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Overview

Jérôme Le Berre is Of Counsel in Dentons Paris Tax group. His practice covers the tax aspects of domestic, cross-border and international mergers and acquisitions as well as corporate and group reorganizations and restructurings. He also advises French and international clients on the tax aspects of inbound and outbound real estate investments. Jérôme has also developed a particular expertise in advising international clients acting in the energy and natural resources sectors on the tax aspects of their investments in France and francophone Africa.

Experience

- Advising the real estate management company of a major French banking institution on the tax aspects of the acquisition of a pan European real estate portfolio worth more than €1bn from a German real estate open ended fund.
- Assisting a major German real estate open ended fund on the reorganization of its entire French real estate portfolio (ca €3bn) and the conversion into an OPCI structure, advising on on-going tax matters.
- Advising various German open ended funds on the acquisition and disposal of French real estate assets.
- Advising the life insurance company of a major French banking institution, on the successful bid, with two other partners, for the acquisition of a shopping centre worth €450m in the South of France
- Advising the real estate arm of a major German insurance company on the €317m acquisition of a shopping center in the South of France.
- Advising two major European bank institutions on the tax structuring of a €130m debt for real estate asset swap.
- Advising a US conglomerate on the tax structuring of the acquisition of various French assets of a leading UK drinks group.
- Advising a leading US car rental group on the acquisition of a Paris-based rental car company from a major French car manufacturer.

- Advising an Indian conglomerate on the acquisition of a major UK car maker.
- Advising a French listed company in the energy sector on the issuance of an hybrid bond (ORNANE)
- Advising the administrators of Nortel Networks, North America's biggest maker of telecoms equipment
- Advising one of the leading European travel group on the corporate reorganisation of its French subsidiaries
- Advising a major European reinsurance group on the tax aspects of the reorganisation of its French reinsurance business
- Advising a major US oil company on the tax aspects related to the US\$265 million acquisition of upstream hydrocarbon assets situated in the Parisian Basin in France
- Advising a major French oil company on the tax aspects of the distribution to its shareholders of 100% of one of its African subsidiary's shares and of their listing on NYSE Euronext Paris
- Advising a leading US oil company on the negotiation with the Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo of an agreement relating to the laying and operation of a 28km offshore gas pipeline

Activities and Affiliations

Memberships

- Member of the French Institute for Tax Lawyers (Institut des Avocats Conseils Fiscaux - IACF)

Prior and Present Employment

- Joined Dentons in 2015
- Herbert Smith Freehills, Of Counsel, Paris (2001 – 2015)
- CMS Francis Lefebvre, Collaborateur, Paris, Casablanca (1999 – 2001)

Areas of focus

Practices

- Tax

Industry sectors

- Energy

Issues and opportunities

- Global tax guide to doing business in...

Education

- University of Paris-Sud (Paris XI), 1995, DESS, Business law
- Institut Supérieur d'Interprétation et de Traduction (ISIT), 1994, Translation, Master in English and German languages

Admissions and qualifications

- Admitted to the Bar, Paris, 1999

Languages

- English
- French
- German