



# CLIFFE DEKKER HOFMEYR

**From vision to fruition.**

PARTNERSHIP IS PART OF OUR DNA, THE  
FOUNDATION OF HOW WE DO BUSINESS.



*"Cliffe Dekker's turnaround time was great. They maintained open communication and the quality of output was high."*

*"The firm had a strong grasp of both the law and the practical pitfalls related to the implementation of our transaction."*

*"The lawyers understand the complexity of issues very well and take the time to understand what our questions are."*

*"The team offered excellent responsiveness, pragmatism and business judgement."*

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*"The team is absolutely professional and thorough. They are well versed with construction-related legislation and litigation pros and cons and will guide you with excellent insight through both so that you are able to make an informed decision."*

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## AN OVERVIEW OF OUR LAW FIRM

At Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr (CDH) we believe the right partnership can lead to great things.

The partnerships we cherish and value most are those we have forged through time and experience with our clients and, of course, our people. We are a full service corporate and commercial law firm and provide experienced support wherever in the world you conduct business.

We offer an authentic knowledge-based and cost-effective service for clients looking to do business in Africa. Our Africa practice brings together the resources and expertise of leading business law firms across the continent. With first hand, in-depth experience, our Africa lawyers offer sector-specific insights and knowledge of regulatory nuances to provide an exceptional integrated service.

Whatever the scope of your transaction, we offer a depth of skills and experience to support your day-to-day business needs and long-term strategies.

Our structure suits many clients that operate on a national and international basis. We are able to project manage complex cross-border activity and offer a seamless experience through a single point of contact with a trusted CDH adviser who understands your business and strategic objectives.

## WHY US?

Doing business in Africa offers unique opportunities and challenges, and with these come a need to understand the cultural, economic and political nuances that exist across the vast continent.

CDH is strongly positioned to serve your legal needs. Our team, together with our partner law firms on the continent have direct experience acting for governments, state agencies and multinational private organisations across the continent. We focus on a number of key sectors, including Mergers & Acquisitions; Agriculture, Aquaculture & Fishing; Commercial Real Estate; Consumer Goods, Services & Retail; Energy and Power; Oil & Gas; Financial Institutions, Services & Fintech; Business Rescue, Restructuring & Insolvency; Government & State-owned Entities; Healthcare & Pharmaceuticals; Hospitality & Leisure; Gambling & Regulatory Compliance; Industrials, Manufacturing & Trading; Infrastructure, Transport & Logistics; Mining & Minerals; Private Equity; and Technology & Communications.

With first hand, in-depth experience, CDH is able to offer sector-specific expertise and knowledge of regulatory nuances to provide an exceptional integrated service across Africa.

This includes:

- A proven track record and deal experience across multiple jurisdictions in Africa
- A practical and commercial approach
- A multi-disciplinary team of lawyers managed from a single point
- Extensive sector experience
- Substantial and established alliances with African firms
- A dedicated, partner-led team and a cost-effective service at locally competitive billing rates

Our Nairobi office, Kieti Law LLP, is a leading Kenyan law firm that provides personalised legal services of the highest quality in key specialist areas of practice.

Our lawyers have been involved in market leading transactions including advising on banking and finance matters, corporate and commercial transactions, employment law, capital markets, project finance, environmental law and energy and intellectual property in a wide range for sectors.

Our overarching goal is to provide seamless legal services in East Africa through this office so as to enable our worldwide clients to harness the vast opportunities for sustainable investment that lie within that region of the continent and beyond.



Clients agree that the team is  
*"able to grasp issues quickly due  
to their extensive experience and  
provide pragmatic guidance."*

*"The team has great commercial  
awareness as well as a great  
understanding of our business as  
a multinational and the industry  
within which we operate."*

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## OUR CLIENTS

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We support our clients' strategic and operational needs by offering innovative, integrated and high quality legal advice across our full range of legal services, tailored to their requirements. We have the depth of skills to respond to our clients' business operations locally, across Africa or anywhere else in the world.

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Our range of clients includes national and international enterprises, listed and unlisted companies, major brands and multinationals across a wide range of sectors, and emerging businesses with industry-leading technologies. We have a strong public sector client base, which includes government departments at all levels, and state-owned enterprises.

