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The Arbitration Tribunal at a glance:

- > Available to all those involved in Swiss Real Estate
- > Property specialists resolving property disputes
- > Discreet with flexible and efficient procedures
- > Neutral and independent



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«Good reasons for the Arbitration Tribunal!»

Early arbitration prevents escalation



Settle disputes efficiently and discreetly

The Arbitration Tribunal for the Swiss Real Estate Industry is the best place to settle your differences and prevent the escalation of a dispute. Established in early 2005 by the Swiss Real Estate Association SVIT, it is an instrument designed to address the needs of the real estate industry for competent, efficient and discreet resolutions of disagreements. In a nutshell: it is property specialists resolving property disputes.

Who can use the Arbitration Tribunal?

The Arbitration Tribunal is available to anyone involved in real estate in Switzerland and calling upon the Arbitration Tribunal is straightforward. Ideally parties should appoint the Arbitration Tribunal in an arbitration clause of their initial contract. Nonetheless, they can still turn to the Arbitration Tribunal after the outbreak of a dispute. They simply need to sign an arbitration agreement.

What types of disputes are judged?

The Arbitration Tribunal is authorized to rule on a broad range of disputes including office lease disagreements, disputes over purchase or facility management contracts or complex conflicts arising from sale-andleaseback transactions. With the exception of residential disputes, the Arbitration Tribunal is empowered to make binding decisions – effectively substituting state courts.

Who judges?

Depending on the amount at stake, the conflict parties can choose to have their case judged by a single arbitrator or by a panel of three. About 75 real estate professionals from around Switzerland are available for designation, but the parties can also appoint someone not on the official register. The parties choose the single arbitrator together or each party can nominate one person for the panel of three. The arbitrators are committed to using all their specialist

knowledge and experience to arrive at solid and constructive decisions.

What are the advantages?

One decisive advantage of using the Arbitration Tribunal to solve disputes is that it handles the cases with absolute discretion. A state court is subject to the principle of the public's right to know. The Arbitration Tribunal, however, is a private matter. The dispute can be settled before it attracts media attention, preventing a string of negative consequences for both parties. Because the arbitrators are specialists, they can get to the heart of the matter quickly. General courts are dependent on time consuming and expensive expert reports. These and other formal legal procedures can paralyse businesses for months or even years. The Arbitration Tribunal also offers the advantage of flexibility and cost transparency. It respects the judicial rights of the parties including the right to

determine the time and place of the arbitration hearings.

If you want to reach lasting resolutions of real estate-related disputes in Switzerland efficiently and discreetly there is just one place to go – the Arbitration Tribunal for the Swiss Real Estate Industry.

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