

The International Real Estate Handbook presents general information on the most important questions concerning the acquisition, ownership and sale of private real estate. It is designed as a guide and reference for lawyers, tax consultants, asset managers, private-client advisors in banks and family offices as well as other advisors dealing with the acquisition, ownership and sale of privately used real estate in an international context. It is, of course, also addressed to private individuals who wish to acquire and own real estate abroad.

The focus on the select countries particularly relevant to this sector and the use of concise and precise language reflect its character as a handbook and reference source. In particular, the authors have endeavored to express the terms and concepts involved as transparently as possible in order to make them easily accessible to those without a legal background. Footnotes are dispensed with for the sake of clarity.

The book is divided into a general section and individual country sections. The general section covers all the criteria which should generally be considered by anyone wishing to acquire or own real estate. The individual country sections explain the details of acquisition, forms of

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The book has a systematic structure, and the contents of the various country sections have an identical layout, so that the same matters in each country section can always be found under the same titles or subtitles.

The comprehensive checklist in the general section offers a systematic approach to the most important points to be considered when acquiring real estate. In addition, each country section contains country-specific checklists, which are designed to supplement the general checklist and contain the most important points to be considered when acquiring real estate in the respective country.

Overview tables are inserted at various points. They make no claim to completeness and are designed to give the user an overview of key sectors and to facilitate comparisons. A bibliography, i.e. a selection of more comprehensive and specialized publications, is included at the end of each section. It is more or less extensive depending on the country and the available literature. At the end of the volume a comprehensive index of key words allows a systematic search for terms.

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