

schönherr banking, finance & cm

a short overview of schoenherr's banking, finance & cm practice

schoenherr attorneys at law

schoenherr is a leading full service law firm in Central Europe. Operating in a rapidly evolving environment, we are a dynamic and innovative firm with an effective blend of experienced lawyers and young talent. As one of the first international law firms to move into CEE/SEE, we have grown to be one of the largest firms in the region. With 12 offices and several country desks, our comprehensive coverage of the region means we can offer solutions that perfectly fit the given industry, jurisdiction and company.

team banking, finance & cm

schoenherr advises on general banking, finance (including project and acquisition finance), debt restructurings and re-financings, equity (including equity linked), hybrid & debt capital markets transactions, funds and other financial services. Our services focus on transactional and regulatory advice. Our lawyers act for major international banks, banks active in the region, other financial institutions (insurance companies, funds and asset managers, for example) and corporates (as issuers, borrowers and sponsors). schoenherr's banking and finance practice has received the top (Band 1) ranking from Chambers Global 2010.

finance

We have a proven record in respect of many different types of facilities (including syndicated lending) for a variety of purposes (e.g. private acquisitions of equity or assets, public takeovers, project finance, property development but also investment grade corporate lending). Having advised (arranging) lenders, (public and private sector) borrowers as well as sponsors (including private equity funds) on a broad spectrum of financing transactions for many years, the group is particularly suited to handle innovative cross-border structures.

debt-restructuring

We advise the full range of creditors who may be involved when a business is in financial difficulties, including ad hoc constituted groups of lenders, agents to syndicated lending groups, trustees on behalf of bondholders, international financial institutions, individual lenders, insolvency practitioners and financial advisors on a wide variety of restructurings related to secured and unsecured debt, re-financings in distressed situations, the taking of security and related claw-back issues, and inter-creditor as well as security pooling arrangements. Also, we have extensive experience in advising (corporate) debtors in relation to a variety of debt restructurings including re-financings and recapitalisations, restructurings of distressed credit facilities, standstill agreements, debt buy-backs, debt-for-debt and debt-for-equity swaps, exchange offers for outstanding bonds and other forms of de-leveraging. If required, we can call upon experts from other departments, such as dispute resolution, insolvency or tax, to deliver solutions that meet our clients' needs in distressed situations.

capital markets

schoenherr is among the leading law firms in the capital markets field combining many years of legal practice in debt (investment grade and high yield) and equity (including equity linked and hybrid) capital markets work for corporate issuers and investment banks with commercial and financial appreciation. The team also regularly advises on capital markets regulatory, corporate governance and compliance issues (such as shareholder disclosure, insider and *ad hoc* obligations, regular publicity obligations as well as takeover law).

derivatives, securitisation & structured finance

Being counsel to a number of industry organisations, amongst them ISDA, British Banker's Association and Bundesverband

Deutscher Banken e.V., the team can draw on a breadth of experience and expertise in the area of derivatives. We are consistently involved in derivatives transactions with Austrian and CEE counterparties. The team also advises on structured finance transactions including securitisations (true sale and synthetic) of various types of asset classes, CDOs, CLOs and other forms of re-packaged debt as well as covered bonds transactions. Being among the first and leading law firms in Austria to render advice on securitisation transactions, including regulatory transactions, schoenherr has pioneered a number of new structures in that particular area.

financial services and regulatory

The firm further advises domestic and international banking and other financial services sector clients (such as credit institutions, insurance companies, investment firms and asset managers) on the full range of regulatory aspects of their business, with particularly broad experience in banking and insurance regulation as well as regulation applicable to securities firms and funds. The scope of advice includes transactional advice, stand alone regulatory work and representation of clients towards the regulators.

services

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