



International outlook

Gorissen Federspiel



International experience. Strong relationships.

Gorriksen Federspiel's international outlook is part of our DNA.

We have distinguished international relations, and we cooperate with the world's leading law firms, banks, audit and accounting firms and insurance companies.

Our international working relationships are founded on many years of cross-secondments and development of a common approach.

We also count lawyers qualified outside of Denmark as dedicated members of our teams, and approximately 90 pct. of our partners have worked outside Denmark. This contributes massively to our strong international relations.

International take on talent development

From the point of onboarding to Gorriksen Federspiel as a young lawyer or law student, international bridge building is an established part of their development trajectory.

Every year we award travel grants to students who wish to pursue their studies abroad at international universities.

Many of our lawyers spend time on relationship firm secondments to one of our international relationship law firms. In return, we regularly host reverse secondments.

Lawyers also spend time on client secondments to large international corporates. Such arrangements have, over many years, formed the foundation of our strong international outlook, network and client base.

"Gorriksen has a very good ability to deal with complex and sophisticated matters, especially with international, cross-country matters."

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Our international offering



Today, clients expect their legal advisors to have international competencies, either internally or through our network, to support their international ambitions. With the Danish market very heavily dominated by domestic firms, global firms are used to turning to and working alongside local counsel for cross-border work.

From shipping to banking

All Gorrissen Federspiel's practice and sector groups are fit to meet the international requirements of clients and talents alike.

Our stronghold in shipping reflects a dedicated international outlook. The shipping industry is highly international, and so are our legal advisors aligned to the industry.

Gorrissen Federspiel's shipping, offshore and transportation practice is an integrated part of the international shipping industry. The specialised group currently employs approximately 20 Danish and English law qualified lawyers and acts for leading ship owners and other key players in the industry. Quality in our work, a close tie with the client and a very deep understanding of the shipping industry are key elements in our practice.

Other examples include the banking team with strong ties to the German, UK and US markets, the Dispute Resolution team which also has a handful of non-Danish lawyers, the EU & Competition team with the link to Brussels and, more recently, the Energy team due to the specific competency requirements coming through from clients.

International cases

Our track record of important international cases is a testament to our longstanding focus on international bridge building. Find summaries of highlighted cases below.

Blackstone

As Blackstone's dedicated legal adviser, we assisted with its Danish activities, including the sale of a Nordic logistics portfolio to the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan. The portfolio comprised two assets in Denmark and three in Sweden with a total gross area of around 92,000 sqm. We also provided assistance with real estate financing and asset management tasks.

DMK Group

We assisted Germany's largest dairy cooperative, the DMK Group, in connection with its planned merger with Arla Foods. This merger combines more than 12,000 farmers within a single cooperative, aiming to create Europe's strongest dairy cooperative, with a total revenue of EUR 19 billion. DMK's dominance in the German market, together with Arla's global position, will strengthen overall competitiveness.

Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan Board

In collaboration with Freshfields, we assisted the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan Board in selling its indirect ownership interest in Copenhagen Airports A/S to its co-shareholder, ATP, after holding the interest for 14 years. Significant investments amounting to DKK 18 billion were made during that period to modernise and expand the airport. This transaction also marks the conclusion of more than 20 years of collaboration with Copenhagen Airports A/S's controlling owners.

Barings

We assisted the global asset management company Barings with several real estate transactions. Our advice included assisting with the purchase of a residential development project comprising 380 residential and nine commercial units, spread over approximately 30,000 sqm and with 270 parking spaces. We also assisted with the conclusion of a joint venture agreement with Catella, as well as the simultaneous acquisition of Project Vega, a residential development in Herlev comprising 269 homes and 134 parking spaces spread over approximately 22,864 sqm.

Zeaside Capital Partners

We acted as lead counsel to Zeaside Capital Partners on its acquisition of the Alba Shipping & Trading group, comprising a nine-vessel short-sea tanker fleet and an integrated commercial and technical management platform operating across Denmark, Sweden and Poland. The transaction was structured through a newly established co-investor BidCo and financed through a combination of equity, vendor loan notes and a bridge facility, and was completed alongside the simultaneous negotiation of nine leaseback arrangements with a Singapore-based lessor, together with related intra-group sales and dividend restructurings.

Goldman Sachs, Deutsche Bank, Morgan Stanley and UBS

We act as lead counsel for Goldman Sachs, Deutsche Bank, Morgan Stanley and UBS in one of Denmark's largest tax disputes, defending the banks against claims by the Danish tax administration for repayment of dividend tax refunds running into the billions of DKK. The case forms part of the wider "Dividend/CumEx Complex" and turns on whether the banks unlawfully assisted clients in obtaining refunds to which they were not entitled. Referred directly to the Eastern High Court as first instance, with 75 to 85 hearing days scheduled for 2027, the case raises novel cross-border questions of due diligence, banking liability and tax enforcement.

Morgan Stanley

We acted as Danish counsel to the finance parties, working alongside Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP, on USD 3.5 billion of credit facilities and USD 2.5 billion of Senior Secured and Senior Unsecured Notes financing Genmab's acquisition of Merus N.V. The financing, structured across the US, Denmark and the Netherlands, required a bespoke security package to support the secured notes, with close coordination between Danish counsel to the borrower and the lenders throughout.

