

## Overview

Banking and finance is at the heart of every economy, providing the means to help businesses expand and investors grow. Dentons' Banking and Finance team operates at the industry's forefront, working with innovative finance products across the world.

Our integrated global team of Banking and Finance lawyers and professionals offers an expansive breadth of insight, helping our clients to structure and document transactions that help to provide financing to virtually every industry. Since Dentons represents both finance providers and users, you benefit from counsel that understands the needs and wants of each party. Whether yours is a domestic bank in Hong Kong, a government development bank in Moscow, or banks in several other locations, our team understands you.

Dentons' extensive, deep sector-specific experience also ensures you're working with a team that's fluent in your language and understands the local market. In fact, emerging jurisdictions often engage Dentons to assist in the development of banking and finance legislative frameworks. The following represents just a small part of our focus:

- Acquisition finance
- Asset-based lending
- Asset finance
- Bank formation
- Bilateral and syndicated lending
- Debt capital markets
- Financial institutions regulation
- Fund finance
- Private placements
- Project finance
- Real estate finance
- Trade finance
- Consumer finance

Areas of focus include:

- Banking
- Banking Regulation
- Finance
- Financial Institutions Regulatory
- Private Equity

# Representative Experience

- **Multinational financial institution:** Dentons and Nextlaw In-House Solutions, including a team of former GCs, supported the board and audit committee in their oversight of regulatory compliance programs to fulfill prudential regulator expectations. The client's audit committee praised our team for the novelty and substantive value of our methodology and findings, which surpassed the capabilities of traditional strategic consultancies while also offering the protection of attorney-client privilege. Our report was provided to and comprehensively reviewed by the regulator. [www.nextlawinhouse.com](http://www.nextlawinhouse.com)
- **AirAsia Berhad:** Advising the airline on the ECA supported financing of up to 18 Airbus A320 aircraft. The transaction has involved leasing aircraft into Malaysia, as well as Japan, Indonesia and Thailand, where other operators in the AirAsia family are based. The transaction will also involve leasing aircraft into the Philippines during the course of 2013.
- **Bouygues Bâtiment Ile-de-France:** Representing Société Générale, BBVA, SMBC, HSBC France, BTMU, BayernLB and Nord/LB as lenders to a consortium composed of Bouygues Bâtiment Ile-de-France, EXPRIMM, DIF and Uberior Infrastructure in connection with the €600 million public-private partnership financing of the construction and maintenance of the future Paris Courthouse.
- **China Development Bank:** Advising on a CA\$352 million secured credit facility to Canadian Royalties Inc., a subsidiary of Jilin Jien Nickel Industry Co. Bank.
- **Club of lenders:** Advising a club of lenders in relation to an up to \$250 million syndicated borrowing base facility to a large international trading company to finance storage and distribution of petroleum products in Latin America. The firm has been frequently advising on various borrowing base financings to commodity traders as this form of financing has been gaining popularity in the past few years.
- **Continental AG:** Representing on senior secured notes issuance by a US subsidiary having an aggregate value of US\$950 million in the Czech Republic, Hungary, Germany, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Spain.
- **Confidential Client:** Counsel to the lenders in a CAN\$1.5 billion amended and restated senior credit facility related to Element Financial Corporation's acquisition of PHH Arval, PHH Corporation's North American fleet management services business.
- **Eurohypo AG:** Representing two syndicates of international banks, led by Eurohypo AG as the Facility Agent, in the extension of over €700 million to a major Polish developer-investor for the financing of a portfolio of 28 shopping centres located throughout Poland.
- **European-based IFI:** Representing in connection with its €400 million "Turkey Agribusiness SME Financing Facility."
- **FirstRand Bank Limited:** Acting in connection with the establishment and annual updates of, and note issues under, its US\$1.5 billion EMTN Programme. Again these transactions demonstrate our proven track-record of acting for DCM financial institution issuers.
- **JPMorgan Chase:** Advising as administrative agent on a CA\$800 million five-year revolving credit facility for Lionsgate Entertainment Corporation. This is one of the largest revolving credit facilities raised by an entertainment company in more than a decade. The new facility replaces Lionsgate's previous CA\$340 million revolving credit facility.
- **Keybank:** Advising on a \$60 million Build America Bond transaction for the Navajo Nation, the first large scale loan to be governed solely by tribal law and tribal courts. This transaction was awarded the "Deal of the Year" award in 2011 by the Native American Finance Officers Association.
- **LKQ Corporation:** Acting as Canadian counsel on the amendment the senior secured credit facility that increased the aggregate amount available to US\$1.8 billion as well as its US\$600 million bond issuance. LKQ Corporation is a leading provider of alternate vehicle collision replacement products and recycled transmissions and remanufactured engines with operations in the US, the UK, the Benelux, France, Canada, Mexico and Central America. Wells Fargo Bank, National Association acted as Administrative Agent for the credit facility, which is structured as a US\$1.35 billion revolving loan and US\$450 million term loan availability. Bank of America Merrill Lynch, Wells Fargo Securities, RBS, and Mitsubishi UFJ Securities acted as joint book-running managers and the co-managers of the public debt (bond) offering of US\$600 million aggregate principal amount of 4.75% senior notes, due in 2023.
- **Mashreqbank leading a syndicate of local banks:** Acting on a \$1.5 billion facilities agreement (including a parallel bridge facility) to support the construction of the midfield terminal of Abu Dhabi International Airport. The facilities agreement was documented with a conventional and Shariah compliant Islamic tranche.

- **Mercuria Energy Group, Ltd.:** Advising one of the largest integrated energy and commodity trading companies in the world on its US\$1.35 billion syndicated credit facility, a portion of which was used in connection with the acquisition of JPMorgan's global physical commodities trading business.
- **National Bank of Canada:** Advising the lender in connection with a CA\$77 million project financing of BluEarth Renewables Inc.'s 15 megawatt Culliton Creek Hydro Project, a run of river hydro plant located near Squamish, BC.
- **Bank of Montreal:** Counsel to the administrative agent to a lending syndicate in the completion of a multi-jurisdictional US\$150 million senior secured facility used by Optimal Payments Plc to finance the acquisition of all of the partnership interests of California-based payment processing entity TK Global Partners LP (doing business as 'Meritus Payment Solutions') as well as the assets of Global Merchant Advisors, Inc., a California-based online payments company. Optimal Payments is a global provider of online and mobile payment processing services in over 200 countries and territories with over 100 types of payment and multi-currency options.
- **Qatar International Islamic Bank:** Acting in connection with its successful debut US\$700 million sukuk issue. The transaction represents QIIB's first international debt capital markets issuance. We successfully applied our debt capital market and Islamic finance expertise, as well as our specific local knowledge to help QIIB as a first-time issuer, which has strengthened QIIB's prominence throughout the Middle East region and beyond. This significant deal demonstrates our capability to work effectively across various offices in our network.
- **Shaw Communications Inc.:** Advising this leading Canadian telecommunications provider on a US\$480 million cross-border credit facility comprised of a US\$395 million term loan and US\$85 million revolving credit facility for ViaWest, Inc., Shaw's wholly-owned US provider of colocation, cloud, and managed services in North America. This was a multi-stage refinancing funded entirely by US lenders.
- **Standard Chartered Bank :** Representing in \$221 million and €392.5 million dual currency syndicated term loan facility to Denizbank.

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