



Debt Finance

We regularly advise senior lenders, mezzanine lenders, equity investors, investment funds and companies on all aspects of syndicated and bilateral debt financing, including all aspects of the financing of public and private company acquisitions, MBOs, MBIs and other institutional buyouts across the globe.

Our lawyers provide advice and assistance to clients dealing with distressed credit issues and work closely with our restructuring group to find appropriate solutions.

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CAPABILITES

Acquisition & Leveraged finance

Local strength, global reach

Our international acquisition and leveraged finance team comprises 80 partners and 200 lawyers in over 35 locations. This means we can seamlessly advise our clients on cross-border transactions, as well as providing cutting edge legal advice in our domestic markets.

Strength in depth

Our international team has strength in depth to advise clients on acquisition/leveraged buy-outs, refinancings, recapitalisations/shareholder cash outs, new debt raises, public to private transactions, post-IPO facilities or restructuring existing facilities. We are experienced in advising on the full spectrum of financing and capital solutions including:

- asset based lending
- bank lending
- private credit fund lending
- senior funding
- unitranche/super senior structures (including first out/last out structures)
- second lien funding
- mezzanine funding
- Holdco/PIK structures

Market insight

Our global coverage means we are able to provide our clients with advice on current market trends to ensure that they get the optimal

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financing structure and terms for their specific needs. We pride ourselves on providing commercial, pragmatic solutions for clients to ensure they achieve their goals with a minimum of fuss.

Sector knowledge

As part of the financial services sector we regularly advise, or have strong relationships with ABL providers, banks, credit funds, debt advisers, institutional investors, private equity houses, security agency providers and vendor management teams. Consequently, we have a deep understanding of the issues that can arise on financing transactions and can provide tailored advice that balances the requirements of all parties.

EXPERIENCE

Our recent international experience includes advising:

Credit fund deal credentials:

- BlueBay Asset Management in relation to the financing of the International Schools Partnership Group, a Partners Group portfolio company
- Permira Debt Managers on the funding for Inflexion-owned Bollington Wilson group
- Pemberton Asset Management on the acquisition financing provided to HIG European Capital Partners regarding its acquisition of the Corona Corporate group
- Hayfin Capital Management in relation to the provision of unitranche and super senior revolving credit facility refinancing facilities to the Mondo Minerals group
- Muzinich Private Debt Fund and Iberian Private Debt Fund on funding arrangements for Dolfer Meridian

Bank deal (sponsor) credentials:

- International banks including Investec and Bank of Ireland on the provision of an all senior debt financing package to Levine Leichtman Capital Partners in support of their acquisition with management of GL Education, a leading London-based provider of educational assessments in the United Kingdom and Europe
- GE Capital and Ares Management Limited on their joint venture unitranche funding to the Nicotra-Gebhardt Group of Companies, backed by Ergon Capita

Bank deal (corporate lending) credentials:

- Deutsche Bank as mandated lead arranger, sole co-ordinator and agent in respect of an acquisition and working capital term facilities for a major China-based real estate conglomerate
- A major British financial institution and a major Spanish Bank in connection with the refinancing of an existing facility made available to Shepherd Neame Limited, Britain's oldest brewer
- A syndicated bank group (led by Westpac, with Commonwealth Bank of Australia, St. George and another bank as lenders) on SG Fleet Group's AUD250 million acquisition of the Fleet Hire Group and the Motiva Group

Borrower (plc/corporate) credentials:

- Merlin Entertainments plc on the refinancing of its bank facilities including an increased and extended GBP600 million revolving credit facility used to repay term loans, implemented in a complex and novel repayment mechanism to rebalance the outgoing lenders and incoming lenders
- Keller Group plc in respect of the refinancing of its existing credit facilities via entry into a new syndicated revolving credit facility for GBP375 million, provided by a syndicate of eight financial institutions to borrowers within the Keller Group spanning eight jurisdictions
- LivaNova plc on a USD170 million bridge facility entered into with Bank of America Merrill Lynch to fund its acquisition of TandemLife
- The Carlyle Group on the financing of their acquisition of Livingstone Technologies, the UK's largest independent provider of Software Asset Management (SAM) managed services

