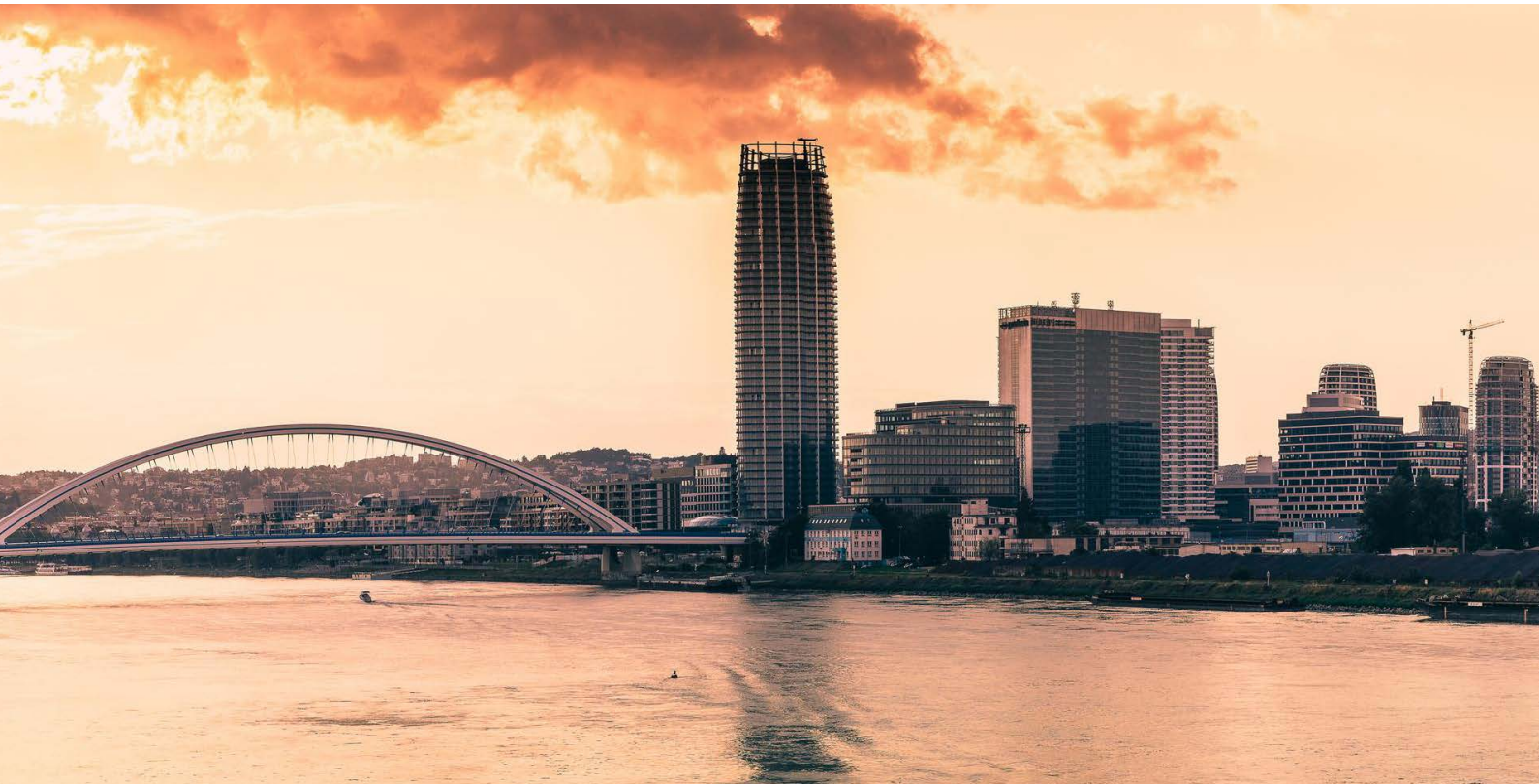


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Bratislava office

Operating from a dedicated office in Bratislava, we are an established leader in the Slovak legal market and a practice of choice. We value the stable relationships we enjoy with our clients and aim to help them achieve their business goals through the highest standards of legal services and advice.

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People



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Lawyers



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Partners



Band 1

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Our well-rounded team of lawyers advises on domestic and cross-border transactions across the Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) region, combining our international experience with local expertise and knowledge of local market conditions and regulators.

We have offices in five key centres – Bratislava, Prague, Warsaw, Budapest and Bucharest. Our offices have close working ties and are carefully integrated with our global network.

Strong international arbitration presence

We are the only international law firm in Slovakia with a dedicated team of lawyers focusing on dispute resolution. We have extensive experience in advising clients in complex litigation cases as well as in domestic and international arbitration throughout various sectors such as energy, telecommunications, banking, construction, retail and manufacturing. Our team includes two of Slovakia's leading arbitration practitioners.

