



The Hammonds Israel Group

Hammonds is a leading international law firm with a total of over 1100 staff working in financial centres in England, France, Germany, Spain, Belgium, Hong Kong, China and Russia. We also have an association with R&P Legal, a separate and independent firm who have offices across Italy. Through this network of offices Hammonds is able to provide its clients with a seamless service advising on matters ranging from local issues to large-scale international transactions. In those countries where we do not have our own offices, we have long-standing relationships with other law firms and in Israel we have contacts with the majority of the major law firms.

The Hammonds Israel Group comprises lawyers working in practice groups across the firm, including Hebrew speakers, enabling us to provide clients with a full range of legal services. We act for a variety of high-profile Israeli corporates operating in sectors such as high-tech, pharmaceuticals, banking, real estate, online gambling, consumer goods and aviation and we are keen to develop and build upon our existing client base and experience. As a dynamic, solution-seeking and entrepreneurial law firm, we feel that our approach to work complements that of our Israeli clients.

Examples of just some of the areas on which we provide advice are corporate/M&A, IPOs & Secondary Offerings, Venture Capital, Private Equity, Banking & Finance, Employment, Business Immigration, Sports, Gambling, EU, Competition & Trade, Information and Communication Technology, International Benefits, Projects, PFI & PPP, Real Estate, Renewables, Patents, Brands, E-commerce, Taxation and Dispute Resolution.

Work that we have carried out recently on behalf of our Israeli clients includes:

- Advising a major Israeli bank on a wide range of contentious and non-contentious finance related matters including banking, asset-based lending, syndicated lending, fraud and recovery.
- Advising an Israeli real estate investment company on all aspects of the purchase and financing of two shopping centres in Germany.
- Advising an Israeli software company on employment matters and the recruitment and transfer of foreign employees in the UK.
- Advising an Israeli pharmaceutical company on various aspects of EU customs law including inward and outward processing, VAT, rules of origin and on customs procedures.
- Assisting some of the world's leading online gambling operators to develop their business on a worldwide basis including advising on aspects of regulation, commercial sponsorship and advertising, government lobbying and commercial contracts.

As a firm, we recognise that the key to providing truly professional and commercial advice is through building and maintaining strong personal relationships with our clients, ensuring that we understand the specific needs of their businesses and tailor the services that we provide accordingly. To achieve this aim, we always seek to arrange face-to-face meetings with our clients, whether in Israel or otherwise. We also recognise the need to take a flexible approach to costs in order to reflect the particular circumstances of our clients and their proposed instructions. We understand that truly representing our clients means more than just providing legal advice; we therefore also seek to provide added value to our clients such as by facilitating introductions to other clients and contacts.

Hammonds firmly believes that the Israeli market offers exciting opportunities for its lawyers and we are always keen to talk to Israeli corporates and individuals looking to carry out business in our jurisdictions.

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