

NAMIBIA

Corporate Brochure

From vision to fruition

Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr

Partner with the firm whose absolute focus is on the job at hand. From our expansion into Africa to our ventures that have cemented our position as leaders in corporate and commercial law, we have done all of this for one reason, for one purpose: our clients. To give them the best legal advice for every aspect of their business.





"Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr has the expertise in various areas to deliver solutions on highly complex transactions."

"The firm offers a high level of individual attention and care to each client, offering proactive and solution-based advice."

"Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr offers valuable insights. The team is efficient and very thorough in the work it does."

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"It is their attention to detail and commitment to getting the job done that I admire most. Nothing is ever too big to attend to."

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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 pan-African practice, with offices in Namibia, Nairobi and South Africa, brings together the resources and expertise of leading business law firms across the continent. With first hand, in-depth experience, our 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 across 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.

Our firm is strongly positioned to serve your legal needs. Our team, together with our partner law firms across the continent, have hands-on experience acting for governments, state agencies and multinational private organisations across the continent.

With first hand, in-depth experience, we can offer sector-specific expertise and knowledge of regulatory nuances to provide an exceptional integrated service across the continent.

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 Namibian office, Kauta, Barendse and Kishi Inc t/a CDH Namibia

is a pre-eminent Namibian law firm providing tailored legal solutions across key specialist practice areas.

The team of lawyers in Namibia have been involved in market leading transactions including advising on banking and finance matters, corporate and commercial transactions, employment law, project finance, environmental law and energy, tax & exchange control, and intellectual property in a wide range of sectors.

Our overarching goal is to provide seamless legal services in Namibia through this office to enable our Namibian clients to harness the vast opportunities for sustainable investment that lie within the region.



CDH Namibia | Partnership with purpose

Overview

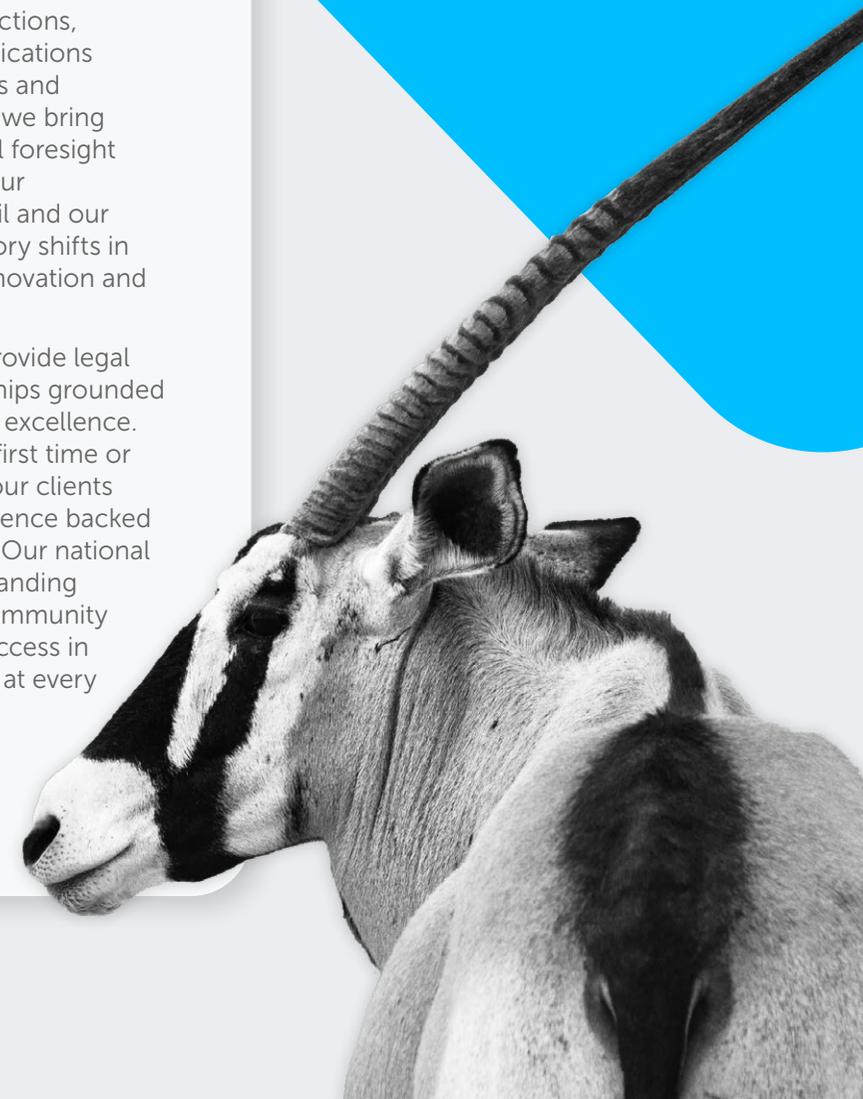
At Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr (CDH) Namibia, we deliver legal insight that empowers businesses to move with confidence in one of Southern Africa's most stable and strategically positioned markets.

