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IFLR1000
2025 Rankings



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CDH's strong performance in the 2025 IFLR1000 rankings reflects our continued leadership in financial and corporate transactional matters across Africa.

We congratulate all our exceptional professionals across the continent for their remarkable achievements in the IFLR1000 2025 results.

Reflecting on this milestone:

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Our commitment to translating intent into meaningful action is driven by a steadfast dedication to excellence and to advancing our clients' interests. We take pride in helping bring our clients' ambitions to fruition, and we are honoured to see these efforts acknowledged through this recognition.

Brent Williams
CEO

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Our exceptional rankings stand as a testament to our enduring client partnerships and to the remarkable talent across the continent whom we are proud to call colleagues.

Sammy Ndolo
Managing Partner
Kenya

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The industry recognition we have received is truly humbling, and we commend our legal experts for their exceptional and continued commitment to excellence

Patrick Kauta
Managing Partner
Namibia

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Congratulations

to the following practitioners and practices on this well-deserved recognition.

SOUTH AFRICA

Our South African practice is ranked 'Top Tier Firm' and 10+ years ranked in IFLR1000.

Practice areas rankings

- Tier 1 for M&A; and
- Tier 2 for Banking; Capital Markets: Equity; Capital Markets: Debt; Project Development: Energy and Infrastructure; and Project Development: Mining.

KENYA

Our Kenyan practice is ranked 'Recommended Firm' and 3+ years ranked in IFLR1000.

Practice areas rankings

- Tier 3 for Banking and Finance; and
- Tier 2 for M&A

NAMIBIA

Our Namibian practice enters the rankings in:

- Tier 3 for Financial and Corporate

Special congratulations go to:

- **Peter Hesseling**
who continues to be recognised as a 'market leader' in M&A, the highest ranking, as well as in Restructuring and Insolvency;
- **Ian Hayes**
who is recognised as a 'market leader' in M&A, Capital Markets: Debt, Capital Markets: Equity, Private Equity and Energy and Infrastructure.
- **Megan Rodgers**
who is once again named an IFLR1000's Women Leader – the elite cohort of the leading female experts in local markets globally. Megan is also highly regarded as a leading lawyer for Project Development; and
- **Njeri Wagacha**
who enters the IFLR1000's Women Leader ranking, and is also highly regarded as a leading lawyer in Private Equity and M&A.

Congratulations

also goes to:

- **Sammy Ndolo**
who is recognised as a notable practitioner in Private Equity and M&A.
- **Andrew van Niekerk**
who is highly regarded as a leading lawyer in Energy and Infrastructure, Project Development, Banking, and Project Finance.
- **Anita Moolman**
who is highly regarded as a leading lawyer in M&A.
- **Chris Charter**
who is highly regarded as a leading lawyer in Aviation.
- **David Thompson**
who is highly regarded as a leading lawyer in M&A.
- **Deon Wilken**
who is highly regarded as a leading lawyer in Project Development and Banking and Finance
- **Francis Newham**
who is recognised as an expert consultant in Capital Markets: Equity, and M&A.
- **Johan de Lange**
who is highly regarded as a leading lawyer in Restructuring and Insolvency, Energy and Infrastructure, Banking, Project Finance, Capital Markets: Debt, and Capital Markets: Equity.
- **Mashudu Mphafudi**
who is highly regarded as a leading lawyer in Banking, Project Finance, and Capital Markets: Debt.
- **Tessa Brewis**
who is highly regarded as a leading lawyer in Project Development.
- **Vivien Chaplin**
who is highly regarded as a leading lawyer in M&A.
- **Willem Jacobs**
who is highly regarded as a leading lawyer in Private Equity and M&A.
- **David Pinnock**
who is recognised as a notable practitioner in Private Equity and M&A.
- **Susan Meyer**
who is recognised as a notable practitioner.
- **Yaniv Kleitman**
who is recognised as a notable practitioner in M&A.
- **Andrew Giliam**
who is recognised as a rising star in M&A.

Congratulations

to new rankings for:

CDH SOUTH AFRICA

- **Ludwig Smith**
enters the rankings and is recognised as a market leader in Banking and Finance, the highest ranking.
- **Jaco Meyer**
enters the rankings and is recognised as a notable practitioner in Corporate and M&A.
- **Mbali Khumalo**
enters the rankings and is recognised as a rising star partner in Banking and Finance.
- **Mohammed Azad Saib**
enters the rankings and is recognised as a notable practitioner in Capital markets: Debt.

- **Michael Bailey**
enters the rankings and is recognised as a rising star in Banking and Finance.
- **Haafizah Khota**
enters the rankings and is recognised as a rising star in Corporate and M&A.

CDH KENYA

- **Brian Muchiri**
enters the rankings as a notable practitioner in Banking and Finance and Projects.
- **Stella Situma**
enters the ranking as a notable practitioner in Banking and Finance.



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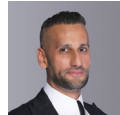
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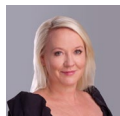
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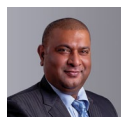
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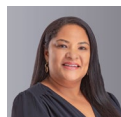
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Our BBBEE verification is one of several components of our transformation strategy and we continue to seek ways of improving it in a meaningful manner.

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