

Overview

Global demand for rail investment continues to grow. Governments around the world increasingly recognize the economic, social and environmental benefits that railways can bring. High-speed passenger systems help to promote modal shift, contribute to the development of low carbon economies and foster economic regeneration at regional and national levels. Enhancements to conventional passenger systems also play their part. Metros and light rail schemes improve the delivery of urban public transport and alleviate congestion. Freight railways provide greener, more sustainable ways to transport goods and can support economic development in emerging markets that are rich in natural resources.

This exciting, dynamic sector creates challenges as well as opportunities for buyers and suppliers alike. What kind of legal and regulatory environment attracts private sector participation and funding? How is the public interest protected? What are the risks and where and how should they be allocated? These are some of the many issues facing the rail industry globally.

You may be an established participant in this sector, looking to expand or gain market entry in a new jurisdiction or diversify into a different segment of the market. You want expert, credible and knowledgeable support, from people in the right places who know the relevant market and international best practices. Dentons has been at the heart of the rail industry for decades. Our team includes recognized leaders in the field and people drawn from the industry or seconded to it. We have worked on some of the world's biggest projects, of national and regional significance. Dentons' support to clients in their day-to-day operations informs our work on strategic and market-changing opportunities, a circle of experience and expertise that sets us apart.

Don't just take our word for it. As a client said of us in *Chambers 2012*: "...the work is absolutely excellent, and makes our life much easier—they anticipate what we need."

Areas of focus include:

- Rail Freight and Logistics
- Rail Operations
- Transportation Infrastructure and PPP