tax.

We have four lawyers (up from three in the 2017 edition) who are proudly included in the elite list of "Leading lawyers".

- Richard Roothman has been included for Banking & Finance (newly ranked);
- David Hertz and Des Williams are once again included for Dispute Resolution; and
- Ernest Mazansky, once again for Tax.

In addition to the above rankings, we have a new ranking for the firm in the "Next generation lawyers" list. Hilah Laskov has been ranked in this category for Investment Funds.

Furthermore, 34 of our lawyers were recommended in various practice areas. These include: Danny Andropoulos (new listing); Jonathan Behr; Astrid Berman; Ahmore Burger-Smidt; Paul Cleland; Paul Coetser; David Gewer; Deon Griessel; David Hertz; Janine Hollesen; Michael Honiball; Gerhard Johannes; Sandile July; Neil Kirby (new listing); Hendrik Kotze; Shayne Krige; Petra Krusche; Doelie Lessing; Corlett Manaka; Ernest Mazansky; Chris Moraitis; Brian Price (new listing); Richard Roothman; Natalie Scott (new listing); Jason Smit; Chris Stevens; Pieter Steyn; Paul Tindle (new listing); Kevin Trudgeon; Jacques van Wyk (new listing); Anastasia Vatalidis; Dave Walker; Des Williams; and Elliott Wood.

The Legal 500 has reported the below about Werksmans:

- *The team provides an 'outstanding' level of service and 'unparalleled commitment and turnaround times'.*
- *The team is 'responsive, professional, dependable and committed' and 'goes the extra mile'.*
- **Werksmans Attorneys** *'extremely knowledgeable' team has broad product and geographic coverage.*
- *Werksmans Attorneys' team is commended for its 'tactical astuteness' and 'awareness of the commercial realities of the world'.*

More information on *The Legal 500* and our rankings can be found [here](#).