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Our regional presence

Allen & Overy has one of the largest and best known practices in Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) and is one of the few major international firms with a well-established and expanding presence in the region.

We have offices in four key centres – Warsaw, Prague, Budapest and Bratislava – and the offices have close working ties and are fully integrated with our global network. Consequently, we offer a seamless service to our clients across the region and beyond.

Lawyers operating from these offices also coordinate projects in other Central and South Eastern European countries, particularly Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia and Slovenia. In each case, we work closely with a small number of experienced local law firms who have worked with us on successful large scale and international transactions in the past.

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Our comprehensive legal expertise

Our clients value the fully integrated service we can provide for domestic and cross-border matters across all practice areas in the CEE region, combining our international experience with local expertise and knowledge of local market conditions and regulators. We provide advice on local as well as English and EU laws.
Our sector expertise

- Financial institutions
- Industrial and manufacturing
- Real estate
- Retail and consumer goods
- Private equity
- Life sciences
- Energy and natural resources
- Infrastructure and transport
- Telecommunications, media and technology
Some of our key deals

Czech Republic

**Raiffeisenbank a.s.**
on its EUR500m issuance of senior non-preferred MREL-eligible sustainable notes issued under its international debt issuance programme. A sum equivalent to the net proceeds will be used to finance or re-finance loans to projects and activities that promote climate-friendly and other environmental or sustainable purposes. It is a transaction which is unique in the entire CEE region.

**Allwyn**
UniCredit Bank Czech Republic and Slovakia, a.s. and other banks on the EUR1.6bn financing of Allwyn, a leading global lottery operator.

**Colt IPO**
Colt CZ Group SE (formerly CZG - Česká zbrojovka Group SE) on its IPO and the listing of its shares on the Prime Market of the Prague Stock Exchange.

**Accolade**
Accolade in connection with a EUR137.5mn development and investment loan to finance the construction of an innovative distribution centre for Amazon in Kojetín, the Czech Republic, in CEE this is the largest-ever loan for a single industrial rental property.

**České Radiokomunikace**
Cordiant Digital Infrastructure Limited (CDIL) on its acquisition of České Radiokomunikace a.s., a leading telecommunications, media and technology infrastructure and services provider in the Czech Republic, from funds managed by Macquarie Asset Management.

Hungary

**Taxually**
a tax compliance software solutions provider, on the sale of a minority stake to Ardian.

**Aegon**
on the sale of its insurance, pension and asset management business in Hungary, Poland, Romania and Turkey to Vienna Insurance Group AG Wiener Versicherung Gruppe.

**Nestlé Hungary**
on its record breaking bond issue of HUF115bn in Hungary.

**Raiffeisen Bank Hungary**
in relation to the inaugural Growth Bond issue of Gedeon Richter Plc.

**MOL**
on its inaugural and the subsequent Growth Bond (NKP) issues. The inaugural issue was the first issue of HUF bonds under the Funding for Growth Scheme operated by the National Bank of Hungary.

**ING Hungary**
in the European Court of Justice in Case C-228/18 Budapest Bank v GVH and in the Hungarian Supreme Court in relation to the review of the Hungarian Competition Authority’s decision related to multilateral interchange fees.

**China National Machinery Import and Export**
in relation to a project financing provided by Bank of China for development, maintenance and operation of a 100MW solar power plant in Kaposvár, Hungary. The ongoing project is one of the largest solar plants in Hungary and the CEE region.

Poland

**Aramco**
on its investment in Poland’s refining, wholesale, and jet fuel marketing segments through a number of acquisitions from PKN Orlen.

**Cordiant Digital Infrastructure Limited**
on its acquisition of Emitel from Astatine Investment Partners.

**Ørsted**
on a joint venture with PGE Polska Grupa Energetyczna S.A. for the development, construction and operation of two offshore wind projects in the Baltic Sea, with a total potential capacity of up to 2.5GW.

**OX2**
on the sale of a wind farm and solar farm in Poland by its affiliate to Ingka Investments, the investment arm of Ingka Group, the world’s largest IKEA franchise.

**A club of lenders**
on a landmark transaction of a EUR863.5m financing for DCT Sp. z o.o. in relation to, among others, the construction of Terminal 3 of the deep water container terminal in Gdansk.

**EDPR**
as sponsor, on the financing of a portfolio of six wind farms in Poland with an aggregate capacity of up to approx. 149.4MW.

**Santander Bank Polska**
in connection with a PLN1bn facility granted to Allegro group.

**A club of banks**
on a credit facility agreement amounting to PLN5.5bn for P4 sp. z o.o., operating under the brand name ‘Play’, to partially finance the acquisition of shares in UPC Polska sp. z o.o.

**A group of financial institutions**
on a EUR1.5bn financing granted to a portfolio of companies managed by EXETER Group that included various logistics assets across Europe.

**PKO Bank Polski**
on establishing a EUR4bn EMTN programme and drawdown under the programme.
Slovakia

**Penta Hospitals International** on the EUR150m syndicated loan financing provided by eight banks.

**Slovenská sporiteľna** on EUR500m inaugural green covered bond benchmark issuance in Slovakia.

**A.P. Møller Holding** on its acquisition of Unilabs from funds advised by Apax Partners.

**Západoslovenská distribučná** and **Východoslovenská distribučná** in 55+ disputes concerning energy regulation in Slovakia.

**Syndicate of banks led by Erste Group Bank** on the financing of acquisition of the shopping center Aupark Bratislava, a record acquisition on Slovak real estate market.

**U.S. Steel Košice** on the outsourcing of its blast furnace slag (BF slag) operations to Danucem, which will result in the processing of granulated BF slag and air-cooled slag into cement and other cement-related products.

**Regional experience**

**EBRD** on financing of the construction of a 140MWp solar power plant in the Karavasta region of Albania by Voltalia as sponsor.

**Korea Water Resources Corporation** as lead sponsors on a 280MW Nenskra Hydro Power Project in the country of Georgia.

**EuroCape New Energy Limited** on the development of a 500MW wind project in Zaporizhia, Ukraine, which will nearly double the country’s wind power capacity. Once finished, it will be Europe’s largest onshore wind power plant with a capacity of 500MW generated by 3.3-MW turbines.

**EBRD** on financing for Societatea Nationala De Transport Gaze Naturale Transgaz, the national gas transmission grid operator. The loan is to finance the construction of Phase 1 of the Bulgaria-Romania-Hungary-Austria pipeline/corridor (BRUA project) and three compressor stations in Romania.

**International Finance Corporation** on the financing of the development, construction, operation and maintenance of the Alibunar wind farm with a 42MW installed capacity in Serbia, developed by Elicio.

**EBRD, KFW IPEX-Bank and Euler Hermes** on the financing of the 72MW Kmoovo wind farm in Montenegro, developed by Akuo Energy.

**W.A.G payment solutions plc** (a leading pan-European integrated payments & mobility platform focused on the Commercial Road Transportation industry) on its acquisition of substantially all of the assets of WebEye Telematics, a leading fleet management solution provider in Central and Eastern Europe based in Budapest.

“They are very supportive, providing us with solutions on all specific aspects. The quality is very high, and the feedback is perfect.”

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“One client says: ‘Allen & Overy has advised us for several years with various legal matters and we have always been satisfied with the provided services. The team knows some of the internal specifics of our group and therefore the cooperation is often easier and effective’.”

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