- Banglalink on its USD300 million equivalent facility arranged by Citibank and Eastern Bank Limited, the largest ever syndicated facility in Bangladesh

Borrower (sponsor owned) credentials:

- Symphony Technology Group, in connection with a multi-currency financing in relation to their acquisition of Visma Retail and Extenda, two of the most prominent technology providers in the tier 1 and 2 retail industry
- GE Capital and Ares Management Limited on their joint venture unitranche funding to the Nicotra-Gebhardt Group of Companies, backed by Ergon Capita
- A leading mid-market sponsor in relation to acquisition facilities for one of its insurance sector portfolio companies
- Graphite Capital on the acquisition financing and refinancing package for its portfolio company, Trenchard Aviation
- Lone Star Funds on the financing of the acquisition of Propertize, a regulated entity in the Netherlands, with a (loan) balance sheet of approximately EUR5.6 billion

INSIGHTS

Publications

Legislative changes of loan and mortgage regulations in Ukraine

14 NOV 2018

On 01 November 2018, the President of Ukraine signed the Law "On Amendments to Certain Legal Acts of Ukraine on Resumption of Lending" (the "Law") adopted by the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine on 03 July 2018. The Law eliminates most of legislative gaps that existed in the loan and mortgage legal environment of Ukraine.

LIBOR no more

11 APR 2018

Developments in the proposed replacement of LIBOR

Changes to the Italian securitization law let Italian SPVs grant loans to debtors

27 SEP 2017

A summary of the amendments to the Italian securitization law which may help the sale of impaired receivables

European securitization market debate surrounds Article 17

27 SEP 2017

An opinion piece on the EU's proposed Article 17 of the Securitization Regulation (Article 17) which would ban selfcertified residential mortgages being part of existing STS and non-STs RMBS portfolios

ICOs are more than a token gesture

27 SEP 2017

An assessment of some of the key considerations for issuers of and investors in ICOs

Structurers consider the prospect of variation margin rules for ABS swaps

27 SEP 2017

An analysis of the European Commission's proposal to introduce EMIR variation margin into ABS swaps

Events

Previous

Global capital flows - the new world

15 NOV 2017

London

NEWS

DLA Piper advises VelaLabs on the acquisition of LABH

19 July 2019

DLA Piper has advised pharmaceutical laboratory VelaLabs Austria, a subsidiary of the Tentamus Group, on the acquisition of the Vienna based "Laboratorium für Betriebshygiene GmbH" (LABH).

DLA Piper announces launch of Artificial Intelligence practice

14 MAY 2019

DLA Piper announced today the launch of its Artificial Intelligence practice, which will focus on assisting companies as they navigate the legal landscape of emerging and disruptive technologies, while helping them understand the legal and compliance risks arising from the creation and deployment of AI systems.

DLA Piper advises as KIIFB successfully issues first ever offshore masala bond

3 MAY 2019

DLA Piper has acted on the debut issuance by the Kerala Infrastructure Investment Fund Board (KIIFB) of its INR 21.5 billion (USD 312 million) secured, guaranteed, rupee denominated bonds (masala bonds), which were listed on the International Securities Market of the London Stock Exchange and the Singapore Stock Exchange.

DLA Piper teams up with Tokeny to bridge the gap between blockchain and finance to provide companies with a new approach to global securities offerings

2 APR 2019

DLA Piper has teamed up with the compliant tokenization platform, Tokeny, to provide an approach to capital raising which enables companies to raise funding in a regulatory compliant manner from their own website. The initiative, called 'The Digital Securities Alliance', is a sophisticated off-the-shelf tool which links corporate issuers with investors through blockchain technology.

DLA Piper announces partnership promotions for 2019

1 APR 2019

DLA Piper is proud to announce that 77 lawyers have been promoted to its partnership. The promotions are effective as of April 1, 2019 in the United States and May 1, 2019 for EMEA and Asia Pacific. The promotions were made across many of the firm's practice areas in 43 different offices throughout 20 countries.