Our footprint spans Windhoek, the country's commercial and administrative hub, and Ongwediva, an important economic centre in northern Namibia. This dual presence enables us to support clients operating across the country's major growth corridors with reach, agility and immediate local engagement. Our teams work seamlessly across these offices, ensuring clients receive a partner-led service shaped by deep local understanding and supported by CDH's broader Pan-African network.

Our multidisciplinary team provides seamless support across corporate and commercial law, banking and finance, dispute resolution, employment, real estate, tax and exchange control, competition, environmental law, technology and communications, and public sector advisory. We understand the diverse demands of Namibia's evolving economy from energy and infrastructure to mining, financial services and digital transformation and align our advice with our clients' strategic objectives, risk profiles and long-term ambitions.

With experience across landmark mandates including major capital market transactions, infrastructure financing, telecommunications regulation, renewable energy projects and large-scale real estate developments we bring commercial intelligence and practical foresight to every engagement. Clients value our responsiveness, our attention to detail and our ability to anticipate emerging regulatory shifts in a market characterised by growth, innovation and increasing sophistication.

At CDH Namibia, we do more than provide legal solutions we build enduring partnerships grounded in trust, insight and a commitment to excellence. Whether entering the market for the first time or expanding an established presence, our clients benefit from a unified advisory experience backed by regional scale and local expertise. Our national footprint gives us a real-time understanding of the commercial, regulatory and community environments that shape business success in Namibia. We stand beside our clients at every step, helping them turn opportunity into progress.





Our clients

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.

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.

"Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr has a great team that is up to date with the industry developments which helps a great deal in being proactive."

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Guiding your success in a transforming Namibian market

Namibia has emerged as one of Southern Africa's most compelling destinations for investment, defined by stability, strong governance and a forward-looking regulatory landscape. The country combines modern infrastructure with a rapidly evolving economic environment shaped by growth in energy, mining, logistics, financial services and technology. For businesses seeking certainty, opportunity and long-term value, Namibia offers a market where strategic engagement can deliver meaningful and sustained returns.

However, success in this jurisdiction demands more than understanding the law it requires an appreciation of the regulatory direction, policy priorities and commercial realities driving change. We provide the insight and perspective needed to navigate this environment with confidence, helping clients make informed decisions, unlock opportunity and establish a resilient footprint in Namibia's fast-developing economy.

A stable, transparent market for investors

Namibia offers a robust constitutional framework, predictable regulation and strong institutions creating an environment well-suited for sustainable investment. Its modern infrastructure and strategic location make it a gateway to regional markets, particularly in mining, logistics, financial services, renewable energy and technology.

Understanding the regulatory landscape that shapes your growth

With significant reforms underway across the financial, procurement, competition and environmental sectors, Namibia continues to align its regulatory ecosystem with global standards. For businesses, this creates both opportunity and complexity. We provide the insight needed to navigate these developments with confidence and clarity.

