



The maturity and sophistication of Slovenia's IP infrastructure and legal market reflect the well-developed state of its economy – the country has been part of the eurozone since 2007 and is the richest of the Slavic nations. ITEM and Patentna pisarna move into the gold tier of the *WTR 1000* this year; they have the longest IP traditions among Slovenian firms and put the greatest number of experts at clients' disposal. The silver tier includes a mix of full-service and regional players with branch offices in Ljubljana, and features two new entrants this year: Wolf Theiss and Zivko Mijatovic & Partners.

Gold

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ITEM was established in 1992, shortly after Slovenia gained independence from Yugoslavia. Since then, it has consistently been a first port of call for domestic and Baltic IP matters. "It employs only the best people – they know the law, never over-complicate matters and are equally strong on prosecution and litigation." Some of its highest-profile work involves anti-counterfeiting actions; the team recently secured major customs seizures for marquee clients such as Andreas Stihl and Louis Vuitton Malletier, and leads the pack in the domestic and regional fight against fakes. **Gregor Macek** "does an excellent job directing the firm" and is widely tipped as the best IP professional in Slovenia: "He is outstanding in a courtroom setting and is always extremely well prepared for his cases." **Jasna Habic** focuses on trademark, patent and design litigation matters, but is also a proficient counsellor on non-contentious affairs.

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