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The firm is a prominent commercial property practice. It handles all aspects of property legal services, including construction, property litigation and company and commercial work.

Breakdown of work	%
Commercial property	75
Construction	10
Property litigation	10
Company/commercial	5

The firm: Maples Teesdale has developed into a niche property practice that is acknowledged as a leader in its sector. The firm has a deep understanding of the market in which its clients operate and provides legal advice within a commercial context.

Clients include major institutional investors, property developers, construction companies, banks and occupiers. Among them are Royal & Sun Alliance, Resolution Life, Phoenix Assurance, Targetfollow Group, CLS Holdings, Gleeson Properties, Morley Property Development, City & West End Property Group, Land Securities Trillium, O&H Properties, Friends Provident, Lloyds TSB, Churchmanor Estates, Rydon, IVG Asticus, Europa Capital, Aprirose Limited and City University.

Contacts

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Construction Paul Matcham
Property litigation David Stevens
Company/commercial Denis Marshall

Over the last year, Maples Teesdale has continued to gain significant new instructions and has also made new partner and staff appointments to strengthen its core practice. Five of the nine current partners are ex-Norton Rose.

Number of partners 9
Number of other fee-earners 17
Total staff 47

The firm was nominated as Niche Firm of the Year in the 2004 *Lawyer* awards and as a Boutique Firm of the Year in the 2005 *Legal Business Awards*. The firm also won the award for Best Small Firm Trainer in 2004.

The firm, according to clients has a 'robust negotiating style and brings intellectual capital to the table. They are thinking, creative lawyers who solve problems'.

Types of work undertaken: The property team deals with all types of property including investment, sales and purchases, development work, joint ventures, forward fundings and property finance deals. It also deals with asset management work such as lettings and other landlord and tenant issues.

The construction department gives advice on non-contentious matters, negotiating building contracts, professional appointments and related documentation.

The property litigation team handles all types of property-related disputes including specific performance or termination of contracts, injunctions and claims for damages. The team has been very active recently helping clients with service charge disputes, rent reviews, dilapidations, planning disputes and enforcement of lending obligations.

The company commercial group is regularly asked to action private company and partnership matters, including joint ventures, shareholder agreements, partnership and company formations, trading agreements and purchase and sale of businesses.

2006 saw the firm rebrand and consolidate its position as the leading niche real estate firm. It was a busy year with a number of large property companies and institutions instructing the firm as new clients.

Commercial property

BERWIN LEIGHTON PAISNER LLP CLIFFORD CHANCE LOVELLS LLP		1
ASHURST FRESHFIELDS BRUCKHAUS DERINGER HERBERT SMITH LLP LINKLATERS LLP NABARRO SJ BERWIN LLP		2
Addleshaw Goddard Allen & Overy LLP CMS Cameron McKenna LLP DLA Piper UK LLP Denton Wilde Sapte LLP Eversheds LLP Jones Day	LG Marfarlanes Norton Rose Olswang Slaughter and May Taylor Wessing LLP Wragge & Co LLP	3
Boodle Hatfield Clyde & Co Dechert LLP Field Fisher Waterhouse LLP Finers Stephens Innocent LLP Fladgate Fielder Forsters LLP Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP Howard Kennedy K&L Gates Lewis Silkin LLP	Maples Teesdale Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw LLP Mishcon de Reya Osborne Clarke Pinsent Masons Reed Smith Richards Butler LLP Simmons & Simmons Speechly Bircham LLP Stephenson Harwood Travers Smith Trowers & Hamlins	4
Baker & McKenzie LLP Bircham Dyson Bell LLP Campbell Hooper Charles Russell LLP Davenport Lyons Davies Arnold Cooper Dundas & Wilson LLP Halliwells LLP Hammonds	Manches LLP Maxwell Winward LLP McGrigors LLP Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker (Europe) LLP Penningtons Solicitors LLP RadcliffesLeBrasseur Wedlake Bell White & Case	5
Beachcroft LLP Beauchamps Bevan Brittan LLP Blake Laphorn Tarlo Lyons Bristows Collyer Bristow LLP Dawsons LLP Kingsley Napley Maclay Murray & Spens LLP Morgan Cole	Payne Hicks Beach Reynolds Porter Chamberlain LLP Shearman & Sterling LLP Shepherd and Wedderburn Steptoe & Johnson Teacher Stern Selby Thomas Eggar LLP Wallace LLP Weil, Gotshal & Manges	6
Barlow Lyde & Gilbert LLP Bates Wells & Braithwaite Bird & Bird Faegre & Benson LLP Farrer & Co. Fox Williams LLP Glovers Hamlins LLP Jeffrey Green Russell KSB Law LLP	Laytons LeBoeuf, Lamb Greene & MacRae Middleton Potts Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe Pemberton Greenish Pritchard Englefield Rooks Rider Russell-Cooke LLP Salans Withers LLP	7
Bowling & Co. Dorsey & Whitney Edwin Coe LLP Fasken Martineau Stringer Saul LLP Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson (London) LLP Goodman Derrick LLP Grundberg Mocatta Rakison LLP Harbottle & Lewis LLP Heller Ehrman LLP Hempsons Ince & Co Latham & Watkins Lee & Pembertons	Memery Crystal LLP Mills & Reeve LLP Moon Beaver Piper Smith Watton LLP RLS Solicitors RT Coopers Solicitors Rochman Landau Rosenblatt Solicitors Rosling King Russell Jones & Walker Sidley Austin (UK) LLP steeles (law) llp Stepien Lake Gilbert & Paling Wiggin LLP	8

Commercial property – leasehold enfranchisement

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Editorial Extracts from Legal 500

Maples Teesdale is a property boutique fielding a number of partners with substantial City experience. It advised new client Phoenix Assurance on the sale of a £500m UK property portfolio, while its development expertise was displayed on the £140m Gateway site at Peterborough, with the firm acting for a joint venture between Frenbury Properties and Simons Developments. Funds clients also form a key part of the client base. Roger Thornton, Mark Bryan, Ewen Cameron, Chris Wilkinson and Declan Power are all noted in the field.

Maples Teesdale now fields a dedicated four-partner property finance team serving a corporate and banking client base. Mandates included a development loan facility for Lloyds TSB for a project in Swansea, and the firm has also been active in advising on offshore trust-related issues. Roger Thornton and Denis Marshall are the key contacts.