Local insight, global perspective

Our experience advising regulators, ministries, state-owned entities, multinational corporations and financial institutions enables us to offer practical, commercially grounded guidance across the full investment lifecycle. We translate regulatory expectation into strategic action ensuring business decisions are informed, compliant and future-proof.

Seamless support across borders

Through CDH's integrated African network, clients benefit from coordinated legal support across multiple jurisdictions. We manage cross-border matters through a single trusted adviser, ensuring alignment, efficiency and strategic consistency whether structuring investments, securing approvals or engaging with regional regulators.

Your advantage in a market full of possibility

Namibia stands at a defining moment in its development, offering substantial opportunity for businesses that are prepared and well-advised. We ensure you are positioned not only to enter the market, but to excel within it supported by a legal partner deeply aligned to your commercial goals.

As Namibia continues to reshape its economic future, the businesses that succeed will be those supported by informed, strategic and responsive legal counsel. CDH offers the perspective and expertise needed to navigate this evolving landscape ensuring that your investments are protected, your operations remain compliant, and your ambitions are fully realised.

Our service capability

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



Banking, Finance & Projects

CDH has one of the top banking, finance and projects teams in South Africa, Kenya and Namibia. Our excellent technical understanding is coupled with practical expertise and a strong commercial focus.

Our banking, finance and projects services and advice cover debt capital markets, project finance, public-private partnerships (PPPs), commodity trade finance, acquisition finance, general banking and investment structures, and pension and employee benefits.



Competition Law

Our Competition Law practice has a proven track record of providing strategic advice and practical solutions to competition law issues for clients with business interests in South Africa, Kenya and Namibia.

Our competition law services and advice cover aspects of the Competition Act, ensuring compliance through tailored audits, best practice and training, preparing merger notification documents, guiding clients through opposed merger investigation proceedings and hearings, advising in cartel enforcement proceedings, and all aspects of the competition law.



Corporate & Commercial Law

We offer commercial and practical legal advice tailored to meet your strategic objectives and actively manage the M&A process to ensure deal success.

We provide this advice and insight at every stage of the transaction from inception to execution.

Our considerable experience and proven track record in domestic and cross border M&A activity is reflected in the number of complex transactions our highly-regarded team has handled.



Dispute Resolution

Our Dispute Resolution team offers a complete dispute resolution service. Our lawyers work together with clients to identify and execute the most advantageous business-oriented solutions, either by pursuing or defending arbitration or litigation proceedings, or through alternative methods, such as mediation.

Our dispute resolution law services and advice cover dispute resolution and opinion work across a range of specialisations, some of which include contentious banking and finance matters, class or group actions, commercial disputes of all kinds, liability and risk issues, business rescue, restructuring and insolvency, corporate fraud forensic investigations, a wide range of insurance disputes, cross-border disputes and product liability.



Employment Law

Employment law has become increasingly complex with greater legislative intervention. We help our clients keep abreast of changes and avoid the costly financial and relational consequences of non-compliance.

Our employment law services and advice cover dispute resolution, consulting. Industry expertise, training, drafting, alternative dispute resolution and collective bargaining, public law, auditing, occupational health & safety, due diligence, corporate immigration, employee benefits, companies act and immigration law.



Environmental Law

Our practice has extensive experience in all aspects of environmental legislation and we advise clients from a myriad of industries and across both the private and public sector.

Our environmental law services cover the permitting, compliance, enforcement, due diligence investigation, deal advice, administrative appeals and review proceedings in relation to: mining and mineral reprocessing, energy project developments, including nuclear, renewable, thermal, coal and LPG, climate change and carbon regulation, biodiversity and conservation, including bioprospecting, biodiversity offsets and protected areas, pollution and contamination, and all aspects of environmental law.

Our service capability...continued



Intellectual Property

Our firm has unique IP law capabilities that make us a key partner for our clients in their efforts to achieve this in Kenya and other parts of Africa.

We understand the IP law frameworks that exist on the continent and work together with a network of local counsel in various African jurisdictions to deliver cutting edge legal IP solutions to our clients.



