

–Let’s talk about

Hospitality

The Pitmans’ Perspective on: *Hospitality*

“We understand the time critical nature of many of our instructions.”

What we do:

We have extensive experience in relation to the full range of hospitality services, including Hotels, Restaurants, Pubs, Bars, Clubs, Coffee Shops, Catering Companies, Fast Food, Theatres, Cinemas, Theme Parks, Airlines, Casinos, Festivals, Events, Food and Drink Suppliers and Ticketing Companies

Who we act for:

Our clients range from individuals to small chains to large established chains. We act for owners, operators and franchisees of brands and for both creative clients and investors in to the sector.

We recognise the need to establish and protect brands, roll out businesses and ensure compliance with health and safety standards. Our team are experts in their fields. We also have close working links with financiers, investors, surveyors, accountants and consultants who we can introduce to help meet our clients’ needs.

Our expertise:

We understand the needs of our clients, which is why we have a dedicated Hospitality team. We regularly advise on the sale, purchase and restructuring of businesses in this sector, also providing real estate advice to developers and leaseholders and act on the management and finance of hospitality groups.

We also provide the full range of brand management services, defence of health and safety prosecutions, accident claims and property damage claims and assistance with employment and licensing issues. We also advise on a number of pension schemes in this sector.

Our service:

Our lawyers understand the needs of clients in this sector and bring a wealth of knowledge enabling us to be proactive, commercial and innovative.

We have unique in-house experience. Several of our lawyers have worked in-house for companies in this sector bringing specialist industry knowledge to the sector team.

We can provide protocols and guidance which can help minimise the costs of defending claims and to deal with current awareness in the fields of defendant personal injury, insurance litigation, health and safety and employment.

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Hotels

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What we do: We act on the sale and leaseback of hotels and complex corporate and joint venture structures involved in hotel ownership, as well as advising on corporate and business sales and acquisitions of single and chains of hotels and other corporate finance transactions involving hotels.

Who we act for: We act for landlords, developers, investors, financiers and tenants in hotel development projects, hotel management and operation and in all aspects of hotel business operations.

Our expertise: Our client service team include other departments of the Firm, for example, Corporate, Insolvency & Restructuring, Banking & Finance, Dispute Resolution, Planning and Real Estate. Our team is highly experienced, with specialist knowledge of the pressures and concerns that clients face. More importantly, we know the best way to resolve problems quickly and effectively.

Our service: We act mainly for hotels and hotel developments in England and Wales. We are also happy to act closely with Legal Counsel in other jurisdictions when, for example, acting for a UK hotel chain with overseas hotels. Our team have a good understanding of the legal issues faced by clients in different legal areas. If need be in such cases, we can quickly assemble a team of specialist international lawyers. We act for inward overseas investors wishing to invest in this sector and are happy to make commercial introductions for clients and contacts.

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Restaurants

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Restaurants

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What we do: We help clients involved in all aspects of the restaurant trade and business sector. This includes financing: buying and selling of restaurants, restaurant chains and pub chains. We have acted on a number of restaurant and pub administrations.

Who we act for: Restaurant owners and investors.

Our expertise: Clients benefit greatly from our close understanding of their needs and pressures.

Our service: Our planning and real estate lawyers are well-versed in the property needs in this trade - and are quick to respond and help put changes of planning or title into effect. We also have a close understanding of health and safety requirements and resolving disputes relevant to restaurant and pub owners whether local authority issues, licensing problems, neighbour disputes or employment issues.

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