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As the biggest economy in Europe, and one of the most important markets in the world, Germany is a base for major international real estate investors and has strong links to emerging markets, in particular China. Established in 2007, the specialists in our offices in Berlin, Frankfurt and Hamburg provide a crucial link into global capital flows to and from emerging markets allowing us to advise clients investing into and out of Germany.

The multi-disciplinary, internationally focused team has a wealth of experience across the real estate sector, advising investors, banks, developers and corporations on every aspect of cross-border real estate related transactions. We can advise on acquisition structures, joint venture frameworks, repatriation of cash and exits, REITs, private equity transactions, real estate restructurings and mergers and acquisitions. Recent additions to our team have also enabled us to expand our legal services surrounding the finance and tax aspects of large-scale and international real estate transactions.

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The European Union's securitisation market has struggled to reach its full potential despite the introduction of the Securitisation Regulation (SECR) in 2019. While the market has shown modest growth in recent years, particularly in synthetic securitisations following the introduction of the Simple, Transparent, and Standardised (STS) framework for on-balance-sheet transactions in 2021, it remains significantly smaller than pre-2008 levels and highly concentrated in a few Member States. The Joint Committee (JC) of the European Supervisory Authorities (ESAs) has published on Monday, 31 March 2025, a comprehensive report evaluating the implementation and functioning of the SECR. This report comes at a critical time as the European Commission considers legislative revisions to the securitisation framework as part of its broader push for a Savings and Investment Union (SIU). The report identifies se...

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