

GLOBAL LIFE SCIENCES

Dechert
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Our life sciences practice

Technologies and products are being developed at an extraordinary rate, and global competition is fierce. In this environment, life sciences companies need lawyers as innovative and commercially focused as they are. That's why clients turn to Dechert.

We apply our industry knowledge and commercial judgment to help our life sciences clients navigate their most complex and demanding transactional, intellectual property and litigation matters anywhere in the world.

Whether guiding a start-up biotech through its first round of commercially significant funding, executing a strategic acquisition for a large pharmaceutical company, licensing a medical device company's patents or winning antitrust, securities, patent or product liability disputes, our lawyers approach every matter with the resources of a major international firm and the focus and depth of a life sciences boutique.



Profiles in Diversity Journal, 2023

Named a “Diversity Leader”

Life sciences partner named a

“Woman Worth Watching in STEM”

Why Dechert?

Deep expertise

Practice breadth | We are recommended across 48 capabilities, including for Global-wide Life Sciences. *Chambers Global*, 2023

2022 Life Sciences Practice Group of the Year. *Law360*

Dealmaker of the Year. *The American Lawyer*, 2022

Most Influential Lawyers. *Financial News*, 2022

Diversity Leader. *Profiles in Diversity Journal*, 2023

Commercial judgment

Innovative | We are recognized for innovation in the North America, Europe and Asia Categories. *Financial Times Innovative Lawyers Awards*, 2023

Pragmatic | “The Dechert team is smart, creative and solution-oriented. They have the ability to manage large, complex transactions in a seamless manner with a deep bench of talent that works tirelessly to figure out deal structures that most others would find impossible to grasp. In addition, while they fiercely represent their own clients’ interests, it always feels like they are trying to find solutions that make the deal work for all parties involved.” *The Legal 500 US*, 2020

Relentlessly client-focused

Top 10 | We are recognized among the top 10 corporate law firms for client service. *BTI Client Service 30*, 2019

Delivering value | “Dechert really is a team – amazing and seamless ability to bring deep expertise to bear, while also having a key relationship manager. They get client service right.” *The Legal 500 US*, 2021



Best Lawyers, 2024

Named Law Firm of the Year in France for Biotechnology and Life Sciences three consecutive years.

Law360, 2022

Named a Life Sciences Practice Group of the Year in 2022 and 2020.





Internationally recognized

Chambers Global, 2023

Global-wide: Multi-Jurisdictional: Life Sciences

Dechert has a robust life sciences practice that is propelled by teams in the USA and France, offering patent litigation expertise, strong capabilities in transactional matters, and experience in licensing and collaboration agreements. “The Dechert team provides excellent strategic input and oversight.”

Chambers Europe, 2023

France Pharma/Life Sciences: Competition; Pharma/Life Sciences: Corporate

Notably ranked Band 1 for Pharma/Life Sciences in France, clients praise the practice’s “deep know-how and expertise, and strong client focus.” They enthuse that Dechert is an “extremely well-prepared law firm that is always available, no matter the time of the day” adding that the team “understands well our business objectives.”

Chambers USA, 2023

Nationwide: Life Sciences

“Identified for its ability with regard to contentious matters including patent and antitrust litigation. Strong corporate team assists with capital markets transactions and M&A. Also recommended for patent portfolio management and commercialization in the form of licensing and collaboration deals. ‘Dechert’s service levels are excellent and its attorneys are great collaborators who go the extra mile to understand our business.’”

The Legal 500 EMEA, 2023

France: Industry Focus: Healthcare and Life Sciences

Ranked Tier 1 in France, clients enthuse that Dechert is a “high-quality multidisciplinary team with rare responsiveness” and highlight the “exceptional knowledge of our industry.”

The Legal 500 US, 2023

Industry Focus: Healthcare: Life Sciences

“With experience advising life sciences clients of all sizes, Dechert acts on a mix of transactions, litigation and corporate financings. Its corporate arm has acted on numerous IPOs for clinical-stage biopharma teams, as well as follow on and early funding rounds. Other corporate work includes M&A, monetization agreements, and business immigration. Disputes are a key part of the team’s workload, advising on product liability cases, antitrust disputes, and IP litigation, with an emphasis on small molecules cases.”

