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Preface

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In some ways, the global financial crisis has its positive sides: without it this book may never have made it to print, as it is unlikely we would have been able to put in the time and effort needed to publish our client briefings for a broader audience.

This compendium is not meant as a comprehensive introduction to all areas of Russian business law. Rather, it covers topics that have been the focus of transactions and projects Clifford Chance Moscow has been involved in over the past twelve months. It addresses questions we have been asked by our clients or which we consider to be important for them, including aspects of Russian corporate, finance, capital markets, real estate, energy, and tax law.

The material was prepared for various reasons: some pieces were written to provide an analysis of legal reforms or discuss new case law, while others were intended to provide clients with a general understanding of the Russian legal framework. When reading this book you will find that certain legal issues are touched upon in a number of the contributions. We have intentionally kept these ‘overlaps’ because we felt it is often worth considering specific legal issues from different angles. The book does not contain a separate chapter on tax law, as tax matters are typically addressed in conjunction with the questions discussed in the various chapters.

As a final remark, we have tried to present the information in a way that is useful and understandable to both legal professionals and non-lawyers. It is our hope that this book will be of interest to managers and other businesspeople, in-house counsel and lawyers in private practice, students, and any other readers interested in the “Current Issues of Russian Business Law”.