Data Protection & Privacy

Our team of passionate data protection and privacy specialists bear a deep understanding of the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), the South African Protection of Personal Information Act and the Kenyan Data Protection Act and is both equipped and committed to offering bespoke advice to help you navigate this emerging legal landscape across sub-Saharan Africa.



Pro Bono & Human Rights

Our Pro Bono & Human Rights team contributes to solving South Africa's developmental challenges by promoting constitutional values and facilitating access to justice for the disadvantaged and vulnerable.

Our pro bono and human rights services cover a range of free legal services to individuals, non-profit organisations and other entities engaged in human rights or public interest work. These services include advice and litigation services for vulnerable individuals, public interest litigation, education on the South African legal system, constitutional law and refugee law.



Real Estate Law

Real Estate has been a mainstay of Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr's practice for more than 150 years. Our Real Estate team is known for consistently offering our corporate and private clients incisive and practical legal expertise.

Our real estate services cover bonds, transfers, township planning, sectional titles, property developments, property financing, subdivisions and consolidations as well as green energy development initiatives. We act for businesses and private individuals, and our comprehensive real estate services include commercial property agreements, commercial and property structuring, due diligence investigations, land use rights, leases, mortgaged bonds, notarial work, and all aspects of real estate law.



Trusts & Estates

CDH offers a proactive approach to trust and estate administration. First and foremost, we listen to our clients and work closely with them to develop their long-term personal and family financial goals.

Our trusts & estates services cover estate planning, antenuptial contracts, formation and registration of inter vivos trusts, wills, testamentary trusts, estate administration, trust governance and administration, contentious estates and curatorship applications and administration.



Tax & Exchange Control

In the complex and highly regulated tax environment, our specialist tax lawyers and practitioners provide clear and practical business solutions.

Our tax and exchange services and advice cover tax advice on all business activities. Our services include tax training, advance tax rulings, voluntary disclosure programmes, tax management, tax dispute resolution, independent tax reviews and tax due diligence, international tax advisory, exchange control, indirect tax consulting, customs and excise and value-added tax.

Sector Specialisms

Our firm encourages 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 experts with a wealth of experience in a wide range of industries.

Our sector specialism includes:



Agriculture, Aquaculture & Fishing

Our lawyers in South Africa, Kenya and Namibia understand the commercial drivers and shifting regulatory landscape and concerns around sustainable food security, and we provide practical and commercial advice to help our clients achieve their business objectives.



Commercial Real Estate

Our lawyers are skilled and experienced in commercial real estate, and incorporate the expertise of other practice areas such as the Tax & Exchange Control practice; as well as Competition Law; Banking, Finance & Projects; Corporate & Commercial and Real Estate Law practices.



Construction & Engineering

Our lawyers are dedicated and experienced in construction and engineering, and provide legal and commercial solutions that add value to any project from the concept phase and throughout construction. In the event that disputes arise, our team will ensure that your rights are properly protected.



Consumer Goods, Services & Retail

Our lawyers have extensive experience in the consumer goods, services and retail sector. We understand how the industry is being regulated and provide expert advice that is supported by a keen understanding of developing trends.



Corporate Debt, Turnaround & Restructuring

Our lawyers in the Corporate Debt, Turnaround & Restructuring sector have deep experience in supporting companies, wherever they may find themselves along the distress and recovery curve. We also act for and support the stakeholders (particularly shareholders, investors, creditors, employees and regulators) of these companies.



Government and State-Owned Entities

Our lawyers draw on the wealth of experience from across our firm to advise our clients on public law matters and we provide clear, concise and actionable solutions. We have the experience and practical capability to deliver the required legal services on time and on budget and understand the issues and can assist in your decision making.

Sector Specialisms...continued



Healthcare & Pharmaceuticals

Our lawyers have in-depth knowledge of the policy and legal issues that impact the Healthcare & Pharmaceuticals sector. Our extensive track record allows us to deliver quality advice to help our clients realise their strategic aims.



Industrials, Manufacturing & Trade

Our lawyers in the industrials, manufacturing and trade sector are strategically positioned to provide clients with support to navigate international, regional and domestic policy and legal nuances to tap into the African market.



