

Data centre expertise

At Shoosmiths we understand the critical role that data centres play in our modern world. By combining expertise gained from time spent working in-house and advising companies on some of the largest take ups across the global data centre market, we are perfectly placed to assist on all aspects relating to the data centre sector on a multi-jurisdictional basis including site acquisition, development, asset management/ customer contracts and investment/disposal. We advise numerous developers, operators, occupiers, investors and lenders in the data centre sector on a global basis with recent deals being concluded in UK, US, mainland Europe, the Middle East, Australia, Singapore and Hong Kong.

Examples of the work undertaken by our team include:

GLOBAL SWITCH

Advising Global Switch, the leading owner, operator and developer of large scale data centres in Europe and Asia Pacific, across all of its customer contracts in its global portfolio, construction projects and commercial framework agreements.

nlighten

close · coupled · connected

Advising Proximity Data Centres from its inception to its acquisition by nLighten. We have been retained to advise nLighten Proximity on all aspects of their UK portfolio.

IRON MOUNTAIN®

Advising Iron Mountain Data Centres on key deployments within their UK data centre portfolio including market leading hyperscaler deals.

Green Mountain

Assist Green Mountain on their global data centre portfolio.

VANTAGE DATA CENTERS

Advised Vantage on their global portfolio across a range of matters.

Institutional Lender

Acted for a global bank on its £500m funding to a leading data centre provider and the provider's subsequent £600m securitisation (the first ever data centre securitisation in EMEA).

As data centres become an increasingly attractive investment asset class, our lawyers are able to utilise their experience gained from working with experienced investors and new entrants to the market in order to advise on data centre investments and disposals across both individual assets and their operating companies.

Our team are acutely aware of the myriad of issues related to the sector and advise its clients on areas including data privacy, energy procurement, regulatory requirements, outsourcing and financing.

We work hand in hand with carefully selected local partners where required to ensure that our clients are advised seamlessly wherever in the world they are based.

Data centre sector experience

Our team of experts use their extensive knowledge to advise clients on all aspects of the data centre sector on an international scale.

Data centres play a critical role in our everyday lives as we all become increasingly dependent on being connected. Owing to the ever increasing reliance upon data, data centres have never been more important.

Our team understands the complex and ever evolving nature of data centres and appreciate that every facility is different. Through working closely with our clients over a number of years we combine legal expertise with a genuine understanding of the operational and technical issues faced by facilities across a global platform.

We understand the nuances required across all aspects of this ever evolving sector and can provide tailored advice to suit your data centre needs. Our clients include:

- Enterprise/hyperscale operators
- Colocation providers
- Edge data centre providers
- Cloud data centre providers
- Managed services providers
- End users/tenants/customers
- Developers
- Investors
- Lenders

We draw upon a wide group of professionals who are able to advise clients on a broad spectrum of areas that impact the data centres sector including:

- Acquisition and investment - M&A (trade, private equity, venture capital and joint venture) and real estate assets
- Occupation - colocation, lettings, licences, master service agreements and framework agreements
- Development
- Construction and projects
- Outsourcing
- Environmental and planning
- Tax
- Data protection and cyber security
- Information technology
- Regulatory
- Intellectual property
- Energy
- Telecoms

About Shoosmiths

- Winners of UK Law Firm of the Year at the Law.com British Legal Awards 2023
- Law Firm of the Year at the Legal Business Awards 2022
- Legal/Professional Team of the Year at the Property Week Awards
- Legal Team of the Year at the Estates Gazette Awards
- Featured in The Lawyer's UK Litigation 50
- A signatory to the Social Mobility Pledge and 38th in the Social Mobility Foundation's Employability Index
- Signatory to and participant in the United Nations Global Compact
- 210 partners and 1500+ lawyers and business support employees



“Its genuine sector expertise truly makes this practice unique. Team members have vast sector knowledge and insight and are themselves passionate advocates for technology.”

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