

# Dentons advises Canadian Katz Group on real estate project The Dome at Frankfurt Airport

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**Frankfurt** —Global law firm Dentons has advised Katz Group on a joint venture agreement with local investors for the development of The Dome, a €300 million real estate project at Frankfurt Airport. The project comprises the construction of a multifunctional sports and cultural arena, including a hotel and car park. Upon completion, The Dome will be one of the largest multifunctional arenas in Europe and may become the home venue of Frankfurt's Löwen ice hockey team and Skyliners basketball team.

Katz Group is one of Canada's leading privately held companies with activities in sports and entertainment, real estate and public and private investment. It owns the Edmonton Oilers, one of the most successful ice hockey teams in the NHL, as well as Rogers Place, the Oilers' modern home arena.

The Dome will be built in the immediate vicinity of Frankfurt Airport and will offer space for 23,000 spectators at music and sports events, making it the second largest of its kind in Europe. Katz Group plans to keep the property in its portfolio and operate it after completion.

A Dentons team, led jointly by Dr. Volker Junghanns and Dr. Rebekka Hye-Knudsen, advised Katz Group on the joint venture and related tax issues. Katz Group is a longstanding client of Dentons in Canada, and this is the first transaction on which Dentons advised the client in Germany.

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