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We have become true partners to our clients. Our technical expertise and in-depth understanding of sector issues allow us to offer our clients a comprehensive service meeting all their needs.

At Allen & Overy, our pragmatic and innovative approach to each case draws on our technical expertise and in-depth knowledge of our clients’ market and business sectors. Our hard work and values have made us leaders in the field for more than 20 years.

More than just global advisors in business and finance law, we have become strategic partners to our clients. We support them in day-to-day matters and contribute to the high points of their development, be they large French or international businesses, new innovative companies, banking and financial institutions, stock market businesses, or public institutions.

Our mission is to understand, advise, and support our clients wherever they operate.
Our Paris office

At Allen & Overy, we strive for excellence and efficiency in every case.

We offer our clients:

– Multi-disciplinary and cross-functional approaches
– A dynamic international network
– Integration and synergy across practice groups and offices
– Quality, reliability and transparency
– Innovation, open-mindedness and flexibility
– Personalised and proactive service
– Ethics and a personal touch

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Practice areas

Banking and Finance
- Asset finance
- Acquisition finance
- Project finance
- Structured finance
- Financing of public offers
- Restructuring and insolvency
- PPP/PFI
- Real estate finance
- Syndicated loans
- Securitisation, covered bonds, and factoring
- Export finance
- Trade and commodity finance
- Leveraged finance

Mergers and Acquisitions
- Acquisitions and disposals
- Securities law
- Private equity
- Initial public offerings
- Joint ventures
- Privatisation
- Reorganisations
- Litigation
- Equity Capital Markets

Competition and European law
- State aid
- Merger control
- Commercial litigation related to regulatory and/or competition litigation
- Antitrust practices (cartels, abuse of dominant position)
- Distribution law

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Our lawyers advise our clients in all areas of business and finance law and have a perfect command of the issues facing their business sectors. They are excellent practitioners of law who constantly keep up with the latest developments and verse themselves in the most complex domestic and international operations. Consequently, they develop a creative and innovative approach to the projects entrusted to them.
In Paris, our teams practise French, English, European, and U.S. law on a daily basis and coordinate on transactions that involve several areas of expertise. When necessary, we seek the involvement of specialists throughout our international network.
Innovation and Digital

- IT transactions
- Outsourcing (ITO and BPO)
- Data protection and privacy
- e-commerce and internet
- Media
- IT and data security
- Commercial transactions (cooperation agreements, technology related agreements, services agreements)

Dispute Resolution

**Domestic and international litigation:**

- Banking and financial market litigation
- Corporate litigation: M&A, representations and warranties, directors’ and officers’ liability and shareholders’ agreements
- Insurance, industrial risks and product liability with a strong focus on aviation
- General commercial litigation (contractual disputes, insolvency related disputes, transportation, etc.)
- Commercial disputes in all courts of French-speaking African countries

**International arbitration:**

- Institutional and ad hoc [arbitration]
- Commercial and investor-state [arbitration]
- Across all sectors, markets and industries
- In jurisdictions across the world, and under both common and civil law systems

White-collar crime and regulatory litigation

- Market abuse: insider misconduct and insider trading, misleading financial information, market manipulation (AMF, criminal courts)
- Proceedings before the French regulators (AMF, ACPR)
- Embezzlement of corporate assets, fraud, forgery
- Corruption, anti-corruption legislation (influence-peddling, favouritism, unlawful taking of interest)
- Money laundering
- Tax evasion
- Embargoes and sanctions
- Involuntary manslaughter and unintentional injury (industrial, air disasters)
- Internal investigations and compliance
- ECHR proceedings
- Criminal disputes in all courts of French-speaking African countries
Experience highlights

Banking and Finance
We acted for Citibank, N.A. and Deutsche Bank AG as mandated lead arrangers, Citibank Europe plc, UK Branch as facility agent, and Citibank, N.A., London Branch as offshore accounts bank on the World Bank-guaranteed Gas Supply Security Facility for Naftogaz, the state energy company of Ukraine, in the euro equivalent of USD500 million.

Project Finance
We advised the Sponsor and Project Company on the negotiation of an implementation agreement with the Government of Georgia, a power purchase agreement with ESCO (Georgia’s electricity system operator), the EPC contract with Salini Impregilo, the equity documents with Partnership Fund (owned by the Government of Georgia), the debt documentation with the lead development financial institutions (ADB, AIIB, EIB, EBRD and K-Sure) in relation to the development, construction and financing of the 280MW Nenskra Hydro Power Project on the Nenskra river in Upper Svaneti, Georgia.

We advised Areva SA in relation to the transfer of its nuclear fuel-cycle business (Mines, Upstream and Downstream activities) and its bond debt to Orano, as well as in relation to the capital increase of Orano subscribed for by the French State, Mitsubishi Heavy Industries and Japan Nuclear Fuel Limited.
Mergers and Acquisitions, Employment and Benefits, Competition

We advised Total on the acquisition from Engie of its portfolio of upstream liquefied natural gas (LNG) assets for an overall enterprise value of USD1.49 billion. Additional payments of up to USD550m could be payable by Total in case of an improvement in the oil markets in the coming years. This portfolio includes participating interests in liquefaction plants, notably the interest in the Cameron LNG project in the U.S., long-term LNG sales and purchase agreements, an LNG tanker fleet, as well as access to regasification capacities in Europe.

Litigation

We advised HSBC Private Bank (Suisse) SA on the criminal proceedings that saw the Swiss bank negotiate with the National Financial Prosecutor’s Office (parquet national financier), the first French style deferred prosecution agreement (Convention Judiciaire d’Intérêt Public) (CJIP) to be blessed by a French Court.

Intellectual Property

We successfully represented Vemedia Consumer Health Belgium before the Paris Court of Appeal in a trademark dispute involving the Oenobiol brand.

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Vemedia Consumer Health Belgium
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International Capital Markets, Tax

We advised the Joint Lead Managers (BNP Paribas, Citigroup, Barclays, Crédit Agricole CIB, Deutsche Bank and Natixis) on SCOR's inaugural issue of perpetual fixed-rate resettable restricted Tier 1 notes for an amount of USD650m. This issue of deeply subordinated notes, intended to qualify as Tier 1 own funds for regulatory capital purposes, is the first of its kind in France under the Solvency II Directive. The notes are admitted to trading on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange's regulated market.

Intellectual Property, Life Sciences

We successfully represented Merck Sharpe & Dohme in one of the first patent disputes involving antibodies in France.

Real Estate, Tax, Public Law

We advised Ivanhoé Cambridge, a real estate subsidiary of the Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec, on the signing with Natixis of leases covering 100% of the 90,000sq m of office space designed by Jean Nouvel at the DUO towers in Paris.
Mergers and Acquisitions, Regulatory, Competition, Employment and Benefits, Tax

We advised Société Générale on the conclusion of an agreement with Commerzbank, a leading European manufacturer, distributor and market maker of structured and flow products as well as asset management solutions, for the acquisition of its Equity Markets and Commodities activities. The transaction includes Commerzbank’s Investment Products, Flow Products, and Asset Management businesses worldwide, including associated market making, sales and structuring capabilities.
Each sector group is made up of experts from various practice groups and geographic areas. The specialised and complementary skills they offer are reinforced by a strong and comprehensive knowledge of our clients’ markets and business needs.
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