LMG Life Sciences, 2023

“A full-service firm that is especially notable in the life sciences space for assisting clients in corporate transactions, licensing agreements and collaborations. One peer notes the firm is ‘top-tier’ with an international presence, regularly representing clients in cross-border transactions. Dechert’s life sciences team includes a large group of professionals focused on all areas of intellectual property, and is routinely recognized for its strong group of life sciences attorneys across practice areas, including product liability and antitrust litigation.”

Décideurs Magazine, 2023

Dechert ranked among the best law firms in France, with leading practices in capital, joint-venture and corporate transactions, competition & distribution and regulatory law in health, pharma and medical devices. Excellent in capital-innovation, product liability litigation and licensing contracts, co-development and R&D.





Life cycle management services

Dechert understands the business opportunities and challenges leaders in the life sciences industry face. Clients rely on us for smart, forward-thinking legal solutions devised in real-world business contexts. We represent our clients' interests at all stages of their products' life cycle, from discovery through development, clinical testing, promotion and sales.

Antitrust/competition law

We get deals through the agencies, navigating competition investigations and defending private litigation, including class actions.

Capital markets financing

We capture the capital clients need to support the lengthy development and commercialization process.

Dispute resolution

We advocate on behalf of clients in disputes, including in litigation and arbitration, arising out of licensing, collaboration, asset purchase and other agreements.

Employment, benefits and tax issues

We represent clients on all employment, benefits and tax issues, domestic and cross border, relating to transactions, complex disputes and litigation.

Intellectual property litigation

We have deep experience litigating Hatch-Waxman actions, 505(b)(2) and other patent disputes with generic drug statutory schemes, including Biologics Price Competition and Innovation Act (BPCIA) litigation.

Licensing and collaboration agreements

We negotiate and structure agreements to advance our clients' products from research and development to manufacturing and commercialization.

Mergers and acquisitions

We deliver value to stakeholders by structuring commercially successful transactions, ensuring seamless execution and protecting our clients' interests.

Patent counseling and strategic portfolio management

We exclusively represent life sciences companies in their worldwide patent portfolio development, from prosecution and counseling to due diligence, licensing and infringement defense and avoidance.

Product liability

We fiercely defend our clients against product liability and consumer fraud claims of all kinds, drawing on the skills of one of the top product liability practices in the U.S.

Regulatory

We understand regulatory trends around the world and advise clients on how new regulations may impact their global operations and business strategies.

White collar defense, FCPA and corruption investigations

We guide clients through complex internal investigations, defend them in parallel civil actions and negotiate the most advantageous outcomes for their businesses.

