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Our sector expertise

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- 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

The arrangers on the EUR1.15bn financing of the CME acquisition by PPF Group N.V. CME has TV operations in Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia.

Alpiq AG as Czech transaction counsel on its EUR280m disposal of a 100% shareholding in Alpiq Generation (CZ), which operates two Czech coal-fired power plants, Kladno and Zlín, to Sev.en Energy Group.

MUFG Securities EMEA pls on the EUR175m EGAP-insured financing for the development, construction, and operation of the Alpaslan II dam and hydro power plant in Turkey by the Czech-based hydroelectricity group ENERGO-PRO.

A consortium of investors managed by Macquarie Infrastructure and Real Assets on its EUR1.8bn acquisition of a 50.04% stake in the primary Czech gas distribution system operator Innogy Grid Holding (IGH) from RWE, making the consortium the sole owner of IGH.


Asahi Group Holdings on its EUR7.3bn acquisition of the former SABMiller businesses and operations in the Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia, Hungary and Romania from AB InBev.

Hungary

A Chance for Children Foundation and 62 Roma children on their moral damages claim against the municipality and school in Gyöngyösápa, East Hungary, on account of school segregation.

Raiffeisen Energy on the sale of its windpark in Hungary.

Aegon Lakástakarékpénztár on the sale of its home savings product portfolio.

MOL on its inaugural Growth Bond (NKP) issue.

The International Investment Bank in connection with the private placement and listing of its notes on the Budapest Stock Exchange.

Bank of China in connection with the listing of its structured notes on the Budapest Stock Exchange.

Poland

Banco Santander and its Polish subsidiary Santander Bank Polska on its acquisition of Deutsche Bank Polska’s retail business.

Innova Capital on the acquisition of a 33.74% stake in Oshee Polska, a market leader in functional beverages and dietary products in Poland and the subsequent acquisition of Sonko, a rice and rice waffle producer.

Generali CEE Holding on obtaining the European Commission’s clearance related to the acquisition of Adriatic Slovenica, zavarovalna družba, d.d., a leading company in non-life and life insurance and asset management businesses in Slovenia and Croatia. The case involved several affected markets.

Atrium European Real Estate on refinancing for the acquisition of the Wars Sawa Junior department store complex in the Warsaw city centre, provided by Helaba.

ING Bank Hipoteczny on the establishment of the issue of a EUR5bn mortgage covered bonds programme and the inaugural issue of PLN400m green mortgage bonds.

Santander Bank Polska, mBank and Bank Gospodarstwa Krajowego on the financing of Suntago Water World, the largest tropical-themed water park in Poland and Europe.

Slovakia

Prima banka Slovensko on the establishment of a EUR1.15bn covered bonds issuance programme and on the inaugural covered bond issuance of EUR500m, rated Aaa and listed on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange (the first bond deal by any bank in CEE priced with a negative yield).

Slovenské elektráreň on the extension and renegotiation of their loan portfolio of EUR2.9bn.

Všeobecná úverová banka on the sale of its real estate portfolio consisting of more than 300 properties across Slovakia.

W.A.G. payment solutions on the acquisition of a majority interest in Sygic, a.s., a leading provider of mobile-app-based navigation.
Regional experience

**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.

**UAB LITGAS** on a five-year deal with Norway’s Statoil to import natural gas through the country’s new LNG terminal at Klaipeda LITgas on the sale and purchase agreement with Statoil.

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

**Blue Sea Capital** on its disposal of 55% shareholding in MediGroup, a leading private healthcare provider in Serbia with 13 facilities across key cities, providing inpatient, outpatient, lab, IVF, ophthalmology and cosmetology services, to Mid Europa Partners.

**The global coordinators** on the up to EUR3.025bn leveraged financing for the acquisition of Telenor’s telecommunications assets in the CEE and SEE region by PPF Group.

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