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Mario Leissner is founder and Managing Partner of our Frankfurt office. With 23 years of experience, his practice focuses on investment fund structuring, regulatory law, and international and German real estate transactions. A former General Counsel of the market-leading German institutional real estate fund sponsor OIK, Mario heads our Real Estate and Capital Markets practices in Germany. The *immobilienmanager* has named him to its Walk of Fame of the 100 most influential heads of the German real estate industry.

Mario represents the vast majority of German capital investment companies, or KVG, focused on real assets; a variety of international investment fund managers, or AIFM; open-ended and closed-ended investment funds, or AIF; international and German asset managers; institutional real estate investors; and custodians. He assists these clients with their legal and regulatory structuring, in all aspects of their worldwide acquisitions and sales, and in major litigations.

Further, Mario works for non-German and non-European investors making inbound investments in German and European real estate. His practice also involves the corporate, financing and taxation aspects of his clients' activities.

Mario has been recognized by *Chambers*, *Legal 500*, *JUVE* and other business law publications as a leader in both investment funds and real estate law. *Handelsblatt*, *Best Lawyers* and *Who's Who Legal* list him among Germany's best lawyers. In 2019 and 2014, his practice was the only law firm to win the renowned *immobilienmanager* Award, given by the real estate industry. Additionally, Mario's practice has been nominated two consecutive times for the Real Estate Law Firm of the Year *JUVE* Award.

A frequent speaker and author, Mario speaks German, English, French, Russian, Spanish and Italian.

Matters

Some of the Latest Highlight Transactions

Represent **BEOS** in its capacity as asset manager on the sale of a EUR 520 million real estate fund portfolio including the vendor due diligence regarding the real estate properties held by the fund as well as counselling on conception, structuring and final implementation of the transaction as a unit deal.

Represent **Tishman Speyer** in the setup of a closed-ended alternative investment fund in the legal form of a German special investment limited partnership in connection with the acquisition of the office tower "Bürohaus an der Alten Oper" in Frankfurt including the coordination of the fund setup with the German Federal Financial Supervisory Authority (BaFin).

Represent **BEOS** in the setup of its first closed-ended alternative investment fund in the legal form of a German special investment limited partnership for various institutional investors.

Represent **Tishman Speyer** in the acquisition of the Berlin landmark building Pressehaus am Alexanderplatz.

Represent **Commerz Real** in the USD 286 million acquisition of the Facebook office building "Dexter Station" in Seattle, USA.

Represent **Hannover Leasing Investment GmbH** in the disposal of the mixed-used seven-story building "Colosseo" in Frankfurt.

Represent **Barings Real Estate Advisers** in the acquisition of the Berliner Volksbank headquarter at Budapest Strasse 35 from a real estate fund.

Represent **Savills Fund Management** in the sale of Potsdamer Platz area in Berlin, Germany.

Represent a **German Capital Investment Company (KVG)** in the purchase of the corporate headquarters of METRO AG.

Represent **TRIUVA** on the acquisition and sale of various office properties in Frankfurt am Main.

Represent **Proprium** in the acquisition of a residential portfolio with a value of hundred million euros.

Represent **Menora Mivtachim Insurance Group** and **Aurec Capital** in the EUR 100 million acquisition of an office property in Frankfurt by means of the acquisition of shares in two Luxembourg-based S.à r.l. companies.

Advise on the sale of a EUR 75 million residential real estate portfolio to ZBI Zentral Boden Immobilien AG by way of a combined share/asset deal.

Represent a **German Capital Investment Company (KVG)** in the EUR 260 million acquisition of three office properties located in Berlin, Munich and Frankfurt am Main including complex structuring.

Advise on the EUR 250 million acquisition of an office building to be revitalized in Frankfurt am Main.

Credentials

ASSOCIATIONS

Frankfurt, Germany: Reg. #134255

LANGUAGES

English
French
German
Italian
Latin

Russian
Spanish

Recognition

"He is smart and has a lot of market knowledge. He is super creative"

CHAMBERS EUROPE 2020, QUOTING CLIENTS

"Professionally very good", "excellent investment expert"

JUVE, 2019/20, QUOTING COMPETITORS

Recognized as one of Germany's Best Real Estate Lawyers

HANDELSBLATT AND BEST LAWYERS, 2017-2021

Recommended Lawyer for Investment Funds and Real Estate

LEGAL 500 DEUTSCHLAND, 2020

"Great expertise in the area of funds"

JUVE, 2018/2019, QUOTING CLIENTS

"Very broad experience", "go-to lawyer"

CHAMBERS EUROPE, 2019, QUOTING CLIENTS

"Top-class industry knowledge"

LEGAL 500 DEUTSCHLAND, 2018

"Excellent fund expert"

JUVE, 2018/2019, QUOTING COMPETITORS

"Best in Class"

JUVE, 2015/2016, QUOTING CLIENTS

"The best when it gets really difficult"; "creative solutions for particularly complex issues"

JUVE, 2016/2017, QUOTING CLIENTS

"Enormous knowledge of investment funds"; "extremely client-oriented, available on short notice and technically very good"

CHAMBERS EUROPE, 2017

"Extremely successful", "innovative"; "excellent reputation"

LEGAL 500 DEUTSCHLAND, 2017

Insights

ARTICLE

September 22, 2017

Immobilienkapitalmarkt 2017

CLIENT ALERT

December 15, 2016

(Teil)Entwarnung für SPV-Finanzierungen – BaFin veröffentlicht Auslegungshilfe zum Abschirmungsgesetz

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Events

CONFERENCE

September 12, 2018

Talk im Turm - UK Tax Changes

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

November 5, 2020

Mario Leissner to Speak at FondsForum

June 21, 2018

Mario Leissner to Speak at Kapitalmarktforum

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News

RECOGNITION

July 1, 2020

Best Lawyers Recognizes Europe-based King & Spalding Lawyers in its 2021 Guides

March 12, 2020

Chambers Europe Ranks King & Spalding Among Top International Law Firms in its 2020 Guide

January 30, 2020

Legal 500 Deutschland 2020 Ranks King & Spalding Among Germany's Leading Law Firms

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