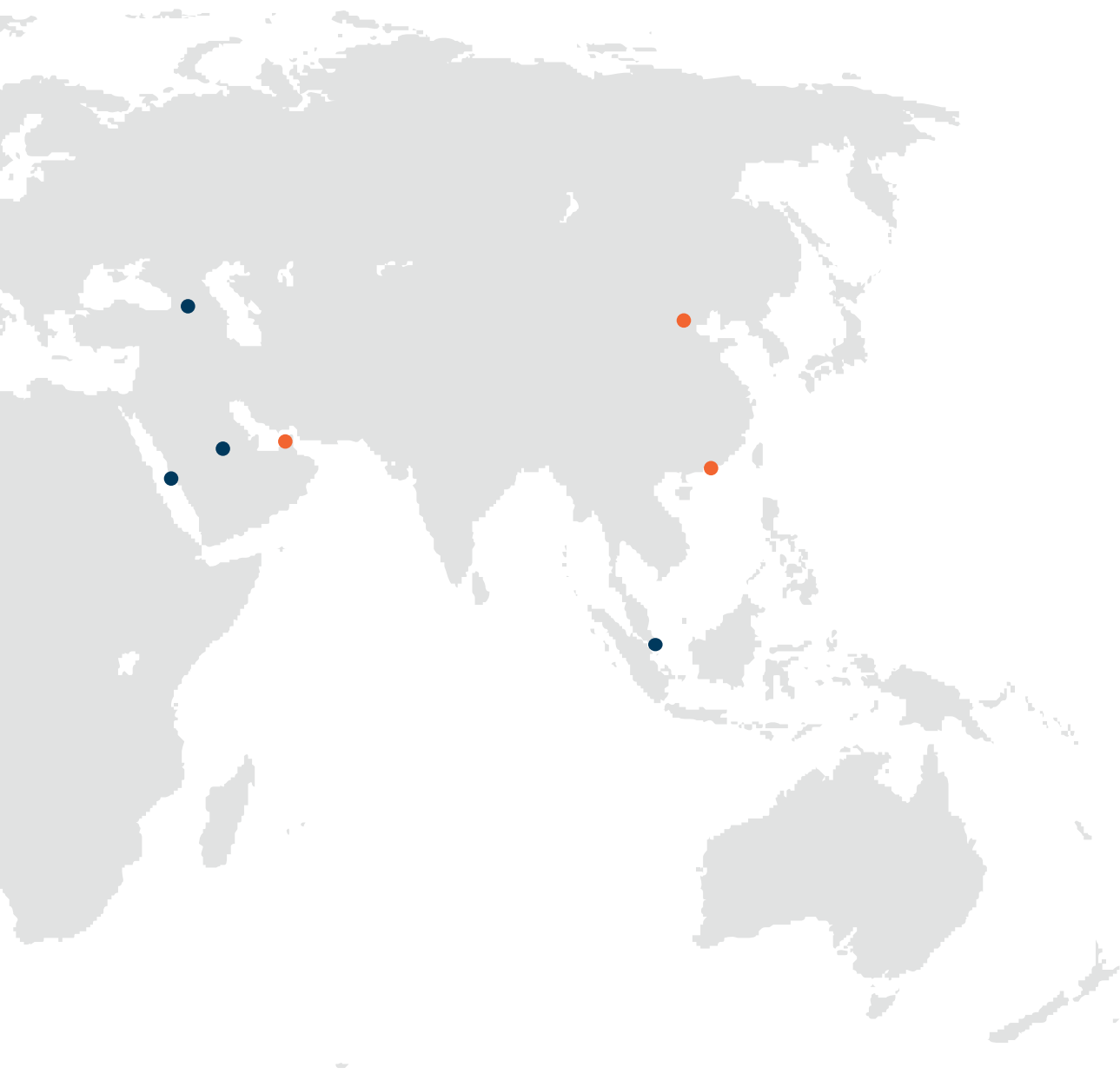
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seamless collaboration







Advocating for clients in disputes and investigations

When disputes arise, Dechert works to **preserve clients' interests, assets and reputation**. We have a long history of obtaining successful outcomes in litigation and arbitrations across many jurisdictions.

Combining decades of industry experience with a deep understanding of the complex legal and regulatory frameworks governing the life sciences sector, we provide robust legal representation in **intellectual property, antitrust, securities and commercial disputes**, as well as **white collar defense**. We also advise companies and their boards, audit committees and executives in internal and external investigations and related civil litigation.

From defending branded products against generic challenges and coordinating mass tort defenses, to protecting companies and their boards from challenges by shareholders, we **guide clients through the entire array of contentious issues** that arise in the life sciences sector.





Counseling with a commercial focus

Dechert's counseling services are founded on our understanding of life science companies' long-term objectives. We **advise on strategies that achieve clients' business goals while balancing risk** through all stages of the product life cycle. We help clients assess opportunities, avoid regulatory problems and keep their momentum energetic and on track. Our imperative: to **act as a partner** to ensure our clients' success.

Our ability to perform insightful portfolio reviews helps protect and enhance IP positions that deliver competitive advantages and maximize value. We also assist clients in identifying, assessing and pursuing funding options.

Many members of the practice hold a Ph.D. or other advanced degrees in the sciences and have either postdoctoral or industrial research experience above and beyond their experience as lawyers. These **credentials and capabilities** enhance collaboration with our clients' scientists, executives and legal teams.



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Getting the deal done

Dechert lawyers **advise new and established companies on growth strategies**, including financings, domestic and cross-border M&A deals and strategic collaboration transactions, and counsel the investment banks and financial investors that support them.

We **enhance the value of a new technology** by negotiating mergers, acquisitions, spin-offs and joint ventures, advising on licensing options, partnerships and strategic alliances, and guiding clients through related antitrust and litigation issues that can arise.

We work with clients to **capture and structure the capital** they need to support the lengthy development and commercialization process, ensuring swift execution while protecting their interests in all phases of the transaction.

We are an integrated team that provides clients with the full range of advisory expertise they need to optimize deal execution.





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