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Dear members,

Welcome to our latest IPG newsletter. It has been an extraordinarily busy first half of the year.

As ever our newsletter shows off the talents and achievements of IPG members and our congratulations must go to all of them.

The highlight was of course our coming together in May for another successful Spring conference in Luxembourg hosted by Sedlo Law.

This was complimented by our second M&A Summit in Düsseldorf which was also a great success under the energetic leadership of Marjolein van Leeuwen. Please put a date in your diary for next

year's Summit which will take place on 10th June 2027 in Luxembourg.

I am very pleased to also highlight the work of our International Tax and Arbitration Groups who have been very active in the first half of the year with a big thank you to the group leaders John Abbott, Henning Frase, Paul-Jean Aubertin as well as our new member Andrew McKinley. Within these two specialist groups we particularly appreciate the team work with our associated networks LEX Africa represented by Ghiyta Iraqi and Cosima Wetende and MRI represented by Baudouin Coomans and James Kallman.

For those of you who have not yet spotted the German speaking conference is back with a meet up in Maastricht between Friday 26 and Sunday 28 February 2027.

Also please note we will have an IPG Young Generation conference day taking place on 6th November in Paris.

I wish you a restful summer break and look forward to seeing you all in Nice in October.

Warm regards to all.

Kind regards,



[Nicholas Lakeland](#)

Chairman IPG



LUXEMBOURG CONFERENCE SUMMARY REPORT

by Kathryn Beasley and Rachel Weir, Laytons LLP

7 May – 10 May 2026

The IPG Spring Conference 2026 in Luxembourg highlighted the strength of the IPG network, bringing together members from around the globe in a city renowned for its international outlook and financial expertise. Held from 7 to 10 May, the conference combined high-quality technical content with the personal connections that continue to define the IPG community.

Thursday, 7 May

Delegates arrived at the Hotel Le Royal, ideally situated in the heart of Luxembourg City. The conference began with a welcome dinner at Restaurant SixSeven, offering both long-standing members and new attendees the chance to reconnect and build new professional relationships in a relaxed and friendly setting.



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Welcome to our new members!

We wish a warm welcome to our new members just voted in at our recent Conference in Luxembourg.



[GTM \(Global Tax Management\)](#) in the United States represented by Andrew McKinley



[Spencer Fane LLP](#) in the United States represented by [Andrew Hudders](#)

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GTM (Global Tax Management)



GTM Pittsburgh were proud to stand alongside the [Susan G. Komen](#) community at the Pittsburgh More Than Pink Walk. Breast cancer awareness and research are causes that resonate deeply across their Pittsburgh office. The Pittsburgh team, alongside our families, raised over \$15,000 in support of research, patient care, and critical resources for those impacted by breast cancer.



Every Wednesday morning, the GTM Pittsburgh team starts the day with purpose. As a corporate partner of [412 Food Rescue](#), their team rescues surplus food from AHN Wexford's hospital cafeteria and delivers it to the local community church, ensuring it reaches neighbors who need it most. Since launching this partnership, they have completed 58 Wednesday rescues, redirecting 3,120 pounds of food back into our local community!

SPENCER FANE LLP



Spencer Fane Sponsors Texas
Lawyers for Children **Fundraiser**



Spencer Fane Supports **Golf
Fundraiser** for Habitat for
Humanity

Team members from Spencer Fane LLP had the pleasure of attending Denim & Dreams, a Benefit Concert to Protect Foster Children, supporting the amazing mission of [Texas Lawyers for Children](#).

Spencer Fane was pleased to sponsor the TopBuild-Habitat for Humanity Golf Classic on May 12-13 in Orlando, Florida. Held at the Waldorf Astoria Golf Club, the event raised \$1 million for TopBuild's long-term community partners. The funds will support the nonprofits' mission to expand access to affordable housing.

BOSTON MULTI FAMILY OFFICE



The Boston team were delighted to take part in the [Craig's Heartstrong Foundation](#) Golf Day 2026 – a fantastic event bringing together a wonderful group of people for an important cause. The Boston team were even joined by former Everton and Scotland legend Graeme Sharp!

It is always a pleasure to support and sponsor this event, which continues to make a meaningful impact across the Isle of Man.

A huge well done to the Craig's Heartstrong Foundation team for organising such a successful day and raising £3,800. These funds have already contributed towards a new batch of defibrillators, helping to enhance life-saving resources across the Island.



The Boston team in Botswana also successfully completed their safari ride across the Mashatu Game Reserve as part of the Land of the Giants cycling event.

Taking on this challenge in one of Africa's most remarkable wildlife reserves was a true privilege. Riding through terrain shared with elephants, lions, leopards and other iconic wildlife is not for the faint-hearted - and served as a powerful reminder that we are guests in their world.

