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## Gide Loyrette Nouel United Kingdom

Gide Loyrette Nouel London was founded in 2003 and has grown to be one of the largest specialist finance practices in the UK, bringing together English, US and French capital markets, finance, restructuring and banking lawyers in one integrated platform. The London Office also includes a recognised tax practice, an International Dispute Resolution practice and a Mining, Oil & Gas group.

Since 2003, Gide London has grown in size to over 50 lawyers. To accommodate growth, in December 2008 we moved to new offices at 125 Old Broad Street - formerly the home of the London Stock Exchange - trebling our office space. Clients include major commercial banks, investors, trustees and other financial market participants based in London, the United States, France and throughout the world, as well as some of the largest issuers of securities, public and private corporations, governments and supra-national organisations.

### Expertise and Practice Areas

- International Capital Markets
- Structured Finance and Private Equity
- Banking & Finance
- Restructuring
- Securitisation
- International Tax
- International Dispute Resolution
- Mining, Oil and Gas

### International Capital Markets

The International Capital Markets Group comprises seven partners and 30 other lawyers and, together with Gide's 150 lawyer strong international finance practice, is one of the largest specialist finance practices in London. The Group integrates English, US and French capital markets capability. Gide is regularly ranked amongst the top 10 law firms in European Capital Markets by Thomson Reuters for both deal value and number of deals and has been ranked as high as 2<sup>nd</sup> for International Debt and Investment Grade Corporate Debt. Our experience cuts across all significant areas of capital markets, from US SEC registered transactions to pan-European offerings. We have expertise in all varieties of debt, equity and hybrid capital, as well as high yield bonds and liability management strategies.

### Structured Finance and Private Equity

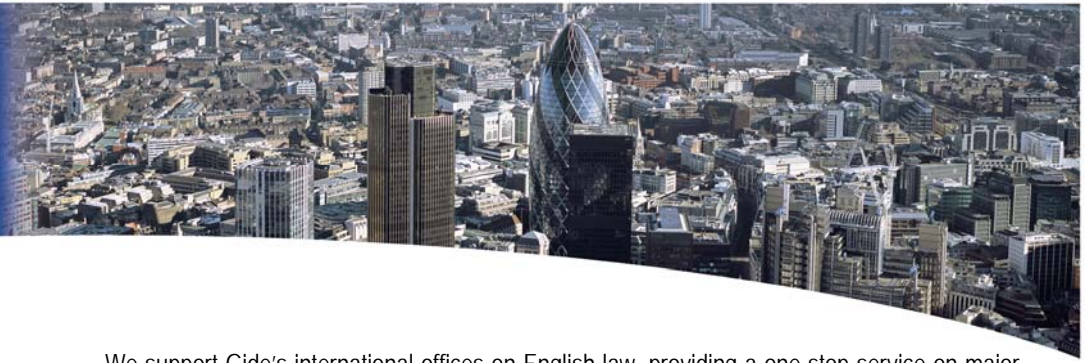
In addition to standard products, Gide structures some of the most complex products in the UK market. We have a large equity derivatives and equity financing practice advising banks, private equity funds and corporates and a major share of the UK market for repackaging. We have a growing practice in emerging markets, particularly in Africa. We act for a leading financial institution in African structured finance, with transactions in jurisdictions as diverse as Nigeria, Kenya, Ghana, Congo, Gabon, Senegal and Djibouti. Our experience also includes significant private equity investments for funds specialising in emerging markets.

### Banking

The London International Banking Group is a cornerstone of Gide's worldwide cross-border finance practice, advising lenders, multilateral entities, investment funds, sponsors and borrowers on a wide range of secured and unsecured banking transactions.

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We support Gide's international offices on English law, providing a one-stop service on major finance transactions. We have a strong focus on emerging markets, particularly Central & Eastern Europe, Turkey and Africa, and a growing practice in Asia. *Legal 500* and *Chambers* list us as leading banking lawyers. Our practice includes:

- corporate finance and syndicated lending
- acquisition finance
- leverage finance
- project finance
- real estate finance
- trade finance

## Restructuring

The London Restructuring Group consists of experienced finance and restructuring lawyers with a broad range of experience on originating and restructuring complex financing arrangements both in the UK and internationally including substantial transactions in France and Russia. Our practice focuses primarily on representing investors in all types of debt and derivative related arrangements. We support creditor committees, individual investors and institutions with distressed debt portfolios. Working closely with the tax, IDR and specialist derivatives teams and the wider Gide international network, we offer focused legal and tactical advice across the spectrum of restructuring and distressed debt scenarios within the UK and internationally.

## Securitisation

The London Securitisation Group is instructed by arrangers, rating agencies, originators and other parties to advise on their most complex, multi-jurisdictional securitisations. Recent highlights include:

- €800 million whole business securitisation for the Fraikin Group
- Sharia compliant securitisation in Saudi Arabia
- a groundbreaking securitisation for the Hertz Group, involving fleet in Australia, France, Germany, Italy and the Netherlands
- pan-European securitisations of trade receivables for multinational clients

## International Tax

London's Tax Group works on a wide range of international tax matters. We structure complex international finance transactions, working with Gide's tax and finance groups across Europe, North Africa, Asia and Russia. We also have a particular expertise in the taxation of debt restructuring and insolvency.

## International Dispute Resolution

Our team of barristers handle complex, multi-jurisdictional commercial disputes for banks, major industrials and sovereign states, defending and prosecuting claims in England, offshore (e.g. BVI, Cayman, Bermuda) and internationally. Recent highlights include:

- asset recovery across multiple jurisdictions and offshore after a hedge fund collapse
- defending African natural resources against vulture funds onshore and offshore
- enforcing an arbitration award against Chad in England, in a landmark sovereign immunity case

## Mining, Oil and Gas

The Mining, Oil & Gas Group advises exploration and production companies on the acquisition, management and disposal of mineral and hydrocarbon assets. Africa is the principal focus of the Group's activities. Our practice includes: advice on M&As; due diligences; drafting and negotiating exploration, development and production contracts and ancillary contracts (joint venture arrangements, joint operating agreements, construction contracts, operations and maintenance agreements and off-take and lifting agreements; advice on legal restructuring, IDR and legal assistance to governments on institutional and regulatory reforms).



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