Overview

At the 2019 World Economic Forum in Davos, top CEOs and government officials said that their two main concerns were climate change and inequality, and expressed their commitment to curbing the risks associated with both. It is increasingly a global imperative to address the impacts of climate change while recognizing that economic opportunity is critical to growth – with private sector corporate leaders taking action where governments are slow to act. These decisions are driven in part by a rising interest amongst investors, shareholders and consumers on the need for sustainability as a priority – and a recognition that investment should aim at making a financial return while creating a positive change.

As a result, a growing number of leading global corporations, funds, asset managers and financial institutions have adopted Environmental, Social, and Governance ("ESG") metrics within their portfolios and in their risk management process.

To meet the demands of our clients, Dentons has assembled a Sustainable Investment Practice. Led by Elzbieta Lis, who has developed a track record of project management paired with a deep passion for our planet and social justice, the team offers deep subject matter expertise in all of the following areas:

Sustainable Finance

Sustainable financial instruments

- Green/ Blue Bonds, Green Project Finance, Green Securitization, Green Venture Capital & Private Equity, Pay-for-success instruments (incl. PPPs)

Sustainable fund structuring

- Green Fiscal Funds, Green/ Sustainable Investment Funds, Carbon Funds Insurance
- Green Insurance, Carbon Insurance

Sustainable Investment (deals)

- Sustainable/ ESG Due Diligence, and non-financial reporting according to CSR Directive
- Advice on investment strategy
- Acquisitions and JV for Private Equity Funds and High-Net-Worth individuals
- ESG work on investment guidelines and principles
- Corporate Advice: Corporate Governance policies and post-closing integration
- Sustainable compliance structures

Sustainable fund structuring
Sustainability is not a standalone issue and our Sustainable Investment team works in close cooperation with our Energy, Regulatory, M&A/Corporate, Tax, Banking & Finance, and Private Equity teams.

Our goal is to bring together the business and financial community, regulating authorities and all other market stakeholders with the principles, expertise and experience of Dentons’ Sustainable Investment team. Read more in our publication and contact Elżbieta Lis and/or Dina Lorentz to discuss.

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