DLA Piper hosts leading business and diplomacy conference

14 MAR 2019

DLA Piper's London office has hosted the Annual Conference of the International Diplomatic and Business Exchange (IBDE).

DLA Piper announces launch of Blockchain and Digital Assets practice

26 FEB 2019

DLA Piper announced today the launch of its Blockchain and Digital Assets practice, which will offer strategic advice on a global basis to address the needs of companies implementing blockchain technology solutions and creating and deploying digital assets.

DLA Piper advises Round Hill Capital and Stepstone Group Real Estate on the refinancing of its nordic logistics and industrial real estate portfolio

14 FEB 2019

DLA Piper has advised Round Hill Capital and StepStone Group Real Estate LP on the successful completion of the multi-currency refinancing of the acquisition debt secured against their Nordic logistics and industrial real estate portfolio.

DLA Piper expands new Dublin office with four-partner hire

9 JAN 2019

DLA Piper today announces the appointment of four new partners from highly-regarded Irish firms to its newly opened Dublin office into four key practice areas of Finance and Projects (F&P), Corporate, Intellectual Property and Technology (IPT) and Employment. These hires follow the appointment of Corporate partner David Carthy as Ireland Country Managing Partner in May 2018.

DLA Piper completes global compliance survey of initial coin offerings and securities token offerings

6 NOV 2018

DLA Piper has completed a global compliance survey of initial coin offerings (ICOs) and securities token offerings (STOs), identifying how governments and agencies in more than 70 jurisdictions define, regulate and tax tokens and associated transactions.

DLA Piper advises James Hardie Industries in its €400 million debut euro bond offering

4 OCT 2018

DLA Piper represented James Hardie Industries, a global manufacturer and marketer of fiber cement products, in its €400 million debut euro bond offering.

DLA Piper hosts inaugural Afghanistan-UK Business Conference

18 SEP 2018

DLA Piper's London office yesterday hosted the first Afghanistan-UK Business Conference, organised by the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan in London and the International Chamber of Commerce in Afghanistan. The event, aimed at further enhancing Afghanistan-UK bilateral business, trade and investment relations, was attended by over 100 participants including public and private sector leaders, potential investors, NGOs and consultants, amongst others.

DLA Piper's Africa practice triumphs at Africa Legal Awards

11 SEP 2018

DLA Piper Africa is proud to announce that its Zimbabwean member firm, Manokore Attorneys, took home the 'African Law Firm of the Year - Small Practice' award at The African Legal Awards, which took place on Friday 7 September 2018 at The Wanderers Club, in Johannesburg, South Africa.

DLA Piper advises Avison Young in investment by Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec

16 JUL 2018

DLA Piper represented Avison Young in connection with a CA\$250 million preferred equity investment in the firm by Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec.

DLA Piper Casablanca advises on acquisition of Moroccan Salts Ltd by Emmerson Plc

13 JUL 2018

DLA Piper in Casablanca has assisted Moroccan Salts Limited (MSL) in its reverse takeover acquisition by Emmerson Plc, paving the way to its listing in the London Stock Exchange.

DLA Piper advises lenders on Blackrock's acquisition of a 197.4 MW wind project in Norway

2 JUL 2018

DLA Piper has advised DekaBank Deutsche Girozentrale as lenders in relation to the acquisition by Blackrock, the world's largest investment company, of a 197.4 megawatt (MW) wind farm in western Norway from Zephyr.

DLA Piper launches Renewable Energy in Africa Guide

19 JUN 2018

DLA Piper's global Energy practice has today launched Renewable Energy in Africa, a major new guide for clients.

DLA Piper advises the lenders on the financing of the Rv. 3/Rv. 25 projects in Norway

8 JUN 2018

DLA Piper has advised the lenders in connection with the financing of the Rv. 3/Rv. 25 project in Norway, worth NOK2.6 billion, about EUR270 million.

DLA Piper advises Helaba on the financing of the acquisition of a German office portfolio

7 JUN 2018

DLA Piper has advised Helaba Landesbank Hessen-Thüringen (Helaba) on the financing of the acquisition of an office portfolio by Corpus Sireo Real Estate. The seller is Swiss Life and the parties have agreed not to disclose the purchase price and the amount of financing.

