Direct Lending: our experience



Responding to competitive tensions and regulatory challenges, the global lending market is constantly evolving. Direct lenders are becoming increasingly sophisticated and global in their outlook, taking a significant share of the market, either acting alone or together with banks.

What we do

We have been at the forefront of the direct lending market since it was established in Europe, advising on all stages of the lending lifecycle – from the structuring and establishment of direct lending funds, through to advising lenders and borrowers on financing transactions, including regulatory and tax aspects, and providing restructuring advice in the event that this is required.

Our lawyers have gained extensive technical knowledge and hands-on experience from working with lender clients on a large number of complex transactions around the world. As one of the leading firms in this area, we have a strong track record of advising on unitranche and other direct lending products and work with our clients to develop new and innovative structures.

Global reach

Lenders are increasingly diversifying their geographies. As a truly global practice with full service offerings located in the world's key financial hubs we are well placed to advise our clients whatever markets they operate in. Our international network means that we can cover large cross-border transactions and are familiar with the diverse regulatory landscape which governs lending transactions across jurisdictions.

Detailed market knowledge

We act for direct lending funds across many different lending markets including leveraged, real estate, infrastructure, trade and asset finance. We boast a vast range of sector expertise within our global network which gives us invaluable insight into the markets our clients are operating in.

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The 'commercial' and 'proactive' team at Hogan Lovells International LLP has significant visibility in the market on behalf traditional lenders, as well as in the rapidly maturing non-bank lending sector

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Representative experience:

- Ares Management on the financing of the acquisition of Wireless Logic Group by Montagu Private Equity
- **Barings** on its first ever Australian unitranche/super senior structured financing to The Riverside Company to acquire Energy Exemplar
- **MidCap Financial Trust** as administrative agent and sole lender on a term loan facility to an American pharmaceutical company
- **Cheyne Capital Management** in relation to the development finance facility made available by two Luxembourg funds managed by Cheyne to finance the development of two sites in Manchester
- **Tikehau Capital** on its investment into the capital of Filiassur and the related financing for the acquisition
- **Pemberton and Lloyds Bank** in connection with a Unitranche Facility and Super Senior Facility granted to Vitruvian Partners for the purposes of acquiring the Travel Counsellors' group

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