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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 FMS Wertmanagement on the sale of a pan-European portfolio of mortgaged loans for approx. EUR580 million (Project Hieronymus).
- Advising Herbalife Ltd. and its Luxembourg subsidiaries on the refinancing through a USD1.45 billion senior credit facilities.
- Advising ABRY Partners in connection with the EUR980 million financing of the cross-border acquisition by AddSecure of Chiron Security Communications.
- Advising an international coatings manufacturer on its corporate and finance restructuring.
- Advising the world's largest commercial real estate services firm on the EUR124 million external refinancing of a Pan-European real estate portfolio, a EUR30 million bridge loan for future acquisition and a EUR395 million internal financing restructuring.

RELATED SERVICES

- Finance
- Projects, Energy and Infrastructure
- Real Estate

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- Financial Services
- Insurance
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- Advising Schroder Real Estate on (i) the acquisition of the office building "Victoriastadt Lofts" in Berlin for a joint venture involving Immobilien Europa Direkt, an investment vehicle of Zurich Investment Foundation, and the Finnish pension fund Ilmarinen, and (ii) the bank refinancing.
- Advising Luxembourg-based integrated investment manager and co-investor CORESTATE Capital Holding S.A., on its acquisition of "WOODIE," the micro-living asset including 371 student apartments in Hamburg.
- Advising Partners Group on the acquisition of Axia NetMedia Corporation, the first successful private takeover executed by Partners Group.
- Advising medical startup on its structuring, shareholders' arrangements, and bank and shareholders' 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 was rated in *Legal 500* as "Next Generation Partner" and considered for being "an extraordinarily competent partner in Luxembourg", 2020
- "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 Association of Banking Lawyers (*Association des Juristes de Droit Bancaire*) (ALJB) in Luxembourg
- Member of the Association of the Insurance and Re-insurance Companies (*Association des Compagnies d'Assurances et de Réassurances*) in Luxembourg

INSIGHTS

Publications

Brexit for the insurance sector: No-deal regimes in the UK and Europe

17 September 2019

Insurance Horizons

This guide has been prepared by DLA Piper's insurance regulation team to provide a high level overview of post-Brexit regimes that are being implemented in key EU markets, and in the UK. It is intended to help insurers and intermediaries with their planning in the run up to a possible no-deal Brexit.

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.