English banking law practice

In response to an increasing demand from our clients for sophisticated English law advice in the areas of banking, projects, debt capital markets and restructuring, we have set-up an English banking law practice. Our team includes English qualified lawyers with vast experience advising on transactions in the South Eastern Europe and CEE regions.

Keeping pace with new technologies

The rise of new technologies such as artificial intelligence (AI) or machine learning and the dynamic development in the FinTech and RegTech industries are pushing the legal sector in new directions. Our lawyers frequently advise on projects involving innovative new technologies such as blockchain, cryptocurrencies, decentralised smart contracts, AI, robotics, smart technologies, autonomous vehicles, IoT, use of drones, mobility services, as well as impact of these technologies on fundamental rights, privacy and liability.

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Known for our international expertise and detailed knowledge of the local legal and business environment, we act for a wide range of Slovak and multinational clients and play a leading role in complex transactions. Our reputation in the country is built on the blend of global and local knowledge we offer, combined with high quality services and commitment.



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CAPITAL MARKETS



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DATA PROTECTION



DISPUTE RESOLUTION



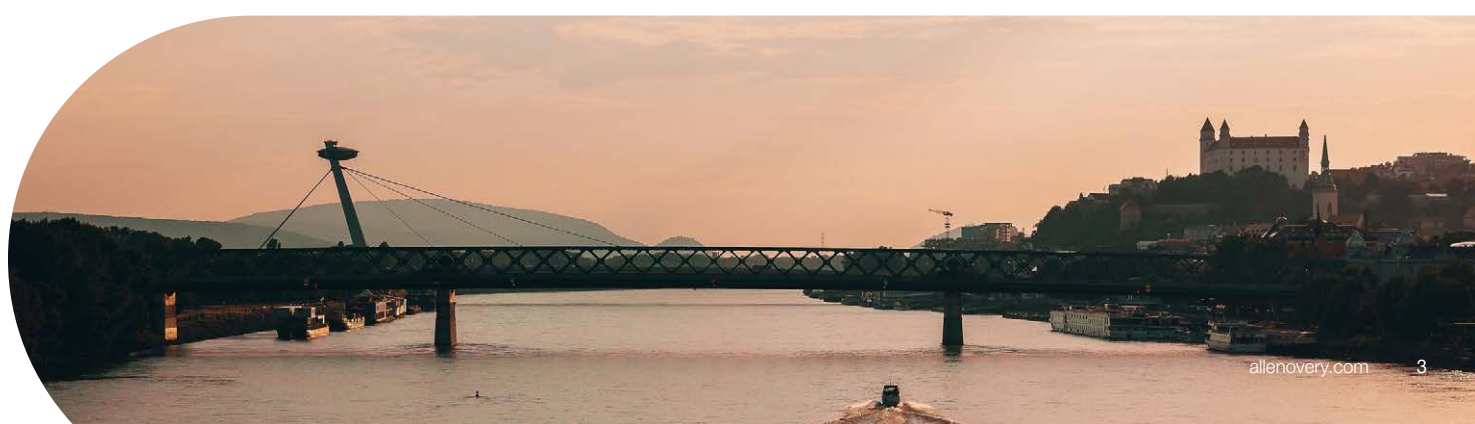
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SLOVENSKÉ ELEKTRÁRNE

on the extension and renegotiation of their loan portfolio of EUR 2.9 bn.

GROUP OF BANKS LED BY TATRA BANKA (RBI GROUP)

on EUR 177m financing of SWAN and SWAN Mobile.

FUNDS MANAGED BY MACQUARIE INFRASTRUCTURE AND REAL ASSETS (EUROPE) LIMITED (MIRA)

on the EUR 1 bn acquisition of Romanian power generation, distribution and supply assets from state-owned Czech utility group ČEZ Group.

Capital Markets

TATRA BANKA (RBI GROUP)

as issuer on update of the base prospectus for its EUR 3 bn Debt Securities Issuance Programme and on a drawdown of inaugural EUR 3m benchmark Green Senior MREL-eligible Notes thereunder.

PRIMA BANKA SLOVENSKO

as issuer on update of the base prospectus for its EUR 1.5 bn Covered Bonds Issuance Programme and on a EUR 500m covered bonds drawdown thereunder, listed on Luxembourg Stock Exchange.

SLOVENSKÁ SPORITELŇA (ERSTE GROUP)

as arranger and lead manager on update of EUR 120m bond issuance programme by an SPV of HB Reavis Group, guaranteed by HB Reavis Holding S.A.