Beyond the physical challenge, this event plays an important role in raising awareness and vital funds for conservation initiatives protecting this incredible region. We are proud to have been part of an experience that combines personal endurance with a meaningful cause.

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Yuki Sato of law firm So & Sato named as a Thomson Reuters Stand-out Lawyer

We are pleased to announce that in February 2026 our member Yuki Sato was named as a Thomson Reuters Stand-out Lawyer.

This award is given to lawyers who have been independently nominated by clients for their exceptional service and legal expertise. This year's recognition highlights Yuki's ability to deliver accurate, high-quality advice and practical solutions.



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Gabriel Nigon wins bronze medal for fencing at the European Championship



Gabriel Nigon of Nigon Rechtsanwälte | Notariat wins a bronze medal as part of the Swiss Fencing Team. In the fight for bronze, the Swiss team beat the great fencing nation of Hungary and had also defeated the best-seeded Polish team, amongst others. The Swiss team had been chasing a medal for more than 5 years, coming 5th in the last European Championship and 4th in the World Championship. Congratulations to Gabriel and the rest of the team for a fantastic achievement!



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Braving the Waves, Double Crowned - Longan (Suzhou) Dragon Boat Team Wins Two Gold Medals at the “Cultural Palace Alliance Cup”



🏆🏆 With the resounding beat of drums and the surging waves, the "Cultural Palace Alliance Cup" Dragon Boat Race, part of the 3rd Suzhou Workers' Sports Carnival themed "Strengthening the Nation and Enhancing the Country," was grandly held in Changshu, Suzhou in May 2026. The Beijing Longan (Suzhou) Law Firm fielded a team, invited to represent the Suzhou Dragon Boat Association. Amidst fierce competition from numerous strong teams, the Longan (Suzhou) Dragon Boat Team, with its high morale and synchronised rhythm, won both the 100-meter and 300-meter championships, bringing honour to the firm and the Suzhou Dragon Boat Association!



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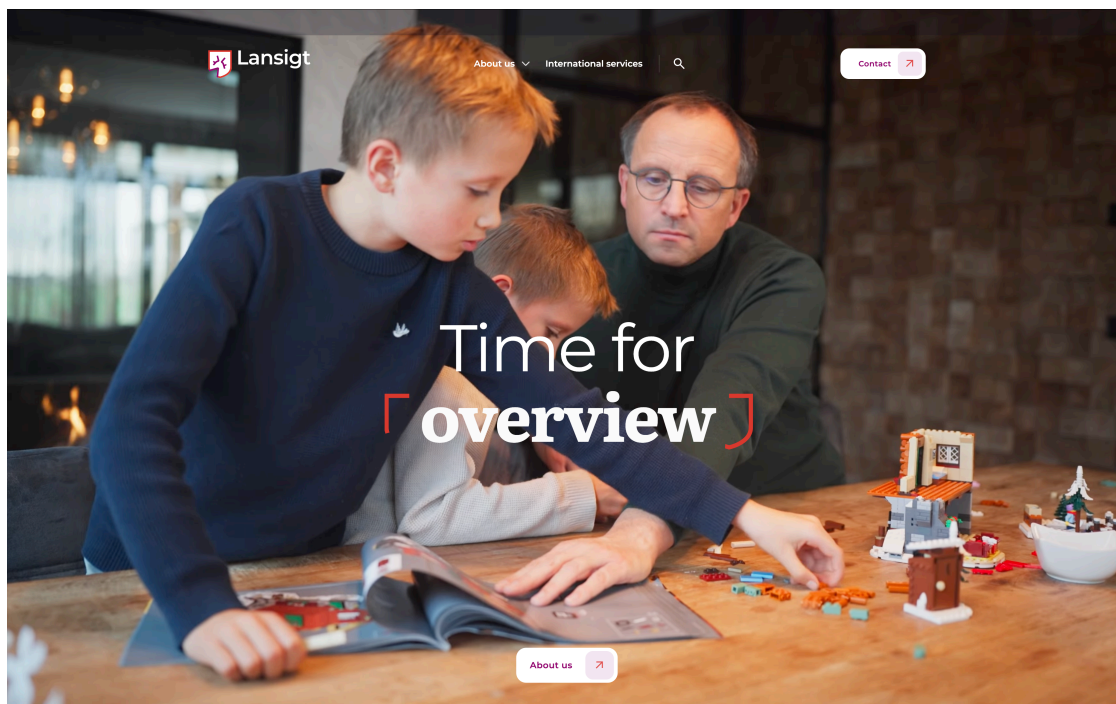


Lansigt accountants & tax advisors launches new brand and website

Lansigt accountants & tax advisors have recently launched their new websites and brand: Lansigt. Time for value.

A brand promise that hits exactly what we stand for. Because good advice doesn't just start with numbers. It starts with taking time. For attention. For sharp questions. For the real story behind a company, organization or person.

