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## International Capital Markets

International Capital Markets is one of Gide Loyrette Nouel's core practice areas. With the ability to offer our clients a truly global service through a single integrated platform, our ICM Practice Group has emerged as one of the leading and most highly regarded cross-border capital markets practices amongst the major international law firms.

We advise on all types of public and private securities transactions and listings, including:

- equity and equity-linked products, such as initial public offerings, secondary offerings, block trades, rights offerings, convertible debts, warrants and certificates;
- debt financings, such as medium-term note and stand-alone bond issuances and U.S. and European commercial paper, as well as debt restructurings and liability management; and
- structured products, together with related derivative transactions, as well as high-yield bonds and hybrid capital securities issued by regulated and non-regulated entities.

Our multi-lingual team is able to serve the needs of our clients on a global basis by providing U.K., U.S., French, Hong Kong and local law advice through our international network of 19 offices, including a number of offices in emerging markets.

In particular, with respect to U.S. law, we handle all aspects of investment from and into the U.S., including registered public offerings and stock exchange listings, Rule 144A/Regulation S offerings, private placements, exempt transactions, depository receipt programmes, Investment Company Act and other regulatory considerations, as well as tax and ERISA matters.

Our reputation for excellence among capital markets professionals results from:

- extensive experience in representing arrangers, underwriters, dealers, issuers, guarantors, financial insurers, rating agents, trustees and investors, including some of the most prominent U.S., U.K., French and other European institutions. We also regularly advise industry associations such as the International Capital Market Association (ICMA), the Bond Market Association (BMA) and the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. (ISDA);
- excellent relations with financial regulators in Europe - including the Committee of European Securities Regulators ("CESR"), the *Autorité des Marchés Financiers* ("AMF"), the Financial Services Authority ("FSA"), the *Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier* (the "CSSF") and the Irish Financial Services Regulatory Authority - facilitating the smooth running of day-to-day transactions as well as the development of innovative and complex financial products;
- expertise with the listing requirements of the U.S. and major European and emerging markets stock exchanges; and
- the resources of the broad range of practice groups across Gide Loyrette Nouel.



Our ICM Group is consistently ranked as a leading provider of legal advice on capital markets transactions by the legal guides *Chambers Global* and *EMEA Legal 500*. It was also elected **Best Capital Markets Team of the Year** in 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008 and 2011 by the French legal review *Décideurs*.

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The combination of the London, New York, Hong Kong and Paris offices of Gide Loyrette Nouel brings together U.S., English, Hong Kong and French capital markets experience and capability in one integrated platform. This allows Gide Loyrette Nouel to provide its clients with extensive capital markets and structured finance experience and expertise in the most widely used legal regimes for such transactions.

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*"Gide Loyrette Nouel A.A.R.P.I. stands above its competitors for complicated matters, thanks to a team of 'lawyers with high reasoning and strong added value'. The firm has a leading practice in the bonds, equity and derivatives fields, providing 'excellent service and response time'. Arnaud Duhamel, Jean-Marc Desaché and Hubert du Vignaux head the team."*

EMEA Legal 500 2010 - France

*"Clients praise Hubert Merveilleux du Vignaux as someone who 'truly understands our business.' His wide-ranging capital markets experience has won him great respect within the community and sources note that he has 'a good working relationship with the French regulatory bodies.' Clients seek out Arnaud Duhamel for his 'pragmatic and practical' approach."*

Chambers Global 2011 - France

*"Enjoying an impeccable reputation for debt and structured finance, Gide is an undisputed leader for capital markets in France. [...] Its expertise extends to high-yield, Tier 1 and 2 products as well as EMTN programmes. Clients underline that 'the team is used to the documentation and is very experienced. The lawyers also fight hard for our interests.' [...] The firm's 'pragmatic approach and impressive knowledge of the equity sector,' has won the respect of high-profile clients. Its work ranges from IPOs, secondary offerings and equity-linked products."*

Chambers Global 2009 - France

*"This firm is gaining a reputation as 'a real powerhouse' for European debt work."*

Chambers Global 2009 - UK

*"The French leader is now an established player in the London debt market [...]. The team is praised for 'its ability to get right to the heart of the issues.' It is also valued for its good contacts within the FSA, which in the words of one client 'help to bridge gaps and alleviate disclosure issues'."*

Chambers Europe 2008 - UK