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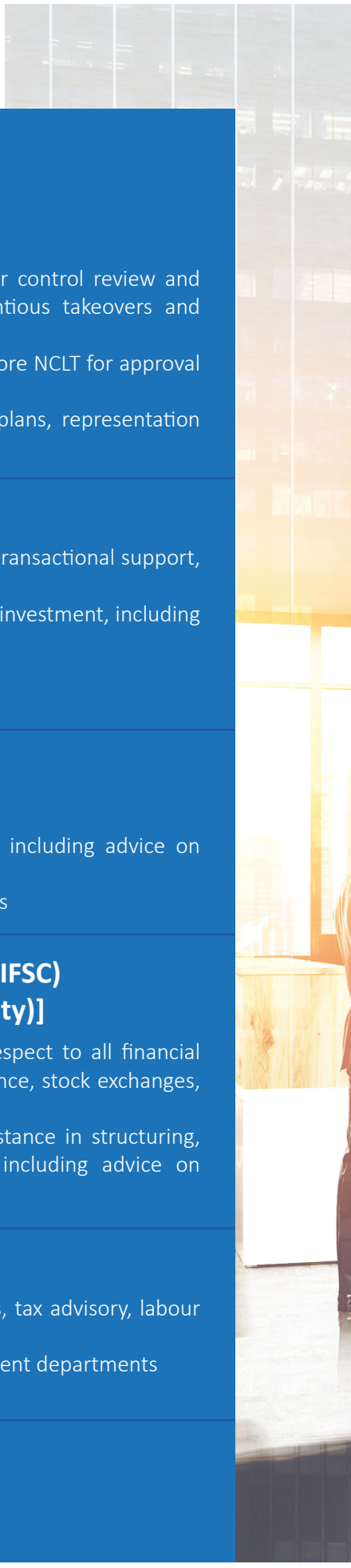
ELP has a leading corporate and M&A practice, consistently winning industry accolades for our support on various high-profile deals in the market. We advise clients on the full range of public and private transactions including complex cross-border deals, strategic JVs, divestments and demergers, defence strategies and governance issues. We also have a dedicated investment funds practice comprising of lawyers, solicitors, chartered accountants with expertise and experience in advising clients from the funds sectors on the legal, regulatory, and tax perspectives. Our multi-disciplinary team includes experts from anti-trust/competition, private equity, regulatory, tax and capital markets practices, enabling us to offer 360-degree view on emerging and attendant issues in any transaction.

OUR SERVICE OFFERINGS



TRANSACTION ADVISORY SERVICES

M&A and Restructuring

- Strategy, structuring, diligence, negotiations, definitive documentation, merger control review and closing/post-closing support in relation to public and private M&A, contentious takeovers and inbound/outbound investment and acquisitions
- Stamp duty assessment/mitigation, scheme of arrangement, representation before NCLT for approval and post-scheme assistance in relation to corporate and capital restructuring
- Distressed asset acquisition support through structuring, drafting resolution plans, representation before NCLT

Private Equity, Venture Capital and Start Ups

- Representing funds(stand-alone or syndicated) for documentation & complete transactional support, including regulatory assistance and approvals
- Multi-disciplinary 'portfolio company assistance' throughout the lifecycle of the investment, including regulatory compliance & litigation support
- Pre-dispute strategies to protect investments and nominee directors
- Exit strategies and implementation

Funds and Investment Management

- Holistic support for fund creation, capitalization and investments
- Structuring, investment and dilution/exit support to family offices and AIFs, including advice on tax-efficient succession planning structure
- Customized support to GPs and LPs for tax-optimized ownership and fee pay-outs

Offerings for India's International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) [in particular Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City)]

- Dedicated team which understands the regulatory framework in IFSC with respect to all financial services, including investment funds, banking, finance, aircraft leasing and finance, stock exchanges, bullion exchange and market infrastructure institutions
- IFSC being an offshore jurisdiction for foreign exchange laws – we offer assistance in structuring, investment and dilution/exit support to offshore and domestic investors including advice on tax-efficient structures

India Entry and Investment Advisory

- Evaluating viability of business options, structuring, incorporation, registrations, tax advisory, labour and employment guidance for Day-1 operational readiness
- Ongoing compliance support and representation before regulators and government departments
- Advocacy support to companies and industry associations

Capital Markets

- Fund-raising support for IPOs, rights issues, QIPs, etc.
- Friendly and hostile takeovers, delisting and buyback support

COMMERCIAL & REGULATORY SERVICES

Contractual and Commercial Support

- Reviewing contracts, business processes and structures to identify inefficiencies and recommend risk-mitigation strategies
- Negotiations and drafting of Franchise Agreements, Distribution Agreements, Technology License Agreements, Service Agreements, Employment Agreements and other contracts relevant to the business life-cycle
- Litigation support during adverse corporate situations and/or settlements
- Corporate recovery support to creditors and investors in the context of insolvency resolution process, receiverships, administration and liquidations

Advisory including for Corporate Governance Issues

- Act as counsel to the Board of Directors – which is being increasingly held accountable for governance and compliance deficiencies – to help assess legal and ethical issues
- Support audit, risk and other committees in effectively discharging their obligation
- Advice and assistance to nominee directors of investors in relation to risk mitigation and compliance
- Advice and assistance on strategic navigation for corporate governance issues, shareholders dispute, regulatory concerns
- Representation before regulators, quasi-juridical authorities, courts, tribunals, government bodies, for all matters concerning the stakeholders.

