



Structured Finance and Securitization

With our extensive international platform and vast cross-border experience, our Structured Finance and Securitization team delivers integrated advice and support across a range of transactions in numerous jurisdictions.

We have substantial experience in a wide array of ABS in both the US and Europe that includes US and European CLOs, Asset-Backed Commercial Paper programs, CMBS, RMBS as well as securitization of esoteric assets such as renewable energy and energy efficiency assets, tobacco fees, small business loans, ships, IP and aircraft, and whole business securitizations and project finance securitizations. We are one of the leading firms in the United States in the rapidly developing area of solar securitisation.

Our team includes not only practitioners with years of hands-on experience in these diverse transactions, but also thought leaders who are known in the industry for their creative problem-solving and their entrepreneurial track record in designing and executing new programs.

The team is supported by our leading corporate, regulatory and tax teams and works together with DLA Piper's real estate, litigation, bankruptcy, IP licensing, franchising, insurance and renewable energy lawyers around the globe.

CAPABILITES

Our Securitization practice consists of experienced lawyers globally and have represented issuers, leading financial institutions in all capacities and other transaction parties on a wide range of international and securitization transactions.

We have deep experience of property structured finance including CMBS and RMBS, CDOs and CLOs as well as leading experience in esoteric assets such as auto, ships, aircraft and project finance securitizations, tobacco fee securitization, IP securitization and whole business securitization.

EXPERIENCE

- Goldman Sachs as primary deal counsel in several recent US CLOs and Ares Management as collateral manager of several recent US CLOs and one recent European CLO.
- An investment firm in the creation of a securitisation program to fund the aggregation of portfolios of commercial solar projects.

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AUTRES COMPÉTENCES

- Litigation, Arbitration and Investigations
- Real Estate
- Tax

AUTRES SECTEURS

- Energie

- FGA Capital as originator on two substantial securitizations of portfolios of auto-loan receivables, the first of which was the first transaction in the UK to be issued under the Prime Collateralised Securities ("PCS") initiative (an initiative backed by, among others, the Bank of England and the European Central Bank to define and promote standards of 'best practice' in the asset backed market). The transaction was structured to permit the senior notes to be recognised as eligible collateral for credit operations within the European Central Bank and for the purposes of the Bank of England's Discount Window Facility. The transaction was documented using the Bank of England recommended format for UK Auto Loan Transactions. The latter deal involved the securitisation of over £1.3 million in auto loan receivables through a loan note facility provided by way of a multi-bank revolving structure.
- Unicredit as the arrangers on a highly structured synthetic securitisation by the bank in respect of a portfolio of around €1 billion in loan assets. The structure involved the issue of floating rate credit enhancement notes meeting significant risk transfer requirements to achieve regulatory capital reductions with the Bank of Italy.
- Created the legal architecture for a national program for securitizing legal fees awarded to outside counsel in the landmark multi-state tobacco settlement, which resulted in aggregate fee awards of over US\$14 billion. Served as transaction counsel on a series of securitisations under the program aggregating over US\$5 billion of notional legal fee amount. Underwriting firms included Deutsche Bank Securities, Lehman Brothers and UBS. The first transaction closed under this program, Litigation Settlement Monetized Fee Trust I™, was a multi-borrower transaction named Asset-Backed Securities Deal of the Year for 2001 by International Securitization Report.
- Banco Santander S.A. on the issue by Besaya ECA Limited of US\$470 million secured variable rate notes due 2016 listed on the Irish Stock Exchange. The transaction involved the securitization of a portfolio of international export credit loans.
- Oxford Finance, LLC in the collapsing of an existing securitization of life science loans into a new securitization issuance.
- Dignity plc on the issue of notes in connection with its whole business securitization tap, the proceeds of which would be used to fund the acquisition of a large group of funeral businesses. The securitization involved the issue by Dignity Finance plc of (in total) £50,250,000 Class A Secured 6.310 per cent Notes due 2023 and £40,750,000 Class B Secured 8.151 per cent Notes due 2031.
- Blackstone on its purchase of a large portfolio of commercial real estate loans (with a face value in excess of £1.3 billion) from The Royal Bank of Scotland. This transaction involved a joint venture purchaser, as well as senior financing provided by the seller, which was subsequently securitized. The assets in this portfolio are secured by properties located throughout the United Kingdom.
- CAN Capital, a leading provider of small business loans and merchant cash advances, as deal counsel in a complex securitization of small business loans and merchant cash advances.

ACTUALITÉS

Publications

Finance and Markets Global Insight - Issue 16, 2019

9 MAY 2019

[FINANCE AND MARKETS GLOBAL INSIGHT SERIES](#)

As ever, regulatory change, technology and modernization of financial systems play a big role and we have attempted to pick out a few areas that may be of particular interest, including the recent Securitization Regulation, Brexit and the European loan markets, UK mortgage uncertainty, issues with holding digital assets and ISDA agreements.

Finance and Markets Global Insight - Issue 15, 2018

26 OCT 2018

[FINANCE AND MARKETS GLOBAL INSIGHT SERIES](#)

As the wave of regulatory change from earlier in the year appears to have calmed for the time being, in this issue we look at variety of issues from markets across the globe, including opportunities in the Italian CDO market, insolvency reform in

Australia and new mortgage asset lenders and the impact of FinTech on warehouse and future flow arrangements. We also explore the proposed framework for a post-Brexit partnership in financial services.