BioMar Group

We advised BioMar Group A/S, a leading global aquafeed solutions provider, and its selling shareholder Aktieselskabet Schouw & Co. on BioMar's initial public offering and listing on Nasdaq Copenhagen. Valued at DKK 10.85 billion (EUR 1.45 billion) with an offering of up to DKK 3.0 billion, it was the first main-market IPO on Nasdaq Copenhagen since 2023. We worked alongside US counsel Davis Polk & Wardwell and Milbank LLP throughout the transaction.

Gorrissen Federspiel at a glance

When it matters most, Denmark's most ambitious companies turn to Gorrissen Federspiel.

The cases we litigate help define the legal framework for Danish businesses. We advise on the transactions that shape industries. We are the legal backbone for organisations building critical infrastructure. And we help companies navigate and grow in heavily regulated environments.

Our 360 lawyers work in multi-disciplinary teams with deep sector knowledge. They embed their legal expertise in holistic advisory, constantly aligned to geopolitical developments and business realities.



THE LAWYER

Recognised for excellence

Our commitment to delivering legal advice of the highest quality is consistently recognised by clients and leading international industry publications.

Gorrissen Federspiel has been ranked No. 1 in Prospera's Tier 1 Law Firm Review for Denmark for seven consecutive years, from 2020 to 2026. In 2026, the firm was also ranked No. 2 in The Lawyer's European 100.

In addition, we were named Denmark Law Firm of the Year at the Chambers Europe Awards 2025, recognising our outstanding performance in the Danish legal market.

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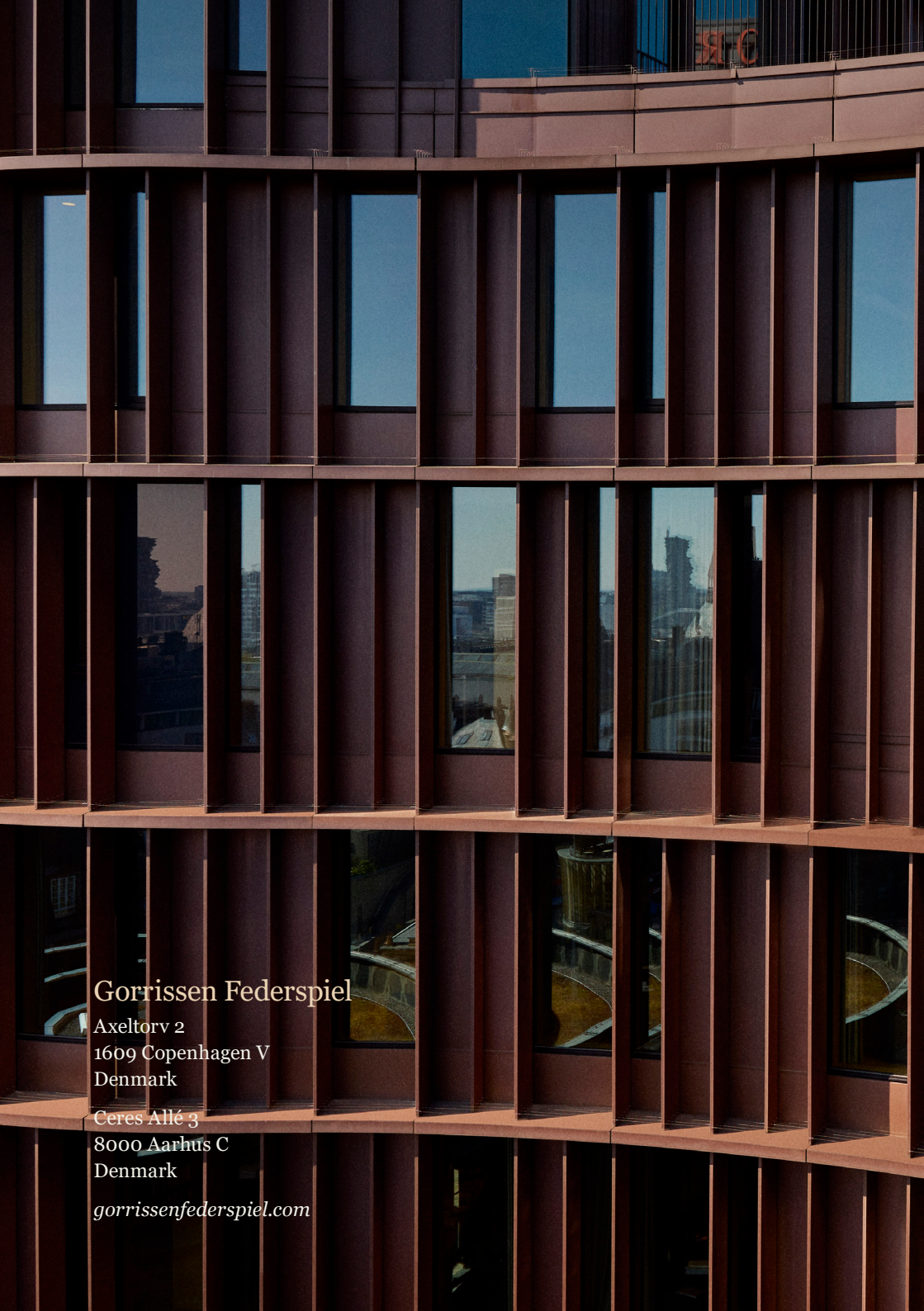
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