Regulatory & Compliance Audit

- Statutory and non-statutory compliance health audit to identify deficiencies in existing systems, policies and compliance guidelines/manuals
- Representation before regulators (RBI, SEBI, CCI, MoF, MCA, DIPP) and support across industry sectors

Forensic & White Collar Crimes

- Creating robust internal policies to ensure continuing compliance
- Effective response strategies for crisis situations based on thorough risk assessment and identification

Data Privacy

- Assessing risk from data collection, storage, processing and transmission, which are increasingly regulated by national and supra-national authorities
- Regulatory compliance assistance including reviewing data disclosure requests from investigating agencies

ABOUT ECONOMIC LAWS PRACTICE

Established in 2001 with the aim of bringing together a diverse set of professionals to deliver effective solutions for clients, Economic Laws Practice (ELP) is today a leading full-service law firm in India with more than 200 professionals – lawyers, chartered accountants, cost accountants, company secretaries, sector experts and economists – assisting clients on transactional, advisory, litigation, regulatory and tax matters.

ELP was recently featured as among the top 10 law firms in India in the RSG India Report 2019 and several of our practices are rated as Tier 1 by leading agencies in India and globally. ELP has an extensive client base across multiple industry sectors with clients from Fortune 500 companies, public sector undertakings, multinationals, Indian corporate power houses and startups. We work closely with leading global law firms in the United Kingdom, the United States, the Middle East and Asia-Pacific region, giving us the ability to provide real-time support on cross-border concerns. ELP is the India representative for the Taxand global network- the world's largest network of independent tax organizations (Taxand represents leading tax firms across 50 global jurisdictions) allowing us to offer a wider portfolio of services to our global clients.

ELP is actively engaged and collaborates with governments, regulators, legislators, businesses and industry associations to achieve positive and sustainable long-term conditions.

Client Testimonials: Corporate & Commercial

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Economic Laws Practice has 'solid funds experience', its venture capital and PE practice acting on fund formation, investment lifecyle and exit strategies.

– Legal 500

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A group of intelligent individuals with 'real world' experience who understand the business reality of India, and assist and guide us to find a solution which is in the best interests of both parties

– Chambers & Partners

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Economic Laws Practice provides 'solution-focused' advice paired with a 'commercial understanding and an innovative approach'

– Legal 500

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Highly professional and extremely client-centric. Their response time is excellent and I found their advice to be commercially sound and strategic.

– IFLR 1000

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Very knowledgeable in their field of work and an ability to grasp the issue in its entirety and in the shortest amount of time

– Chambers & Partners

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OUR AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

RSG INDIA
Top 10 Law Firm 2019
Economic Laws Practice

INDIA BUSINESS LAW JOURNAL
AWARD WINNING LAW FIRM
2022
LAW ASIA

Law Firm of the Year for:
- Taxation
- International Trade
- Policy & Regulation

GAR 100 2022

One of the world's top specialist arbitration firms, and amongst the only three firms in India that have been recognized and recommended for arbitration expertise.

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2022 RANKINGS

Highly Recommended for:
- Banking & Finance
- Capital Markets
- Corporate & M&A
- Energy
- Infrastructure
- Private Equity
- Project Finance
- Restructuring & Insolvency
- Telecommunications
- Transport

TOP RANKED
Chambers Global 2022
Economic Laws Practice

Top Tier Firm in India for:
- Tax
- WTO/ International Trade

Ranked for:
- Banking & Finance
- Competition & Antitrust
- Dispute Resolution
- Projects, Infrastructure & Energy
- Private Equity
- Corporate & M&A

Spotlight Table:
International Cross Border Capabilities

The LEGAL 500
ASIA PACIFIC
TOP TIER
2022

Top Tier Firm in India for:
- Dispute Resolution
- Projects and Energy
- Tax
- WTO/ International Trade
- Antitrust & Competition
- Corporate and M&A

Highly Recommended for:
- Banking and Finance
- Capital Markets
- Investment Funds
- Real Estate and Construction
- TMT

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ASIALAW PROFILE RANKINGS 2022

Outstanding Firm for
- Tax

Highly Recommended for:
- Banking & Finance
- Competition & Antitrust
- Dispute Resolution
- Energy & Natural Resources
- Projects & Infrastructure
- Regulatory
- Restructuring & Insolvency

Recommended for:
- Capital

Recognized for:
- Real Estate

Notable for:
- Investment Funds
- Financial Services
- Technology & Telecommunications

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