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Xavier Guzman focuses on cross-border banking and finance work, including secured lending, leveraged and acquisition finance, asset-backed finance, as well as insolvency and restructuring work. He has also in-depth experience in corporate law and insurance law.

He regularly advises banks and other financial institutions, private equity houses, real estate investment structures and other international companies in these fields.

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

- English
- French
- Spanish

EXPERIENCE

- Advising Lone Star Capital on the due diligence, financing and acquisition of Propertize Bank in the Netherlands including, inter alia, the due diligence, corporate, real estate, finance and restructuring matters pertaining to real estate assets located in 12 jurisdictions and the underlying loans for a total value of EUR5.6 billion (Project Swan).
- Advising a leading institutional investor on the global energy sector on the USD 10,800,000,000 financing of the acquisition of an equity stake in Aramco Oil Pipelines Company.
- Advising Herbalife Ltd. and its Luxembourg subsidiaries on the refinancing of its debt through a USD1.45 billion senior credit facilities and bonds insurance.
- Advising the Carlyle Group on the acquisition of a portfolio of 27 high-quality distribution logistics assets across France and Germany.
- Advising over the years an international coatings manufacturer on its worldwide corporate and finance restructurings.
- Advising the owner of Italian football club FC Internazionale Milano on a EUR275 million Notes financing of the club.
- Advising Austrian Airlines on the design of a corporate, finance and tax structure to reorganize their fleet and their external

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financing to cover immediate liquidity requirements.

- Advising Credit Suisse Energy Infrastructure Partners on the EUR 167,000,000 senior project finance loan on the acquisition of an 80% stake in Finnish utility Fortum Oyj's (Fortum) consisting of a circa 500MW Nordic onshore wind portfolio.
- Advising Helaba on the senior financing of the acquisition of the office complex "Focus Teleport" in Berlin by Asia Pacific Land (APL). The senior financing with a total volume of approximately EUR 166 million.
- Advising AXA IM – Real Assets, a global leader in real asset investments, on the Luxembourg aspects of its acquisition from Westbrook Partner of Dolphin Square.
- Advising Carlson Wagonit Travel, one of the world's leading digital travel management companies, with a specific financial restructuring to fund its ongoing operations, consisting of a mix of loan and HY notes financing.

CREDENTIALS

Professional Qualifications

- Avocat à la Cour registered with the Barreau de Luxembourg, 2010

Prior Experience

- 2017 to date: Partner, DLA Piper, Luxembourg
- 2015-17: Counsel, DLA Piper, Luxembourg
- 2014-15: Senior Legal Counsel, International Insurance Company, Luxembourg
- 2008-14: Senior Associate, International Law Firm, Luxembourg
- 2013 (2 months): Secondment - US Law Firm, New York
- 2007-08: Associate, Magic Circle Law Firm, Luxembourg
- 2006: Associate, French Law Firm, Hong Kong

Recognitions

- "Xavier Guzman is always proactive and provides valuable input." *Legal 500*, 2021
- Xavier was rated in *Legal 500* as "Next Generation Partner" (2020-2021) and considered for being "an extraordinarily competent partner in Luxembourg"
- "Xavier Guzman never lets us down, which is key to being successful in this changing and challenging environment." *Legal 500*, 2020
- Xavier was rated in *Leaders League* as "Recommended", 2020
- Xavier was rated in *IFLR1000* as "Rising star" and considered for being "very responsive", 2019, 2020, 2021
- Xavier was rated in *Legal 500* as "Recommended" and considered for being "professional and responsive", 2018
- Xavier was considered in *Legal 500* as "outstanding at worldwide restructuring projects", 2017

Education

- Luxembourg Bar School (*cours complémentaires*), University of Luxembourg, 2008
- Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne, Master Degree in International Business Law, 2006

Memberships

- Member of the Legal Affairs Committee of the Luxembourg Banker's Association (ABBL)
- Member of the Spanish Chamber of Commerce
- Member of the Association of Banking Lawyers (*Association des Juristes de Droit Bancaire*) (ALJB) in Luxembourg

INSIGHTS

Publications

Clarity on financial assistance rules

6 April 2021

The Luxembourg legislator brings useful clarity on the non-application of criminal liabilities for the managers of SARLs in a financial assistance scenario

The new professional payment guarantee – Luxembourg reinforces its legal toolkit (ahead of Brexit)

5 March 2021

Introduced by a law dated 10 July 2020 (PPG Law), the professional payment guarantee (PPG) is the result of an accelerated legislative process made possible by the alignment of both professional and public demands for a new type of guarantee in a context marked by the COVID-19 pandemic and the looming Brexit.

Events

Previous

Luxembourg: your go-to platform for Iberoamerican investments

30 June 2021

Webinar

NEWS

DLA Piper advises The Carlyle Group on the acquisition of prime French and German distribution logistics assets

29 October 2020

DLA Piper has advised global investment firm The Carlyle Group (NASDAQ: CG) on its acquisition of a portfolio of 27 distribution logistics assets in France and Germany. The transaction is structured as a sale-and-leaseback.
