“Outstanding practice, with a strong track record for acting on an impressive array of mandates, including syndicated finance, acquisition finance, project finance and debt capital markets.

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Our Banking and Finance practice

With over 921 lawyers worldwide including 53 lawyers in CEE, we have one of the largest and most international teams of banking lawyers of any law firm both globally and in the region.

With such a deep team and global reach, international, regional and industry-leading ‘first-of-a-kind’ transactions are our hallmark. We have been instrumental in nearly all major developments in the modern financial markets. We are known globally as well as in CEE for ground-breaking deal structures that can eventually lead to new market standards.

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A market-leading practice

- First covered bonds programme
- First regional LNG project
- Ranked #1 in EMEA for deal volume for the seventh successive year (Thomson Reuters’ and Bloomberg’s syndicated loans league tables)
- Ranked #1 for EMEA syndicated lending in 2017 (Thomson Reuters’ and Bloomberg’s league tables)
- Tier 1 Banking & Finance Practice in CEE (Chambers Europe 2018 – Central & Eastern Europe)
- Tier 1 Law Firm in CEE (Legal 500 EMEA)
- European Waste Deal of the Year
### Our Banking Practice

Our banking practice is made up of eight principal product lines. These are:

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Experience highlights

**SLOVAKIA**


ING Bank on the informal and formal restructuring of Doprastav, a leading construction company. This was one of the biggest restructuring projects in Slovakia in 2015.

GemCorp Capital as part of a group of private debt funds in structuring, negotiating and documenting a complex financing for an energy group active in South Eastern Europe. The financing forms the basis for an upcoming secured note issuance.

A&D Pharma Group on the re-financing of their existing bank credit facilities valued at up to approximately EUR127m, the financing being provided by a club of banks consisting of UniCredit Triac Bank and BRD – Groupe Société Générale.

Komerční banka as a lead arranger of a group of banks on the EUR250m general corporate purpose financing of Nafta.

UniCredit Bank Austria AG on financing for W.P. Carey on their sale & leaseback with FM Logistics in three CEE jurisdictions.

**POLAND**

Bank Zachodni WBK as the agent, and, Bank Gospodarstwa Krajowego, HSBC Polska, HSBC plc, Credit Agricole, EBRD, Société Générale Polska and Société Générale Frankfurt Branch as the lenders on a PLN1.42 billion credit facility for TELEFONIKA Kable to finance the acquisition of JDR Cable Systems (Holdings) Limited.

Polski Fundusz Rozwoju, Bank Gospodarstwa Krajowego and the European Investment Bank on financing for the construction of a 3.7 kilometre stretch of the Łagiewnicka Route, known as the Third Kraków Bypass.

Energa on issue of EUR500m subordinated notes subscribed for by the European Investment Bank. The notes were issued as part of the European Fund for Strategic Investment Programme and the funding will be used to modernise and extend Energa’s electricity distribution network infrastructure throughout Poland.

Goldman Sachs on financing Pradera’s acquisition of Ikea shopping centres portfolio in Poland, Germany and France.

**CZECH REPUBLIC**

Fortuna Entertainment Group on the financing for an acquisition of a 100% shares in Hatrick Sports Group, an Irish holding company for sports betting and gaming operators in Croatia and Romania.

Czech Export Bank on the pre-export financing provided to AERO VODOCHODY AEROSPACE, the largest aerospace company in the Czech Republic, for development and production of a new-generation training aircraft, the Aero L-39NG.

BRD – Groupe Société Générale and Komercni banka on the financing provided to CT Park Gamma S.R.L., for the development of two industrial buildings in the proximity of Bucharest, Romania.

IFC on financing for the 42MW Albanar wind farm project in Serbia.

Cromwell Property Group owner of Galerie Butovice s.r.o., as borrower in connection with refinancing of its existing indebtedness and major extension of the existing shopping centre located in Prague 5, Czech Republic.
UniCredit Bank Austria AG
UniCredit Sp.A. (Italy) and UniCredit Bank Czech Republic and Slovakia on the EUR220m financing of the minority participation of Italian Gaming Holding, a Czech SPV controlled by KKCG AG through SAZKA GROUP and Emma Capital, in LOTTO ITALIA, an Italian based vehicle that won the bid for the renewal of the Italian Lotto concession.

CGN Holdings and CGN Holdings 2 investment vehicles owned by part of a consortium of funds led by Macquarie Infrastructure and Real Assets, on a CZK9.1bn refinancing. CGN Holdings and CGN Holdings 2 together own a 49.96% share of RWE Grid Holding, the operator of the largest natural gas distribution network in the Czech Republic, covering more than 80% of the Czech gas distribution market.

A consortium led by Magyar Takarékbank in extending a forint credit facility to Kárentezézi Alap (the Indemnification Fund) to provide external financing for the repayment of a bridge loan provided by the National Bank of Hungary. The Indemnification Fund is a statutory organisation established by the Hungarian state for the purposes of indemnifying Hungarian retail investors of a closed group of insolvent Hungarian investment firms.

A syndicate of banks with regard to the Hungarian aspects of the complex global restructuring of the financing structure of Seadrill group, one of the biggest operators of sea drilling vessels and rigs.

Romania

A syndicate of banks led by Raiffeisen Bank International AG in the context of the extension and certain amendments put in place in relation to Alro financing arrangements of USD167m.

EBRD on a USD60m secured financing to SNTGN Transgaz SA Medias, the national gas transmission grid operator, to finance the construction of Phase 1 of the Bulgaria-Romania-Hungary-Austria pipeline/corridor (BRUA project).

BRD – Groupe Société Générale S.A. and Komerční banka, a.s. on a EUR47.6m financing for CTPark Gamma S.R.L., part of CTP Group, one of the most active investors in industrial and logistics spaces in Romania.

A&D Pharma Group on the EUR57m extension of their existing bank credit facilities, the financing being provided by a club of banks comprised of UniCredit Tiriac Bank S.A. and BRD – Groupe Société Générale S.A. and related security package.

Hungary

AEGON Group with respect to the refinancing of its Hungarian mortgage lender subsidiary’s intra-group debt relating to the management of its entire retail mortgage loan portfolio. The purpose of this unique transaction was to substitute various intra-group loan arrangements with external financing while ensuring the on-going operation of the company.

Raiffeisen Bank International AG and Raiffeisen Bank SA (Romania) on a financing of up to EUR49.4m granted to a Romanian subsidiary of CTP Group for the development of a logistic park near Bucharest, Romania.

Canada Pension Plan Investment Board and funds managed by Cairn Capital on the EUR180m secured bond financing agreement of Globalworth Real Estate Investments Ltd.

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Unicredit and Banca IMI on the financing of a solar plant located at Slobozia, Giurgiu, Romania sponsored by Samsung.

IFC, OPIC and UniCredit Bank Austria on a project financing for the 60.4 Mega Watt photovoltaic solar project in Bulgaria, sponsored by SunEdison

Syndicate of banks made up of EBRD and Erste Group Bank, Banca Comerciala Romana and Eksport Kredit Fondlen on the EUR125m project financing extended to Crucea Wind Farm, the Romanian subsidiary of STEAG, a leading German power producer, to finance the construction and operation of the 108MW Crucea North wind farm located in Dobrogea, Romania.

EBRD and KfW IPEX-Bank on the financing of the construction and development of the 72MW Krnovo wind farm in Montenegro sponsored by Akuo Energy.

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