

## Data centre expertise

At Shoosmiths we understand the critical role that data centres play in our modern world. By combining our expertise gained from both time spent working in-house and advising companies on some of the largest take ups across the global data centre market, we are perfectly placed to assist on all aspects relating to the data centre sector on a multi-jurisdictional basis including site acquisition, development, asset management/ customer contracts and investment/disposal. Examples of the work undertaken by our team include:

### GLOBAL SWITCH

Shoosmiths advise Global Switch, the leading owner, operator and developer of large scale data centres in Europe and Asia Pacific, across all of its customer contracts in its global portfolio, construction projects and commercial framework agreements.



Shoosmiths have been retained to advise Proximity Data Centres on all aspects of their UK portfolio.



Shoosmiths advise Iron Mountain Data Centres on key deployments within their UK data centre portfolio including market leading hyperscaler deals.

We have advised numerous developers, operators, occupiers, investors and lenders in the data centre sector on a global basis.



We have been retained by Atlas Edge, across their UK data centre portfolio



We advise Edgnex on all their global data centre requirements.

### Institutional Lender

Shoosmiths acted for a global bank on its £500m funding to a leading data centre provider.

As data centres become an increasingly attractive investment asset class, our lawyers are able to utilise their experience gained from working with experienced investors and new entrants to the market in order to advise on data centre investments and disposals across both individual assets and their operating companies.

Our team are acutely aware of the myriad of issues related to the sector and advise its clients on areas including data privacy, energy procurement, regulatory requirements, outsourcing and financing.

## Data centre sector experience

**Our team of experts use their extensive knowledge to advise clients on all aspects of the data centre sector on an international scale.**

Data centres play a critical role in our everyday lives as we all become increasingly dependent on being connected. Owing to the ever increasing reliance upon data, data centres have never been more important.

Our team understands the complex and ever evolving nature of data centres and appreciate that every facility is different. Through working closely with our clients over a number of years we combine legal expertise with a genuine understanding of the operational and technical issues faced by facilities across a global platform.

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We understand the nuances required across all aspects of this ever evolving sector and can provide tailored advice to suit your data centre needs. Our clients include:

- Enterprise/hyperscale operators
- Colocation providers
- Edge data centre providers
- Cloud data centre providers
- Managed services providers
- End users/tenants/customers
- Developers
- Investors
- Lenders

We draw upon a wide group of professionals who are able to advise clients on a broad spectrum of areas that impact the data centre sector including:

- Acquisition and investment – M&A (trade, private equity, venture capital and joint venture) and real estate asset
- Occupation - colocation, lettings, licences, master service agreements and framework agreements
- Development
- Construction and projects
- Outsourcing
- Environmental and planning
- Tax
- Data protection and cyber security
- Information technology
- Regulatory
- Intellectual property
- Energy
- Telecoms

**“outstanding”**

**“a valued business partner”**

**“very commercial and pragmatic advice”**

### About Shoosmiths

- Law Firm of the Year at the Legal Business Awards 2022
- Highly Commended for Law Firm of the Year at The Lawyer Awards 2022
- Legal/Professional Team of the Year at the Property Week Awards
- Winner of four awards at the Managing Partners’ Forum Awards 2022 highlighting client excellence
- Legal Team of the Year at the Estates Gazette Awards
- Featured in The Lawyer’s UK Litigation 50
- A signatory to the Social Mobility Pledge and 38th in the Social Mobility Foundation’s Employability Index
- Signatory to and participant in the United Nations Global Compact
- 210 partners and 1500+ lawyers and business support employees
- Turnover of £194.1 million as at end of April 2023

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