Corporate/M&A

EPIC GAMES

on the acquisition of Capturing Reality, s.r.o. (CR) from the individual founders of CR. CR is developing a state-of-the-art photogrammetry software tool - RealityCapture, currently the fastest solution on the market enabling automatic creation of virtual reality scenes, textured 3D meshes, orthographic projections, geo-referenced maps and much more from images and/or laser scans.

CISCO SYSTEMS

on the acquisition of Sli.do, s.r.o. (Slido) from the founders and angel investors of Slido.

TATRA-LEASING

a member of Tatra banka group, on the acquisition of IMPULS-LEASING Slovakia, s.r.o. By acquiring this target, Tatra leasing strengthened its position to no. 3 in the local leasing market.

Data Protection

AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN SLOVAKIA

in relation to the legislative process, which would facilitate sharing of certain health data possessed by the National Centre for Health Information to third parties.

MICROSOFT SLOVAKIA

on data protection matters focused on cross-border transfers and on cloud computing contracts.

PAYPAL EUROPE

on various data protection issues during secondment to PayPal's in-house European data protection team.

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Dispute Resolution

ZERO BYPASS LIMITED, A CONCESSIONAIRE IN THE D4R7 HIGHWAY PROJECT

in a construction arbitration against the Slovak Republic. The dispute concerned a complex interplay between matters of delay, quantum and impaired financial cash flows.

UNICREDIT BANK AUSTRIA AG AND ZAGREBAČKA BANKA DD

(UniCredit's Croatian subsidiary and Croatia's largest bank) in a major investment treaty claim at the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) in Washington D.C. against Croatia.

SLOVENSKÉ ELEKTRÁRNE

in international arbitration proceedings before the Vienna International Arbitration Center regarding a EUR588m claim against the Ministry of Economy and various state entities regarding the termination of the client's long-term management agreement for the Gabčíkovo Hydro Power Plant.

Employment

TATRA BANKA

on the employment law aspects regarding the transfer of employees related to the acquisition of a retail portfolio from Zuno.

NADÁCIA ZASTAVME KORUPCIU

(a foundation aimed at combating corruption) in a pro bono case representing Mr Jozef Petráš, who was faced with a libel lawsuit for expressing doubts about the transparency of the election of the CEO of a local TV station in Martin.

FIRST DATA SLOVAKIA

on general employment law issues in its day-to-day business operations, including drafting template agreements for defined categories of employees, assistance with issues related to working time distribution, data protection issues, bonus schemes and employment terminations.

Intellectual Property

O2 SLOVAKIA

in two copyright litigation cases against all (five) collecting societies. The litigation relates to the amount of licence fees for the works protected by copyright that are used by O2 Slovakia in its retransmission service (digital TV).

MOTION PICTURE ASSOCIATION

on the protection of copyright on the internet, measures to fight copyright piracy and dispute resolution (litigation) in the Central and Eastern Europe region.

BAYER

in a trademark infringement litigation concerning one of Bayer's most popular products in Slovakia and the Czech Republic.

IONITY

the joint venture of the Volkswagen Group (represented by Porsche), BMW, Ford and Daimler on the setting up and operation of a Europe-wide network of ultra-fast high-power charging stations for electric vehicles along highways and motorways. Our advice covers corporate, regulatory, contract and intellectual property law.

Regulatory

ZÁPADOSLOVENSKÁ DISTRIBUČNÁ AND VÝCHODOSLOVENSKÁ DISTRIBUČNÁ

on a large number of regulatory matters in Slovakia requiring in-depth knowledge of the clients' business and the regulatory environment in Slovakia. In particular, we are representing these clients in over 55 court disputes where the producers of electricity are claiming back the payment of the "G-tariff" from ZSD and VSD. The G-tariff is a tariff for access to the distribution grid, which was challenged by the renewable electricity producers before the Constitutional Court of the Slovak Republic. We have assisted the clients in achieving a remarkable victory against the electricity producers.

O2 SLOVAKIA

on a large number of regulatory matters, including in particular: regulatory and competition aspects of requests from its competitors to provide national roaming, compliance of conditions of spectrum auctions organised by the regulatory authority with telecom regulation, competition and State aid rules, and State aid proceedings against a competitor before the European Commission.

ADMINISTRATIVE LITIGATION

We have defended a number of clients in proceedings before state authorities and administrative courts against regulatory decisions imposing large fines or unlawful price regulation on the clients, including Dôvera health insurance company, major Slovak banks, ZSE and VSE group, and Tesco Stores SR.

Meeting the people who will work with you

Area of expertise

- Competition
- Compliance
- Corporate Governance
- Data Protection
- Dispute Resolution
- Employment
- Energy
- Environmental
- Intellectual Property
- Life Sciences
- M&A
- Pro Bono
- Public Procurement
- Real Estate
- Regulatory
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