# OUR SERVICE CAPABILITY

As a full service commercial law firm we provide a complete range of legal services through our core practice areas:



The firm is commended for its "depth of individuals with knowledge and skill covering a range of specialist fields."

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The large scale of the firm allows our lawyers to specialise in their particular fields of law. When a client matter requires broad-based legal services, we draw on the skills of lawyers from across different practice areas who work as a team to provide a fully integrated and seamless service.

We have dedicated practice and sector teams consisting of partners and lawyers with a wealth of experience in a wide range of industries.

Our sector specialism includes:

- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Agriculture, Aquaculture & Fishing
- Commercial Real Estate
- Consumer Goods, Services & Retail
- Energy and Power
- Oil & Gas
- Financial Institutions, Services & Fintech
- Business Rescue, Restructuring & Insolvency
- Government & State-owned Entities
- Healthcare & Pharmaceuticals
- Hospitality & Leisure
- Gambling & Regulatory Compliance
- Industrials, Manufacturing & Trading
- Infrastructure, Transport & Logistics
- Mining & Minerals
- Private Equity
- Technology & Communications

*"They are well placed to handle cross-border matters. Outside of Africa, they have a good footprint."*

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The team at CDH is noted as *"always being mindful of the commercial outcomes that are our priority in any given transaction."*

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## VALUE ADDED SERVICES

*"While the firm is big and the practice supports a number of clients, they manage to make you feel like you are getting their individual and undivided attention. This generates trust in the advice provided and fosters an enabling working environment."*

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### WE OFFER

- A partner-led approach, ensuring a high-level experience
- Pragmatic and commercially-focused solutions for each matter
- Efficient and quality delivery
- Seminars, newsletters and regular email alerts

### WE EMPHASISE

- Sharing, applying and managing knowledge assets
- Empowering our clients through continuous skills training
- Keeping clients informed about proposed legislation and regulation developments

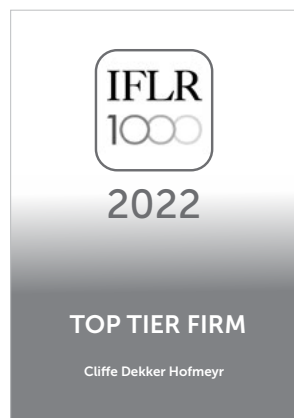
### DIVERSITY

We value diversity, respect for the individual and equal opportunity. Transformation is considered the shared responsibility of everyone in our firm. We take pride in the ongoing initiatives and measures that are in progress to ensure we achieve our greater transformation aspirations.

### CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY

It is our belief that we have a responsibility to look after the communities in which we operate through pro bono and volunteer work. Our dedicated Pro Bono and Human Rights practice facilitates access to justice for the disadvantaged and vulnerable.

## MARKET RECOGNITION



*Chambers Global 2023* ranked [Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr](#) among the leading South African law firms with 37 partners recognised as leaders in their fields of expertise, and 27 areas highly ranked. [Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr](#) was also awarded a Spotlight Table for its International & Cross-Border capabilities.

*Chambers FinTech 2019–2023* ranked our FinTech sector in Band 1.

*The Legal 500 EMEA 2023* recommended [Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr](#) in 14 practice areas across South Africa and Kenya. It ranked 12 partners on the elite Leading Individuals list and mentioned an additional 51 partners. In addition, *Legal 500 EMEA 2023* ranked our Kenyan practice in Tier 2 for banking, finance & capital markets, and in Tier 3 for corporate, commercial/M&A, as well as employment.

*IFLR1000 2022* ranked [Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr](#) South Africa in Tier 2 for banking, for project finance, and for capital markets: debt and equity. *IFLR1000 2022* ranked [Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr](#) Kenya in Tier 3 for banking. *IFLR1000 2021* ranked [Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr](#) Kenya as notable in financial and corporate. *IFLR1000 2017–2022* ranked [Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr](#) in Tier 1 for M&A. Our banking, capital markets: equity; project development: energy; project development: infrastructure; and project development: mining were ranked in Tier 2 in 2022. *IFLR1000 2021* ranked CDH in Tier 3 for project development: oil and gas.



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**BBBEE STATUS: LEVEL ONE CONTRIBUTOR**

Our BBBEE verification is one of several components of our transformation strategy and we continue to seek ways of improving it in a meaningful manner.

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