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Xavier Guzman is a Banking, Finance and Restructuring lawyer. He has in-depth experience on cross-border banking and finance work (including secured lending, leveraged and acquisition finance, energy finance, sports finance, and funds finance), bond issuances and securitisation.

Xavier has created close client relationships aiming at being at the forefront of his clients' needs by thinking innovative. He regularly advises a vast panel of banks and financial institutions, alternative credit providers, asset managers, private equity houses, real estate investment structures, (re)insurance companies, and other international corporates.

Much of the work that he does is the Luxembourg element of complex projects, advising clients on their finance, acquisition and restructuring needs for business activities that span multiple jurisdictions and continents.

He regularly publishes articles and newflashes thereby providing market insights to clients and players on the changes in legislation, trends and other important events of the Luxembourg legal market.

- Finance
- Projects, Energy and Infrastructure
- Real Estate

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- Insurance
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## LANGUAGES SPOKEN

- English
- French
- Spanish

Xavier has acted and led on a number of groundbreaking transactions, including advising a private equity firm in the multi-billion financing and acquisition of a Dutch bank dealing with assets located in 12 jurisdictions, a leading institutional investor on the global energy sector on the USD 10 billion financing of the acquisition of an equity stake in a state-owned company, or an investment fund in

the senior project finance loan for the acquisition of a Nordic onshore wind portfolio.

## CREDENTIALS

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### 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

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### Publications

#### Lexology Getting The Deal Through

3 December 2021

DLA Piper contributed to the Restructuring & Insolvency Luxembourg chapter for Lexology's *Getting The Deal Through* publication. This publication answers key questions and trends on the topic.

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## Luxembourg Business Register: Upcoming requirements for individuals – get ready!

4 November 2021

According to a notice issued by the Luxembourg Business Register, with effect as of the end of March 2022, individuals and entities registered with the Luxembourg Register of Trade and Companies will have to provide a Luxembourg national identification number for individuals registered on file, such as managers, directors, shareholders, partners, liquidators, authorised representatives or auditors.

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## 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

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## 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.

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- *Clarity on financial assistance rules*, April 2021
- *The new professional payment guarantee – Luxembourg reinforces its legal toolkit (ahead of Brexit)*, March 2021
- *Coronavirus in Luxembourg – extension of the flexibilities with respect to corporate bodies' meetings*, September 2020
- *Post-state of crisis flexibilities in Luxembourg*, July 2020
- *Coronavirus in Luxembourg – An overview of the main measures adopted in the corporate, financial and insurance sectors*, April 2020
- *Brexit for the insurance sector: No-deal regimes in the UK and Europe*, September 2019

## Events

## Previous

### Luxembourg: your go-to platform for Iberoamerican investments

30 June 2021

Webinar

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## NEWS

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## **DLA Piper Luxembourg advises Novaxia Investissement on land acquisition in Luxembourg**

23 August 2022

DLA Piper Luxembourg has advised Novaxia Investissement, a French real estate management company, on the acquisition of one of the two plots of land where the South Village project will be built. Novaxia Investissement acquired through its funds the land with its co-investor Capelli, a European real estate developer.

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## **DLA Piper Luxembourg has advised 3R Petroleum subsidiary to obtain funds for Petrobras acquisition**

19 August 2022

Led by partners Xavier Guzman and Jacques Wantz, a team of DLA Piper Luxembourg has advised 3R in obtaining a USD 500 million loan for the acquisition of oilfield assets from Petrobras, Brazil's state-run oil company.

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## **DLA Piper advises Muzinich & Co on investment in Natac Group**

19 April 2022

DLA Piper has advised Muzinich&Co, a global asset manager specialising in private debt, on the investment transaction in Grupo Natac, a leader in the botanical natural ingredients industry, also owned by Inveready.

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## **DLA Piper advises NATIXIS on the financing of an office building in Munich**

19 April 2022

DLA Piper has advised NATIXIS Pfandbriefbank AG on providing a EUR 70 million senior facility for the financing of the acquisition of an office building in Munich by Goldman Sachs Asset Management.

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## **DLA Piper advises Helaba and pbb on the financing of the Highlight Towers in Munich**

20 October 2021

DLA Piper has advised Helaba and pbb on the senior financing of the acquisition of the landmark Highlight Towers (HLT) in Munich by a joint venture of IMFARR Beteiligungs GmbH and SN Beteiligungen Holding AG.

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## **DLA Piper advises on Prime Capital's acquisition of the 192MW Lappfjärd project in Finland**

24 June 2021

DLA Piper has advised Prime Capital AG and Prime Green Energy Infrastructure Fund S.A. SICAV-RAIF on the acquisition of the 192 MW Lappfjärd wind farm from CPC Finland.

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## **DLA Piper advises Eurazeo on a financing for Avinga Group**

9 June 2021

DLA Piper has advised the international investment company Eurazeo on a corporate and growth financing for Avinga Group, a portfolio company of Oaktree Capital Management and Cornerstone Investment Management. Eurazeo is a leading mid cap investor based in Paris, specializing in venture capital, growth capital, private debt and private equity. Its business and investment activities focus on financing high-growth European SMEs.

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### **DLA Piper advises Helaba on the financing of the Silberturm in Frankfurt am Main**

14 April 2021

DLA Piper has advised Landesbank Hessen-Thüringen Girozentrale (Helaba) on the financing of the purchase of the landmark office tower „Silberturm“ in Frankfurt am Main.

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### **DLA Piper advises lenders on the refinancing of the Warnow Tunnel in Germany**

26 February 2021

DLA Piper has advised the lenders on the EUR115 million refinancing of the Warnow Tunnel in Rostock (Germany), also known as the Warnow River Crossing (Warnowquerung).

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### **DLA Piper advises Allianz Real Estate on financing the acquisition of Frankfurts Grand Campus**

2 February 2021

DLA Piper has advised Allianz Real Estate, the dedicated real estate investment manager within the Allianz Group, on the provision of financing by several Allianz Group companies to an institutional investor via Arminius Group, an independent transaction and fund manager, for the financing of the acquisition of the Grand Campus in Frankfurt.

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### **DLA Piper advises The Carlyle Group on the acquisition of prime German distribution logistics assets**

8 January 2021

DLA Piper has advised global investment firm The Carlyle Group (NASDAQ: CG) on its acquisition of a portfolio of three distribution logistics assets in Germany.

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### **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.

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