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Mark Dwyer is the Global Co-chair of Financial Services at DLA Piper coordinating our global approach to financial services clients. He also advises both banks and other corporates on banking and debt capital markets transactions and on derivatives and structured finance matters.

His clients include companies in a range of sectors including banking and financial services, private equity, telecoms, real estate, retail, food and pharmaceuticals.

Mark has recently worked on a range of transactions including:

- Acquisition finance for public and private transactions
- Debt financings and restructurings
- Margin loans
- Debt capital markets transactions involving the issue of:
 - Investment grade bonds
 - High yield bonds
 - Convertible bonds
 - Exchangeable bonds
- Establishment of medium term note programmes and liability management exercises including Dutch auctions and consent solicitation processes
- Structured finance transactions involving derivatives and debt, equity and partnership investments including securitisations and structured note programmes

KEY EXPERIENCE

- Advising Veon Holdings on over US\$3 billion of financing facilities, including its US\$2.1 billion term and revolving credit facilities

- Derivatives
- Restructuring
- Oil and Gas
- Real Estate Finance
- Corporate
- Finance
- Debt Finance
- Structured Finance and Securitization
- Debt Capital Markets
- Capital Markets
- Projects, Energy and Infrastructure
- Real Estate

- Real Estate
- Consumer Goods, Food and Retail
- Energy and Natural Resources
- Financial Services
- Insurance
- Life Sciences

agreement

- Advising First Rand Limited on the financing aspects of its £1.1 billion takeover of Aldermore Group plc
- Advising Heineken UK Limited on the financing aspects of its £340 million takeover of Punch Taverns plc
- Advising a consortium jointly led by Metric Capital Partners, the European private capital group on a minority investment in Dream International B.V., a Dutch company operating in the global fine-dining restaurant market
- Advising Global Telecom Holding, an Egyptian listed company, on a US\$200 million bridge facility to finance a tender offer to buy back 10% of its share capital
- Advising Workspace Group plc on a new £100m revolving credit facility utilising its existing accordion option and a £50m bridge facility as a bridge to a new issue of private placement notes and on its subsequent £200m private placement comprised of £80m eight-year notes and £120m 10-year notes, placed with eight UK and US institutional investors
- Advising Merlin Entertainments plc on the refinancing of its bank facilities including an increased and extended £600 million revolving credit facility and the English law aspects of its issue of \$400,000,000 5.75% Senior Notes due 2026
- Advising Grupo Antolín-Irausa, S.A. on the English law aspects of the issue of its €250,000,000 3.375% Senior Secured Notes due 2026
- Advising Gestamp Automocion, S.A. on the English law aspects of the issue of its €400,000,000 3.25% Senior Secured Notes due 2026
- Advising LivaNova PLC on a \$170 million bridge facility with Bank of America Merrill Lynch International Limited to fund its acquisition of TandemLife

CREDENTIALS

Professional Qualifications

- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales

Prior Experience

- 2005 - 2015, Partner, London based 'magic circle' law firm – Head of Derivatives and Chair of Legal Opinions Committee
- 1995 - 2005, Trainee Solicitor and Associate, London based 'magic circle' law firm

Recognitions

- Acknowledged as a leading finance lawyer by Legal 500 and is recommended by Legal 500, 2017 for each of: Securitisation, Derivatives and Structured Products, Acquisition Finance, Debt Capital Markets, Bank lending: investment grade debt and syndicated loans; and Infrastructure
- Recognised by Legal 500, 2015 as a leading individual for Derivatives and structured products where he is described as "extraordinarily versatile" and as "probably the most adept finance lawyer, very pragmatic and commercial"

Education

- University of Oxford, BCL, 1995
- University of Dublin, Trinity College, LL.B. (Hons), 1993

Memberships

- Law Society

INSIGHTS

Publications

ESG finance: Global warming has become a hot topic

7 June 2021

Corporates and lenders are increasingly considering the possibility of “green” or “sustainability-linked” bonds, loans and derivatives, in the face of scrutiny from activist investors and lenders and allegations of greenwashing.

UK-EU Trade Agreement: What's next for financial services?

7 June 2021

On 24 December 2020, after intensive down-to-the-wire negotiations, the European Commission and the UK government reached an agreement on the terms of future trade and cooperation between the EU and UK.

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4 January 2021

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Coronavirus: Global overview and supporting business guide

21 May 2020

As governments across the globe take drastic action to help businesses weather the storm from COVID-19, we have produced an interactive global guide which provides an insight into the issues likely to impact businesses and the key measures taken by governments across more than 50 countries, from financial support and business protection, through to employment and access to justice.

UK government to provide additional financial support measures for mid-market business impacted by COVID-19

9 April 2020

On 3 April 2020 the Chancellor announced a new scheme for larger companies, with the creation of the new Coronavirus Large Business Interruption Loan Scheme (CLBILS) to ensure that more firms are able to benefit from government-backed support during this difficult time.

Bank of England – Covid corporate financing facility

6 April 2020

On 17 March 2020, the Chancellor the Rt. Hon. Rishi Sunak MP announced that HM Treasury would provide an unprecedented level of support for UK business in response to the economic impact of Coronavirus. The total value of the package announced was GBP330 billion, 15% of UK GDP. The package included two mechanisms for businesses to access finance; the Covid Corporate Financing Facility for larger investment grade businesses; and the Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme for smaller businesses with turnover under GBP45 million per annum.

Events

Previous

Webinar: The Capital Markets Union Action Plan

25 November 2020
Webinar

COVID-19 and financial services – a European perspective

27 March 2020

- Guest lecturer, LLM Corporate Finance course, University College London
- Panellist, "The Growth of the high yield market", ACT Corporate Funding Conference, 2014

NEWS

DLA Piper advises Concord in closing of US\$1 billion in debt financing

18 August 2020

DLA Piper represented Concord in a US\$600 million term loan B debt offering and US\$450 million revolving credit facility, providing the company with access to over US\$1 billion of total debt financing in one of the largest music industry financings in recent times.

DLA Piper advises VEON Holdings B.V. on its RUB100bn refinancing with Sberbank of Russia

17 June 2020

DLA Piper has advised VEON Holdings B.V., a member of the multinational telecommunications VEON group, on the RUB100 billion (approximately USD1.5 billion) refinancing of its facilities with Sberbank of Russia.