Finance and Markets Global Insight - Issue 14, 2018

11 APR 2018

FINANCE AND MARKETS GLOBAL INSIGHT SERIES

2018 brings a wealth of regulatory change which has been long in the making and is now finding its way into the law of European Member States, including for the time being, the UK. In this issue we look at the impact of a number of important new regulatory frameworks for capital markets transactions in the EU, including how the securitization regulations will effect CLOs and proposed RTS on risk retention and homogeneity. We also reflect on MiFid II, which came into effect on 3 January 2018 presenting a second overhaul of the European financial system.

FinTech in Mauritius – a ‘disruptive’ innovation

11 APR 2018

An analysis of the origination, growth and perception of FinTech

LIBOR no more

11 APR 2018

Developments in the proposed replacement of LIBOR

STS the EBA proposed RTS on risk retention

11 APR 2018

Largely a continuation of the existing position, but ‘sole purpose’ is explained

The Securitization Regulation takes effect how does it affect CLOs

11 APR 2018

This article looks at the Securitization Regulation that came into effect on 17 January 2018 and some of the implications for the CLO market

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 self-certified 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

Finance and Markets Global Insight - Issue 13, 2017

27 SEP 2017

[FINANCE AND MARKETS GLOBAL INSIGHT SERIES](#)

This issue of Finance and Markets Global Insight reflects the ongoing evolution of global financial markets as financiers and businesses continue to grapple with the two key themes of innovation and regulation. There's discussion on the implantation of the revised regulatory framework for derivatives and securitization, as structurers deal with variation margin implantation, and debate around Article 17 of the Securitization Regulation concerning the exclusion of self-certified mortgages. We see how the Nordics are implanting PSD 2 and look at European Central Bank guidance to banks on dealing with non-performing loans. We also weigh up the booming initial coin offerings market, and consider the European Commission's consultation on the impact of FinTech and its role in driving a more competitive and innovative European financial sector. This issue also reports on a new set of framework principles for social bonds to encourage interest in environmental, social and ethically sound investments, the European Union's plan for retail financial services and the FX Global Code. It also brings a US perspective on the risks inherent in trade and commodity finance.

Interval Funds - at the Intersection of Liquidity, Transparency, and Valuation

1 MAR 2017

What can interval funds do that other pooled investment vehicles in the marketplace cannot do (or must do differently)?

28 JUL 2016

FINANCE AND MARKETS GLOBAL INSIGHT SERIES

On 23 June 2016, the UK electorate voted to leave the European Union in a so-called Brexit referendum. The exit result was a surprise for many working in the finance sector. The change will impact the position of the UK under critical legislation such as the Capital Requirements Regulation, European Market Infrastructure Regulation, Market Abuse Regulation and many other Regulations and Treaties applicable in the UK. We will also see a change as to the role of the UK in significant market initiatives such as the Capital Markets Union. It is likely that these changes will present both threats and opportunities. Until policy is clearer, we will comment on some of the existing challenges caused by EMIR and similar EU Regulations.

Evènements

Récemment

Global capital flows - the new world

15 NOV 2017

London

NEWS

DLA Piper advises Metric Capital Partners on the launch of a European self-storage platform

4 July 2019

DLA Piper has advised Metric Capital Partners LLP (MCP), a European private capital group, on their establishment of the MCP Self-Storage Platform, created to provide growth capital to independent self-storage operators to acquire and build self-storage assets across the European market.

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.

Legal 500 names four DLA Piper lawyers as leading Africa specialists on the Private Practice Powerlist

11 FEB 2019

The Legal 500 has named four DLA Piper lawyers on its 2019 "Private Practice Powerlist, Africa Specialists".

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 conseille Proparco, Société Générale et FMO pour la mise en place d'un financement de 90 millions d'euros pour SIFCA

11 OCT 2018

DLA Piper a conseillé Proparco, FMO et Société Générale en tant que prêteurs dans le cadre du financement de SIFCA, leader agro-industriel en Afrique de l'Ouest, pour une valeur de prêt de 90 millions d'euros.

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 conseille pour l'acquisition de Moroccan Salts Ltd par Emerson Plc

13 JUL 2018

DLA Piper à Casablanca a conseillé Moroccan Salts Limited (MSL) dans le cadre de sa fusion (reverse takeover) avec Emerson Plc, ouvrant la voie à son introduction la Bourse de Londres.

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 announces partnership promotions for 2018

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DLA Piper is proud to announce that 62 lawyers have been promoted to its partnership. The promotions are effective as of 1 April 2018 in the United States and 1 May 2018 for EMEA and Asia Pacific. The promotions were made across many of the firm's practice areas in 42 different offices throughout 20 countries.

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.

DLA Piper advises Deutsche Bank on Paladin Restructuring

28 FEB 2018

DLA Piper has advised Deutsche Bank on its special situations investment in Australian listed Paladin Energy Limited (PEL), which holds substantial uranium and mining assets in Namibia, Malawi, Canada and certain Australian states.

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 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 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.
