

## NEW YORK

Gide has been present in New York for over three decades, having established its New York office in 1984. The New York office serves as a gateway to Gide for U.S. clients and law firms throughout the United States, enabling access to Gide's distinguished French legal expertise in Paris as well as its recognized international legal expertise across offices in Europe, North Africa, the Middle East and Asia. To this end, Gide New York office assists U.S. clients, including financial institutions, private equity and venture capital funds, and companies across every industry with their outbound activities and investments. The New York office works closely with select major U.S. law firms, providing seamless advice to U.S. and foreign clients on complex matters across the jurisdictions where Gide operates, and offering convenient access in New York to Gide's French and international legal expertise in the areas of M&A, Private Equity, Finance, Capital Markets, and Tax.

Gide continues to receive international recognition from its clients and industry peers for its dedication to excellence, being awarded for the 5th time as **'Law Firm of the Year for France'** by *Chambers Europe*, confirming Gide's continued position as the leader in France and reflecting our strong multi-disciplinary expertise and ability to advise on the most complex and innovative matters.

*“French powerhouse Gide Loyrette Nouel continues to excel in both legal prowess and outstanding client service. Offering clients extensive coverage of the French legal landscape, the firm has recently achieved further market recognition for its services in financial regulation. A strong choice for high value transactions, it continues to offer top-tier practices in a diverse range of areas, including banking & finance, venture capital, intellectual property, real estate and public law.”*

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## French M&A/Corporate, Capital Markets/Finance Expertise

New York partner in charge **David-James Sebag** leads a dedicated team of French lawyers in New York who operate as an integral part of Gide's global M&A/Corporate and Capital Markets/Finance practices. The team is well positioned to provide U.S. clients with on the ground French legal expertise, and to conveniently liaise directly with U.S. law firms on a variety of cross-border projects and collaborations. In addition to advising on French law, the team guides U.S. clients and U.S. lawyers through the differences between U.S. and French/European market practices, ensuring an efficient process for cross-border transactions and successful negotiations and closings.

## M&A/Corporate

As a partner in Gide's Global M&A/Corporate practice, David-James focuses on cross-border transactions, and has a long history of representing both U.S. and French clients. He advises French companies on their various growth operations (acquisitions, partnerships, or financings) in France and abroad, particularly in the United States, and he has represented a large number of U.S. companies and European private equity funds on their investments in French companies. He also advises private equity investors, corporate clients and entrepreneurs on growth transactions with an industry focus on technology companies.

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The Mergers & Acquisitions / Corporate team is highly regarded for its:

- Expertise, depth (over 60 lawyers in Paris) and breadth of skills.
- Delivering the full range of services necessary to M&A/Corporate transactions, working in multi-disciplinary teams with lawyers from our specialist groups (including tax, employment, competition, IP, data privacy, finance and real estate).
- Extensive transaction experience, membership in key French business organizations (ANSA, MEDEF, Croissance Plus, etc.) and long-standing relations with relevant governmental authorities.
- Strong cross-border practice, working with Gide's international offices and top-tier law firms around the world.
- Partners who are closely involved in every stage of a transaction to ensure a service focused on adding value, quality and building a lasting relationship with our clients and co-counsel firms.

## Capital Markets/Finance

Capital markets and finance team lawyers in New York, led by counsel **Théophile Strebelle**, facilitate effortless access to Gide's Banking & Finance practice, delivering the team's expertise to the U.S. based banks, law firms, and market participants that regularly collaborate with Gide on cross-border banking and finance transactions. With one of the largest and most highly regarded specialist teams, Gide's Banking and Finance practice has extensive experience in capital markets, bank lending, and structured finance (covering all types of tangible and intangible assets as well as real estate). With a strong reputation for excellence, Gide's International Capital Markets (ICM) group offers clients a truly global service through a single integrated platform, offering a multilingual team located throughout our international network of offices from New York to Paris to Shanghai. As a result, Gide's ICM practice has emerged as one of the leading cross-border capital markets practices amongst the major international law firms.

Gide advises 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, certificates, and hybrid capital securities issued by regulated and non-regulated entities; and
- debt financings, such as medium-term notes, stand-alone bond issuances, and high-yield bonds, including private placements, commercial paper, as well as debt restructurings and liability management.

Gide's Banking & Finance lawyers also have significant expertise in securitization and derivative products, in both domestic and international markets. In particular, Gide specializes in arranging and documenting structured products on all types of underlyings (fixed income, equity, commodities, credit, weather, etc.).

## International U.S. Tax

The New York office offers specialist international tax support to clients and practices across the firm. Led by partner **Vanessa Tollis**, the international U.S. tax team is an integral part of Gide's International Tax Practice Group, comprised of over 25 highly skilled tax attorneys based across Paris, London, Beijing, Casablanca, Istanbul, Warsaw, Moscow, and New York. The New York team regularly works closely with the Paris and London offices on complex international tax matters, including global capital markets offerings (debt and equity), structured finance (including securitizations), derivatives, and fund formation and investment.

In addition, the team advises on inbound and outbound tax structuring, as well as high net worth individual compliance issues. Their expertise covers a broad range of U.S. tax concerns for international clients, including entity classification elections, U.S. trade or business and ECI assessments, withholding taxes, tax treaty eligibility, IP migration, information reporting, PFIC, CFC and Subpart F, FIRPTA, and FATCA.

*Combines strong French expertise with the ability to advise international companies on cross-border matters. Regularly handles sophisticated joint venture and M&A transactions. Experience in many different industries including healthcare, retail and insurance. »*

*Outstanding DCM team with further skills across the wider capital markets field. Well reputed for its presence on both plain vanilla and more complex deals, offering particular knowledge and experience of Euro PPPs and high-yield issuances. »*

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*The banking and finance practice at Gide is one of the finest in France, and had a very busy period over the last 12 months. [...] In capital markets the team is particularly strong in the areas of structured finance and securitisation, and debt. »*

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