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David focuses on advising borrowers and lenders on complex multi-jurisdictional transactions across the credit spectrum and an array of different asset classes. His practice covers real estate finance, acquisition finance and corporate treasury matters, and in recent years he has worked on many restructurings in both the real estate and leveraged finance fields. He has over 30 years of experience in the international debt markets across Europe.

As International Group Head of Finance, Projects & Restructuring, David leads a team of over 700 fee earners across DLA Piper's international network of offices. The group is one of the driving forces of the DLA Piper global practice, providing market-leading insight and advice and representing leading investment and commercial financial institutions, public and private companies and government entities.

- Finance
- Real Estate
- Corporate

- Financial Services
- Real Estate
- Consumer Goods, Food and Retail

- Leading on the very first UK operating company/secured corporate bond securitisations including the Welcome Break and Punch Taverns transactions.
- Advised Debenhams plc for over 15 years on all aspects of its debt financing and then on its eventual financial restructuring attempts.
- Advised the administrators of Kaupthing Singer & Friedlander following the GFC and the difficulties encountered by the Icelandic banks.
- Advised Blackstone and TPG on the acquisition of Kensington Mortgages plc.
- Advised TPG on the refinancing and disposal of the P3 logistics business to GIC.
- Working on numerous transactions for various real estate funds including Blackstone, Apollo, Cerberus, Davidson Kempner.
- Advised the RCF lenders on the financial restructuring of Virgin Atlantic involving the first use in the UK of a Restructuring Plan.
- Advised the term loan lenders on the £1.4bn financial restructuring of the Intu SGS Group of companies following the administration of Intu plc.

- Advised the lenders on EUR 4.5bn financial restructuring of Accor SA.

CREDENTIALS

Prior Experience

- David was previously a Banking partner at a Magic Circle law firm in London, including acting as its Global Head of Finance.

Education

- Durham University, Law, BA, 1982

Memberships

Career Academies UK, Trustee and National Advisory Board Member

Ranked in Real Estate Finance – Chambers & Partners, 2021

INSIGHTS

Publications

The Economic Crime (Transparency and Enforcement) Act: What does it mean for commercial real estate?

18 March 2022

The Government published the draft Economic Crime (Transparency and Enforcement) Bill together with a related factsheet on 1 March. The legislation will introduce a new “Register of Overseas Entities”, based on the beneficial ownership register which was first proposed back in 2017.

NEWS

DLA Piper continues to enhance Asia banking & finance expertise with strategic partner hire in Hong Kong

3 May 2022

DLA Piper announces the appointment of Crystal Chen as a partner in its Finance, Projects and Restructuring (FP&R) practice, based in Hong Kong.

DLA Piper continues to bolster Asia capability with senior energy partner hire in Hong Kong

2 December 2021

DLA Piper has appointed Russell Wilkinson as a partner in its Finance, Projects and Restructuring (FP&R) practice, based in Hong Kong.
