



### Riccardo Pagotto

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Riccardo Pagotto practices in the area of banking & finance with particular focus on project financing, corporate finance, LBO, real estate finance, factoring, debt restructuring, distressed M&A and UTP/NPL.

He also accrued wide experience in a range of sectors.

Riccardo assists on a regular basis banks, insurance companies, investment funds and other financial institutions as well as corporate groups and small mid cap companies in both national and international transactions.

He focuses his practice in project and acquisition financing, debt restructuring, corporate M&A and real estate financing and general contractor financing. He also accrued wide experience in the energy, infrastructure, public utilities and real estate sectors.

### LANGUAGES SPOKEN

- Italian
- Spanish
- English
- German
- French

- Finance
- Energy and Natural Resources
- Infrastructure, Construction and Transport
- Insurance
- Consumer Goods, Food and Retail

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- Assisting an Italian-Spanish consortium and the connected project company (made up of leading multinational companies in the infrastructure and transportation sectors) in the structuring of a USD1.150 billion bond financing issued to finance part of the works for the construction of Line 2 of the Lima and Callao metro lines in Peru.  
The Firm also assisted the consortium in the tendering phase by reviewing the documentation relating to the public concession and, consequently, in relation to the structuring and definition of the financial transaction for the construction.  
The transaction was awarded the "Project Finance International Magazine - Deal of the Year (Americas)" award.

- Assisting leading multinational company in the transportation industry in relation to obtaining financing for the construction of Line 5 of the Milan metro system. The total investment in the project amounts to approximately EUR1.7 billion and was partly financed through a mixed Project Financing / Project Bond financial structure, as well as shareholders' own sources, public contributions and operating cash flow.

The mixed structure, which is absolutely innovative for the Italian financial market, provides for the disbursement of a bank loan of EUR430 million, together with the issue of a bond for EUR150 million subscribed by institutional investors pursuant to Article 157 of the Public Contracts Code (i.e. Project Bond), both maturing in 2035.

The operation was awarded several prizes, including "Top Legal Awards 2016 - Operation of the Year: Infrastructure" and "Project Finance International Magazine - Transport Deal of the Year".

- Assisting a leading multinational company of the transport sector in a number of project financing aimed at the construction of light rail transit infrastructure in Canada and USA.
- Assisting a number of leading financial institutions in corporate financing in favor of a leading group operating in the innovative telecommunication industry (e.g. cloud, data centers, optic fiber infrastructure, cybersecurity).
- Assisting a leading Italian consortium company in the structuring of a series of financing operations for the implementation of the so-called "Mose System" with various financial institutions / banks among which the European Investment Bank (EIB).
- Assisting in banks and companies in a number of financing for the realization of renewable energy projects.

## CREDENTIALS

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### Professional Qualifications

- Avvocato admitted to the Bologna Bar
- Avvocato admitted to the Milan Bar

### Prior Experience

Before joining DLA Piper, Riccardo Pagotto worked with leading Italian and international law firms.

### Education

- University of Bologna "Alma Mater Studiorum", Law Degree
- Panthéon Assas (Paris II) – Paris, Diplôme de Droit Français
- Heinrich Heine Universität – Düsseldorf: DaF Zertifikat, Courses of German Law

### Additional Information

Riccardo provides his advice on a pro bono basis to innovative start-up and charity organizations.