Mining & Minerals

Our lawyers in the mining and minerals sector are solution-driven, dynamic and able to offer a full range of legal services to support clients that work in this sector. Mining and minerals laws in South Africa, Kenya and Namibia are both legally and administratively complex.



Oil & Gas

Our lawyers have substantial legal expertise in the upstream, midstream and downstream sectors. We advise major independent oil companies, national oil companies, service providers and regulatory authorities across the oil and gas value chain and in multiple jurisdictions.



Private Equity

Our lawyers work seamlessly, as an integrated unit, with skilled corporate, finance and tax lawyers and chartered accountants from the firm's various practice areas. With one of the largest private equity teams, we have a full service offering in South Africa and the sub-Saharan region, with a depth of skill and extensive experience in all prominent sectors attractive to private equity investors in Africa.

"The team is exceptional and pragmatic. It always keeps the commercial objectives of the business in mind."

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Sector Specialisms...continued



Projects & Energy

Our lawyers have experience across a broad spectrum of project related matters. We have been extensively involved in infrastructure and project finance, public private partnerships and energy projects in Southern Africa and across the African continent. Our expertise has grown in tandem with the need for infrastructure improvements in Africa and the heightened global focus on the continent as an investment destination.



Technology & Communications

Our lawyers can offer you advice on a wide range of functions and sector-related issues including: ICT infrastructure; software licensing, distribution, integration and development; services integration and aggregation; contract management; off-shoring; procurement; business processing; technology turnkey solutions; e-commerce; software and technology-related intellectual property issues; data privacy; cloud service solutions; and information security.

"Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr is always really accessible and turnaround times are excellent."

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"Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr is strategic, pragmatic and commercially aware. It is able to solve problems and work flexibly to meet our needs."

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The client experience we deliver

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 & Human Rights practice facilitates access to justice for the disadvantaged and vulnerable.

"The team's strength lies in the quality of its advice, and the continuous support offered to clients."

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MARKET RECOGNITION

Chambers Global 2026 ranked **Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr** among the leading South African law firms with 43 partners recognised as leaders in their fields of expertise, and 26 areas highly ranked. **Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr** was also awarded a 'Spotlight Table' for its International & Cross-Border capabilities.

Chambers Fintech 2026 ranked our Fintech sector in Kenya and South Africa in Band 2.

The Legal 500 EMEA 2025 recommended **Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr** in 14 practice areas across South Africa and Kenya. It ranked 10 partners on the elite 'Leading Individuals' list and mentioned an additional 71 partners. In addition, *Legal 500 EMEA 2025* 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 2017–2025 ranked **Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr South Africa** in Tier 1 for M&A. *IFLR1000 2025* ranked **Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr South Africa** in Tier 2 for banking, for capital markets: debt and equity, project development: energy and infrastructure and mining. *IFLR1000 2022–2024* ranked **Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr South Africa** in Tier 2 for banking, for project finance, and for capital markets: debt and equity. *IFLR1000 2025* ranked **Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr Kenya** in Tier 2 for M&A and in Tier 3 for 2023 and 2024. *IFLR1000 2024–2025* ranked Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr Kenya in Tier 3 for banking and in Tier 4 in 2023. *IFLR1000 2025* ranked **Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr Namibia** in Tier 3 for financial and corporate. *IFLR1000 2023* ranked **Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr South Africa** in Tier 1 for project development: infrastructure, and in Tier 2 in 2022 and 2024. *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. Our banking, capital markets: equity; project development: energy; project development: finance, and project development: mining were ranked in Tier 2 in 2022–2024. *IFLR1000 2021* ranked CDH in Tier 3 for project development: oil and gas.

Chambers Africa Awards 2025 ranked us 'South African Full-Service Law Firm of the Year' for Dispute Resolution.

Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr was shortlisted for the *IFLR Africa Awards 2025* for 'National Law Firms of the Year | South Africa'.

Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr was shortlisted for the *DealMakers Africa* Private Equity Deal of the Year 2024 (East Africa).



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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