

Real Estate.



Who we are

Morton Fraser is a growing Scottish independent law firm headquartered in Scotland.

Clarity underpins everything we do. For you that means total and clear focus. On our services, on our levels of support, on our efficiency.

That way we make our clients' challenges and opportunities our own. We pride ourselves on effective teamwork. Rest assured, we place the highest value of all on client care.

Our real estate team comprises about a quarter of the firm's total headcount with around 70 dedicated real estate experts. We are ranked in both of the leading independent legal directories, Legal 500 and Chambers, for our expertise in real estate.

What we do

We cover all aspects of real estate including sales and acquisitions, development agreements, leasing and estate management work. Our core team can also draw on specialist services from across the firm in the following areas:

- Agricultural and rural
- Banking and finance
- Construction
- Litigation
- Planning and environmental



Recent projects

Our real estate teams have been involved in some of the most significant and high profile developments in Scotland in recent years.

We acted for Diageo Scotland in the development of a world class visitor centre at the former House of Fraser store on Princes Street, Edinburgh, the centrepiece in a £185 million investment to transform Diageo's Scotch whisky visitor experience at distilleries around Scotland. Michael Ramsay and his team dealt with property, Jonathan Seddon and his team handled construction and David Hossack and his team secured the licensing.

We acted for BAM Properties in the redevelopment of the 8 storey Capital Square Grade A office scheme, undertaken on a speculative basis and subsequently pre-let to two large law firms. Our multi-disciplinary team provided legal input across the board including specialist advice from Mimi Stewart on construction and Ken Carruthers on planning and dispute avoidance.



Our clients

Our fantastic client base across the real estate sector comprises some of the big sector players as well as many household name clients.



Our Approach

We promise to deliver clarity to our clients. What does this mean in practice?

It means that any advice we give will be easy to understand and useful. It will be clear and will, where relevant, include recommended options on how to proceed. In short, our advice will be user-friendly.

It means that we will be clear and transparent with you about our legal fees. We will always try to agree fixed fees with clients up front wherever possible rather than relying on hourly rates. We guarantee that if a client receives a bill they weren't expecting, they don't have to pay it.

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Your Scots Counsel

We regularly partner with London, regional and international law firms as the Scottish experts on cross border deals.

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