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Schoenherr is a leading full-service law firm in Central and Eastern Europe. About 300 professionals service national and international clients from our offices in Austria, Belgium/EU, and throughout the entire CEE region. 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, we have grown to be one of the largest firms in the region. Our offices and country desks provide comprehensive coverage of CEE, allowing us to offer solutions that perfectly fit the given industry, jurisdiction and company.

team banking, finance & capital markets

Schoenherr advises on banking, finance (including project and acquisition finance), debt restructuring and refinancing, acquisition and disposition of distressed assets and loan portfolios, claims trading, capital market transactions involving equity (including equity linked and hybrid), debt (including high yield) and regulatory capital issuances, funds, derivatives, structured finance, securitisation, and other financial services. We provide transactional and regulatory advice. In addition, we support our financial services clients in their litigation and dispute resolution needs, from high-profile disputes and major investigations, to reputational risk management and compliance issues. Our lawyers act for major international and regional banks, other financial institutions (insurance companies, funds and asset managers), corporates (issuers, borrowers and sponsors), sovereigns and quasi-sovereigns. Chambers (2018), IFLR1000 (2018), Legal 500 (2018) and Germany's JUVE (2018) have all ranked Schoenherr's banking and finance practice as top tier.

finance

We have a proven track record in respect of many types of facilities (including syndicated lending) for a variety of purposes, eg bridge and/or super senior financing in the context of restructurings, financing for private acquisitions of equity or assets, financing for public takeovers, project finance (in particular energy and infrastructure), property development financing, 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 well 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 difficulty, including ad hoc constituted groups of creditors, 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. Also, we have extensive experience in advising (corporate) debtors in relation to debt restructurings, refinancings and recapitalisations, debt buy-backs, debt-for-debt and debt-for-equity swaps, exchange offers, and other forms of deleveraging.

capital markets

Schoenherr is among the leading law firms in the capital markets field, combining many years of legal practice in debt (including high yield), equity (including equity linked and hybrid) and regulatory capital issuances with commercial and financial appreciation. We advise corporate issuers, investment banks and regulated entities on the full spectrum of capital markets transactions, including IPOs, SPOs, secured and unsecured debt issuances (standalone and programs), high yield, regulatory and hybrid capital structures, covered bonds and liability management. The team also regularly advises on sovereign debt issuances, capital markets regulatory, corporate governance and compliance issues (such as shareholder disclosure, insider and ad hoc obligations, transparency obligations, as well as takeover law).



We're happy with them. They're very good – very impressive, extremely responsive and very diligent. They give well thought through commercial advice.

Client, Chambers Europe

services

- general banking
- finance (including acquisition and project finance)
- debt restructuring and refinancing
- acquisition and disposition of distressed and/or non-core bank assets and loan portfolios
- special situations investment and claims trading
- debt, hybrid and equity/equity-linked capital markets including regulatory capital and liability management transactions
- derivatives, structured finance and securitisation
- funds and asset management
- financial services regulatory
- banking, financial services and derivatives litigation

awards

2019 mergermarket european m&a awards
austrian legal adviser of the year

2019 chambers europe awards
austrian m&a firm of the year

2018 cee legal matters
deal of the year in austria,
bulgaria and montenegro

2018 mergermarket european m&a awards
austrian legal adviser of the year

2017 cee legal matters
deal of the year in austria

2017 mergermarket european m&a awards
austrian legal adviser of the year

2017 iflr european awards
austrian law firm of the year

2017 iflr european awards
restructuring deal of the year:
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derivatives and structured finance

Being counsel to a number of industry organisations, amongst them ISDA, FIA Europe, British Banker's Association, Bundesverband Deutscher Banken e.V. and the Austrian Economic Chambers (WKO), the team draws 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, and other forms of re-packaged debt, where we have pioneered a number of new structures, as well as covered bonds transactions.

loan sales, portfolios and special situations

Drawing upon market leading securitisation, structured finance and m&a expertise and technology when providing regulatory solutions and advising in relation to transactions in loan assets (non-core as well as non-performing portfolios and single assets), and other forms of special situations investment, our team has established itself as one of the leading practices in CEE/SEE in this rapidly evolving product area.

consolidation in financial services industry

Joining forces with Schoenherr's market leading m&a group, the team has built an unparalleled track record of advising on headline transactions in the financial services sector in Austria and the wider CEE/SEE region. Moreover, we have advised (mostly selling institutions) on a significant number of transactions in performing and non-performing bank assets and portfolios.

financial services and regulatory

The firm advises domestic and international banking and insurance clients on the full range of regulatory aspects of their business, with particular focus on capital, liquidity and balance sheet structuring solutions. Schoenherr also covers securities and investment fund regulation. The scope of advice includes transactional advice, standalone regulatory work, and representation of clients in relation to regulators.

financial services and derivatives litigation


Disputes involving derivatives and structured financial products have evolved as a demanding field in our litigation practice that requires both experience in handling complex court proceedings, as well as an in-depth understanding of the financial products in dispute. Schoenherr represents financial institutions/banking clients in major court cases involving complex financial products, including in particular, disputes arising from derivatives. Due to our in-depth legal expertise and know-how regarding the underlying financial products, we can move quickly to assess potential risks and efficiently build our clients' cases in a dynamically evolving legal environment, thus laying the foundation for successful litigation.


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