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Stoneway Capital awarded *Project Finance International* 2017 Latin America Deal of the Year

23 MAR 2018

DLA Piper is pleased to announce that their client, Stoneway Capital Corporation, was recognized by Project Finance International with the 2017 Latin America Deal of the Year award.

Four DLA Piper partners recognised in Jeune Afrique's Top 50 Lawyers in Francophone Africa 2017

20 FEB 2018

DLA Piper is delighted to congratulate Litigation & Regulatory partners Michael Ostrove and Alexander Brabant, Finance & Projects partner Eric Villateau, and Corporate partner Christophe Bachelet, on their inclusion in *Jeune Afrique's* Top 50 Business Lawyers in Francophone Africa 2017 rankings. This year, more DLA Piper lawyers than ever before have been awarded a place on the rankings, with partners scoring individual record rankings for the firm.

DLA Piper advises the owners of Proffsmagasinet Svenska AB regarding its sale to Ahlsell

18 DEC 2017

DLA Piper has advised the owner of Proffsmagasinet Svenska AB in a controlled auction process and sale to Ahlsell Sverige AB.

DLA Piper advises Liverpool Combined Authority on Mersey Tidal Project

14 Nov 2017

On Tuesday, 14 November Steve Rotheram, Metro Mayor for Liverpool City Region announced his commitment to the Mersey Tidal Project (the "Project"), a significant infrastructure project which will look to harness the natural power of the River Mersey to generate clean energy and create jobs in the Liverpool Combined Authority Region.

DLA Piper advising FirstRand on £1.1 billion takeover of Aldermore Group PLC

7 NOV 2017

DLA Piper is acting for FirstRand, South Africa's largest financial services institution, who have put forward a £1.1 billion recommended offer for approval by the shareholders of Aldermore Group PLC, ("Aldermore") a British specialist lender and savings bank

DLA Piper advises Allianz and ING on €160 million syndicate loan for CTP industrial property portfolio in the Czech Republic

6 Nov 2017

DLA Piper has advised Allianz and ING on a €160 million syndicate loan for the financing of a portfolio of industrial properties owned by CTP, a full-service commercial real estate developer and manager in the Czech Republic.

DLA Piper launches Finance Rules of the World

2 Nov 2017

DLA Piper's global Finance & Projects practice has today launched Finance Rules of the World, a knowledge site for clients, which summarizes key legal questions and answers to be considered when initially looking at financing or investing in particular jurisdictions.

DLA Piper named one of the most innovative law firms in Europe by the Financial Times Innovative Lawyers Europe Report 2017

6 OCT 2017

DLA Piper is one of the top five most innovative law firms in Europe according to the Financial Times Innovative Lawyers Europe report 2017.

Now in its twelfth year, the FT Innovative Lawyers Report assesses lawyers on their innovation both for clients and in their own businesses. It is one of the top legal rankings in Europe and the accompanying awards are widely regarded as the best researched in the market.

DLA Piper advises Aareal Bank on financing of £500 million Hilton Metropole hotels acquisition

2 OCT 2017

DLA Piper has advised Germany's Aareal Bank on its financing of London-based investor Henderson Park's debut acquisition in the UK hotel market. The £330 million loan supports Henderson Park's £500 million acquisition of the London and Birmingham Hilton Metropole hotels which completed last week.

DLA Piper advises on Places for People Treasury plc of its unlimited AU\$ MTN Programme listed on the Australian Securities Exchange and AU\$150 million issuance

6 SEP 2017

DLA Piper has acted on the listing by Places for People Treasury plc of its unlimited AU\$ MTN Programme on the Australian Securities Exchange and first issuance of AU\$150 million of notes thereunder.

DLA Piper advises Falck Renewables S.p.A. on the acquisition of Vestavind Kraft AS

5 SEP 2017

DLA Piper has assisted Falck Renewables S.p.A., an Italian listed company, in connection with the acquisition of 80 percent of the shares in Vestavind Kraft AS. Falck Renewables S.p.A.
