

## BANKING & FINANCE

With some 170 dedicated lawyers, Gide's Banking and Finance group is one of the largest and most highly regarded specialist teams amongst the major international law firms, offering French, English, New York and U.S. banking and finance law capability as well as local law expertise throughout its worldwide network.

Our lawyers have extensive experience in bank lending, capital markets and structured finance covering all types of tangible and intangible assets as well as real estate. They have well-known expertise in securitisation, bond issues and the issuance of equity securities, in both domestic and international markets, and deal with the legal aspects of over-the-counter derivative products as well as derivative products offered on regulated exchanges. We also specialise in arranging and documenting structured products on all types of underlyings (fixed income, equity, commodities, credit, weather, etc.).

Gide is regularly consulted by banks and other financial institutions concerning the regulatory aspects of their activities and has also developed an extensive experience in litigation and disciplinary proceedings in this field. Our lawyers advise and represent many financial industry associations in various jurisdictions, and have also been involved in the drafting of legislation in many countries.

### Main areas of expertise

- **Bank Lending**
  - Acquisition Finance
  - Corporate Debt Rescheduling
  - Leveraged Finance
  - Real Estate Financing
  - Secured Lending
  - Syndicated Loans
  - Trade and Commodity Finance
  - Treasury Products
- **International Capital Markets**
  - Debt Issuances
  - Medium Term Notes
  - Sovereign Issuances
  - High Yield
  - Liability Management
  - Equity and Equity Linked Issuances
  - Privatisation
  - IPOs
  - Repos and Securities Lending
  - Warrants
  - Commercial Paper
- **Securitisation and Asset-Backed Financings**
  - CMBS and RMBS
  - Conduits
  - Covered Bonds
  - Future Flow
  - Public Receivables
  - Trade Receivables
  - Whole Business

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BRUSSELS

CAIRO

CASABLANCA

ISTANBUL

LONDON

NEW YORK

PARIS

SHANGHAI

TUNIS

WARSAW

## • Financial Institutions and Services

- Asset Management
- Banking and Securities Regulations
- Anti-Money Laundering Regulations
- Corporate Transactions
- Financial Litigation
- Internet Banking and Finance

## • Structured Finance

- Derivatives
- Islamic Finance
- Repackaging
- Structured Bonds
- Tax-driven Finance

## • Project Finance

- Concession Contracts
- Construction, Supply and Operation
- Financing, Sponsor Support and Security
- Infrastructure

The Banking & Finance practice group works closely with the other practice groups of the firm.

## Clientele

The transactions handled by the firm originate from and involve leading international and domestic banking and corporate clients:

- Major international investment and commercial banks from Europe, the US and Asia,
- International Financial Institutions and Export Credit Agencies,
- Major domestic and international corporations in Europe, North America and Asia and international joint ventures involving such corporations, and
- Governments, territories and municipalities.

*Gide Loyrette Nouel A.A.R.P.I. combines 'a high level of business acumen' with 'quick response times', 'direct access to partners' and 'stable teams'. The team's strengths lie in derivatives and structured products, flanked by regulatory expertise, but the group also advises on securitisations and has expertise across all asset classes, as well as in repurchasing transactions and securities lending mandates »*

**Legal 500 EMEA 2018**

*Gide Loyrette Nouel A.A.R.P.I. has 'unchallenged legal expertise in the context of French market' securitisation, covered bonds and structured finance transactions. The team stands out for its 'personal involvement, professional skills' and 'proven ability to adapt to innovative and hybrid structures and customers' requirements'. »*

**Legal 500 EMEA 2017**

*“Leading banking and finance practice with solid expertise across the financial sector, covering structured, corporate, acquisition and real estate finance. Impressive client base comprising international banks, private equity and sovereign funds as well as key French financial institutions. Also recognised for its prominent activity in the financial services regulatory field. »*

**Chambers Europe 2018**

*“Gide Loyrette Nouel A.A.R.P.I. 'combines strong expertise and sector knowledge with strong execution skills', has 'a competent and business-oriented team' and 'always finds a solution'; the group is further noted for its office network outside France.*

*Structured finance, project finance and acquisition finance are core areas of expertise, but the team also has experience in debt restructuring. »*

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*“Gide Loyrette Nouel A.A.R.P.I. 'has an excellent bank regulatory department' and provides 'excellent service and business knowledge'. Stéphane Puel and Jean-Guillaume de Tocqueville, who impress with their 'in-depth knowledge of regulatory matters' and their 'excellent contacts with regulators', jointly head the practice. Their combined expertise includes banking, investment services and investment management regulations; fund-related regulatory matters (including issues concerning regulated and non-regulated French funds); infrastructure and distressed debt funds; business rules; and experience in acting for clients in disciplinary procedures and litigation. »*

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