The new website better reflects who Lansigt are, what they do and how they work: professionally, close and with an eye to the future. Take a look at the websites and find out what Time stands for! Visit: <https://www.lansigt.nl/en>



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JPR advocaten celebrate expansion of M&A team & deals in 2025

JPR advocaten celebrated the expansion of their M&A team and deals in 2025 and will continue to build on this success in 2026.



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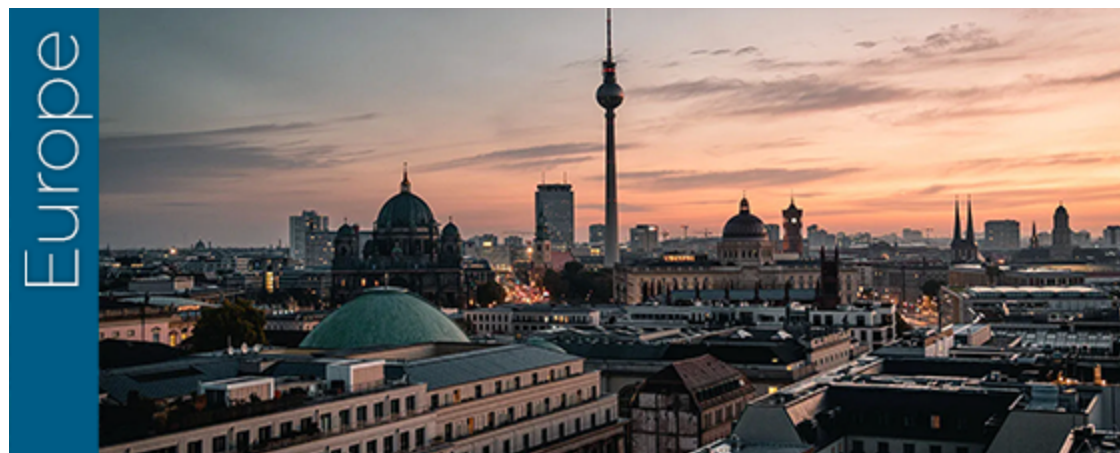
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HFS Steuerberater Wirtschaftsprüfer Rechtsanwälte been included in the Handelsblatt ranking "Best Tax Advisors"

HFS Steuerberater Wirtschaftsprüfer Rechtsanwälte are very pleased to have been included in the Handelsblatt ranking "Best Tax Advisors" again this year.

The study was conducted by the analysis firm SWI Finance on behalf of Handelsblatt. A total of 4,036 tax consulting firms and 829 auditing firms took part in the survey. Among other things, the focus was on employees' qualifications and expertise in various specialist areas.

The law firms that achieved at least 70% of the maximum possible score were awarded. A total of only 580 tax advisors and 143 auditors succeeded in doing so - and HFS is one of them!



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DGKV Secures Tier 1 Rankings Across All Practice Areas in Legal 500 EMEA 2026

DGKV announced its outstanding results in the Legal 500 EMEA 2026 rankings, achieving Tier 1 recognition across 10 practice areas in Bulgaria.

This result underscores DGKV's position as a leading full-service law firm, distinguished by its ability to advise on complex domestic and cross-border matters and by its consistently high standard of service. As noted by Legal 500, few firms can match DGKV's "top tier position across the full range of legal services."

These results reflect the firm's broad capabilities and strong sector expertise, particularly in energy, finance, technology and infrastructure. Clients further emphasise DGKV's commercial awareness, responsiveness and ability to navigate complex, multi-jurisdictional mandates.

DGKV's performance is also reflected in the recognition of its lawyers across all seniority levels in the Legal 500 EMEA 2026 rankings.

Congratulations to the entire DGKV team on this remarkable achievement!



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Augusta Abogados reinforces its position among the leading law firms in Spain

Augusta Abogados has once again been recognised in the 2027 edition of Best Law Firms – Spain , one of the leading directories for the legal sector, consolidating its position among the leading business law firms in Spain.

In this edition, the firm obtained recognition in 8 practice areas at the national level, including two new additions in Construction Law and Corporate and Mergers and Acquisitions Law, and has been distinguished in 17 regional categories in Barcelona and Madrid.

These results reflect the consolidation of the different practice areas of Augusta Abogados and the work carried out by its professionals to offer specialised legal advice aligned with the needs of companies, investors and organisations.



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Aeternus BV opens new Amsterdam office

Aeternus BV recently celebrated the opening of their new office in Amsterdam.

Aeternus is proud to mark its growth in the Amsterdam market by moving to a new location. After years of working from our building on the Museumplein, the firm has moved to the Rhijnspoorplein.

This new working environment offers the firm the space to continue to build on our ambitions and realise the next phase of our growth.



[▶ Read more here >>](#)



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