

BANKING & FINANCE

As lender or as borrower, you need a team to support you with innovative and efficient solutions, and which has regulatory, litigation, restructuring and other specialists who can help you adapt to changing economic, political and regulatory conditions.

With recent developments focusing on financial regulatory issues, you need advice not only on compliance, but also **assistance in developing internal policies and procedures that are consistent with banking laws and regulations to help you avoid unnecessary risk**. You benefit from our team's excellent relationships with local regulators and government officials.

AREAS OF SPECIALISATION

Financing

Whether you are a project sponsor, developer, commercial bank, underwriter, debt or equity investor, supplier, export-credit agency, government, contractor, purchaser or lender, you need advice on financing sector developments. You can rely on our experts in acquisition, real estate and project finance to quickly and efficiently help turn ideas into reality.

Project Finance

Each project calls for a customised financing solution. We can help you look into anything from traditional LMA acquisition and project finance structures, to different forms of structured finance and debt restructuring techniques such as project bonds, monetisation of revenue streams, securitisations, and derivatives products.

Real Estate Finance

We make it our business to understand yours. Domestic and foreign banks as well as project development companies and their sponsors regularly turn to us for advice in real estate project financing. We can help you with financial engineering, examining the regulatory environment behind the granting or receipt of a credit or loan, as well as drafting and negotiating financing agreements and related security packages.

Loan Portfolio Transactions

Involved in a (distressed or non-distressed) loan transfer? You are on the safe side with us. No matter if you are on sell-side or buy-side, you benefit from our lawyers' expertise in loan portfolio transactions throughout the CEE/SEE region. The

distressed debt market shows increased activity and potential for financial investors and banks recovering from low credit ratings and poor profitability performance. Our NPL dedicated team is available to advise you under English and on local law using LMA standards.

Deleveraging, Restructuring, Insolvency

When facing deleveraging, sensitive bankruptcy filings and restructurings issues, it is essential to minimise future legal challenges, potential liability hazards and risks of being preferential or set aside under avoidance rules. You can rely on us to advise you on turnarounds, asset protection and recovery from a commercial perspective as well as in relation to banking, corporate and litigation laws.

Regulatory of the Financial Industry

We support you on all regulatory issues related to the establishment, licensing and operation of branches, subsidiaries and services on a local and cross-border basis, including capital and liquidity regulations such as Basel III and Basel IV.

Financial Services Litigation

We represent lenders and borrowers in investigations and court proceedings including consumer mass litigation on the defendants' side. As financial institution or as service provider, you benefit from the close cooperation with our litigation experts, both as plaintiffs and defendants. Opponent abroad? No problem: Our team routinely handles highly complex cross-border financial litigation cases.



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One impressed interviewee confirms Wolf Theiss's top position in the market, stating: "They have a high degree of professionalism. In negotiations they are so knowledgeable and are often lecturing the other side. They are just better than others."

Another client admires the "straightforward and direct" approach of the team and further underlines its reach across the CEE region.

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