

UNITED KINGDOM

Gide London is 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 International Dispute Resolution practice.

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.

International Capital Markets

The International Capital Markets group integrates English, US and French capital markets capability. 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.

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. 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.

Our practice includes:

- Corporate finance and syndicated lending
- Acquisition finance
- Leverage finance
- Project finance
- Real estate finance
- Trade finance

Securitisation

The London Securitisation group is instructed by arrangers, rating agencies, originators and other parties to advise on their most complex, multi-jurisdictional securitisations. The international team, coordinated by the London office, is dedicated to the development of local structured securitisation activities in the UK, France and the emerging markets of Asia and the MENA and CEE regions.

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.

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Investment Funds

We advise clients from start-ups to and global fund managers on structuring and document private equity, hedge and other alternative funds, as well as UCITS and other regulated funds. We advise on clients' day-to-day operations, including in their relations with investors and counterparties, and offer specialist advice on ongoing regulation and authorisation. Our lawyers are extensively involved in the implementation of the AIFMD and are core members of AIMA's working group.

International Dispute Resolution

The London International Dispute Resolution team is part of Gide's global disputes practice, which comprises 70 lawyers. The London team handles complex, multi-jurisdictional commercial disputes for banks, major corporates and sovereign states, defending and prosecuting claims in England, offshore and internationally (including in Europe, Africa and Asia). The team also holds expertise in investment-related arbitration. All stages of a dispute are covered, from the pre-contentious phase to handling the enforcement of judgments and awards.

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, with Africa as 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).

International Tax

Our Tax team advises on a wide variety of cross-border corporate and individual tax matters, including the structuring of complex international financing transactions, mergers and acquisitions, the cross-border operations of multi-national construction and energy clients and the provision of advice to a broad range of internationally mobile individuals such as sports people, CEOs of multi-national groups and other high net worth individuals.

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