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Overview

Joe is an associate in Dentons' London office and is a member of the Banking and Finance practice. He focuses on real estate finance, acquisition and leveraged finance, general corporate lending and international bilateral and syndicated lending, and acts for a mix of financial institutions, sponsors and other corporate borrowers. Joe has also been seconded to three major banking clients since he joined the Firm in 2012.

Experience

- **Cathay Investments Limited:** Advising on its €29 million senior financing with HSBC for its acquisitions of Lantor B.V., PNC Global Logistics Limited and The Original Poster Company Limited, which included cross-border advice in the Netherlands, Italy, Spain and Germany.
- **Coöperatieve Rabobank U.A. and a leading global bank:** Advising on its up to US\$90 million secured syndicated revolving credit facilities with Westfalia Fruit International.
- **Leading global bank:** Advising the documentary agent and a syndicate of banks on the US\$1 billion syndicated term loan facility for The Standard Bank of South Africa for general corporate purposes.
- **Fidelity Bank, Nigeria:** Acting in connection with an acquisition and working capital facilities agreement for Northwest Power Limited.
- **Arab Banking Corporation (B.S.C.):** Acting in connection with a US\$25 million term loan facility agreement for Burgan Bank A.Ş.
- **Leading international bank and Scottish Widows Limited:** Advising the lenders on their £92.5 million back-to-back financings of large property portfolios of real estate assets owned by companies owned by Civitas Social Housing PLC, the first real estate investment trust dedicated to investing exclusively into existing portfolios of built social homes in England and Wales.
- **Leading international bank:** Advising the bank in partnership with Scottish Widows Limited as lender on a c.£118 million real estate finance facility made available to a special purpose vehicle within the Lazari Investments group of companies.

- **Mizuho Bank and a syndicate of 33 banks:** Advising on a €650 million dual tranche dual currency term loan agreement for Finansbank A.Ş.
- **OakNorth Bank:** Advising on its £20 million term, capex and revolving credit facilities with Brasserie Bar Co Ltd, the Core Capital owned group behind restaurant and pub brands Brasserie Blanc and the White Brasserie Company.
- **Leading global bank:** Advising on a US\$1.2 billion dual currency syndicated term loan facility agreement for Akbank Türk Anonim Şirketi (Akbank).
- **Leading global bank:** Advising the agent on the US\$500 million loan facility agreement provided to African Export-Import Bank.
- **Leading global bank:** Advising on the US\$160 million dual tranche facility agreement provided to Brisa Bridgestone Sabancı Lastik Sanayi ve Ticaret A.Ş., one of Europe's top seven tire manufacturers. Its brands include Bridgestone, Lassa, Firestone, Dayton and Kinesis.

Recognition

In the Media

- "Dentons advises Scottish Widows on £86.1 million debt refinancing for Empiric Student Property" Dentons Press Release, December 2018
- "Dentons advises OakNorth on its £20 million refinancing of Brasserie Bar Co Ltd", Dentons Press Release, June 2017
- "Dentons advises Cathay Investments 2 Limited on its acquisitions of The Original Poster Company Limited and PNC Global Logistics Limited", Dentons Press Release, January 2017
- "Dentons advises Cathay Investments on the leveraged financing of its acquisition of Lantor", Dentons Press Release, January 2017

Activities and Affiliations

Community Involvement and Pro Bono

- **PopLaw:** Joe is an advisor for a pro bono legal advice clinic based in Poplar, East London.
- **Whitechapel Mission:** Joe is a volunteer for the charity.

Prior and Present Employment

- Associate, Dentons, London (2012 to date)
- Corporate Finance Analyst, Momentum Corporate Finance LLP, Bristol (2010 – 2012)

Areas of focus

Practices

- Banking and Finance

Education

- Bristol Law School, UWE Bristol, 2010, LPC, CPE/GDL
- University of Exeter, 2008, B.A. (History), (Hons)

Admissions and qualifications

- Solicitor, Senior Courts of England and Wales, 2014