



# OUR CAPACITY IN INFRASTRUCTURE & ENERGY

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# GIDE, A UNIQUE LAW FIRM

By our clients' side for all their needs

#### 1st INTERNATIONAL LAW FIRM MADE IN FRANCE

#### 500 LAWYERS BARS represented including around worldwide 100 partners 800 1 35 PEOPLE **OFFICES** worldwide in the world LANGUAGES spoken 80% 35 of **CLIENTS** have been working with **NATIONALITIES** us for more than/ 5 years

Founded in PARIS IN 1920, our firm now numbers:

#### **Business partner**

Being by the side of our clients for all their development and transformation projects from a legal and strategic standpoint.

#### Excellence

Excellence in advice, client relations and knowledge, Gide sets itself apart through the depth and quality of its ability to set up multi-disciplinary teams.

## A MULTI-SPECIALIST LAW FIRM

Leading position in business advisory, transactional and litigation law.



# A LAW FIRM PRESENT IN ALL THE FIELDS OF ACTIVITY

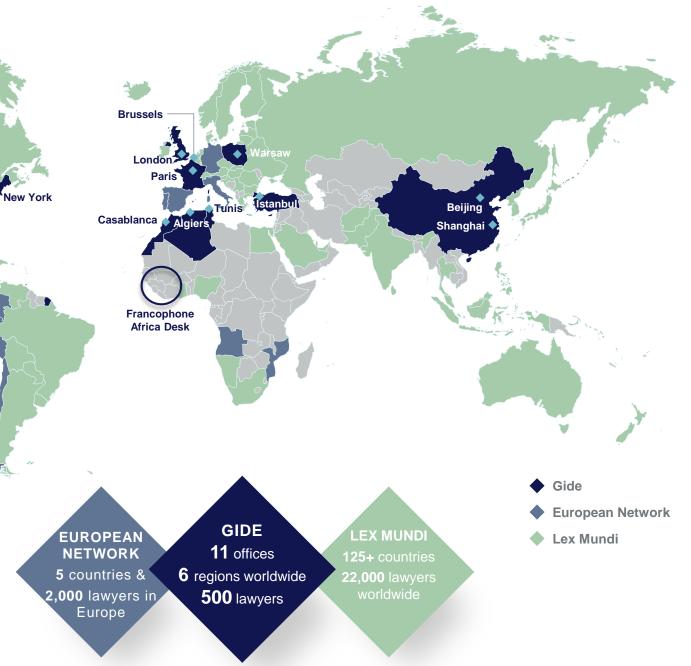


# A UNIQUE INTERNATIONAL PRESENCE

In continental Europe, Gide has developed a European network with three other prestigious independent law firms: Chiomenti (Italy), 'Cuatrecasas (Spain & Portugal) and Gleiss Lutz (Germany). Together with Gide, they make up the European Network.

Gide, Gleiss Lutz, Chiomenti and Cuatrecasas have created a **seamless energy practice,** grouping specialists of several expertises in the energy field (M&A, projects, regulatory, etc.).

Lex Mundi is the largest international network of independent law firms, with over 150 leading law firms in their jurisdiction. Gide is the network's exclusive member for France.

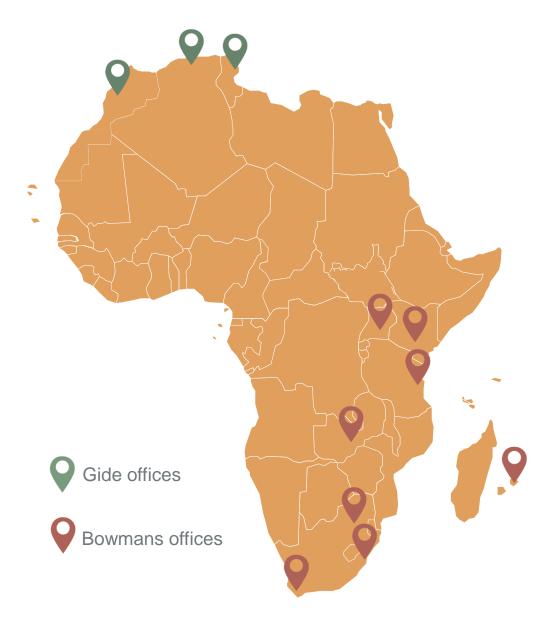


## GIDE AFRICA: OVER 40 YEARS' EXPERIENCE

Gide offers its **multidisciplinary expertise** throughout the African continent. With over 90 lawyers working regularly on matters in Africa, our team has extensive knowledge of national and regional legal regimes in Africa, such as **ECOWAS**, **CEMAC**, **WAEMU**, **SADC** and **OHADA**.

Capable of working in both **civil law** and **common law** countries, our team advises its clients on their operations in Africa in a number of business sectors, particularly energy, natural resources, transport, telecoms, as well as banking, insurance, the hotel industry, and distribution.

Gide also builds on a **significant network of leading local law firms and financial and technical experts across the continent** and continues to extend its offers to better serve its clients across all Africa with a strategic cooperation agreement with **Bowmans**, a leading African law firm.



# GIDE, A LAW FIRM RECOGNISED AMONG THE BEST



# MOST INNOVATIVE LAW FIRM IN EUROPE

**OF THE YEAR** 

The Financial Times Innovative Lawyers 2021



# TOP RANKED LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR

Chambers Europe 2021



#### TOP TIER LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR

The Legal 500 EMEA 2021

Best Lawyers

#### FRANCE LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR IN BANKING & FINANCE AND CAPITAL MARKET

Best Lawyers 2022



## FRANCE LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR

Who's Who Legal Awards 2019



#### FRANCE LAW FIRM OF THE YEAR

The Lawyer European Awards 2020

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Our M&A / Projects / Financing integrated and long-standing experienced team acts on all types of projects in the energy and renewable energy sectors: dams, oil & gas, mining, nuclear, biomass, hydrogen, windfarms, solar complexes etc. and on all types of transactions in all class of infrastructure assets (roads, ports, airports, railways, public buildings and equipment) in Europe, Africa, Asia and North America.

#### OUR ADDED VALUE

**Leading expertise in all aspects of energy**: nuclear and thermal to the entire mining sector such as iron ore, gold, bauxite, phosphate, associated mining infrastructure (railways, roads, ports) and hydrocarbons such as oil, gas, LNG, petroleum products and biofuels, upstream, mid-stream and downstream operations.

**In-depth knowledge of all renewable energies**: advising sponsors, developers, financial institutions, investors, lenders and regulatory authorities in hydro, solar, onshore and offshore wind, waste to energy, hydrogen, biomass and biogas.

A firm that has developed its skill while implementing **cross-border projects with more than 250 projects worldwide in infrastructure.** 

We advise our clients at every step of the value chain: development / construction / generation / purchase & provision / transport.

Perfect command of **innovative services and technologies** such as green bonds, blockchain, FinTech, data protection, etc. in order to support our clients in their transformation.

#### FIELDS OF EXPERTISE

- Projects/ Infrastructure
- Financing and Funding
- Regulatory (France & Europe)
- Mergers & Acquisitions

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- Real estate and city planning
- Taxation
- Public Law & Environment
- Disputes and Litigation

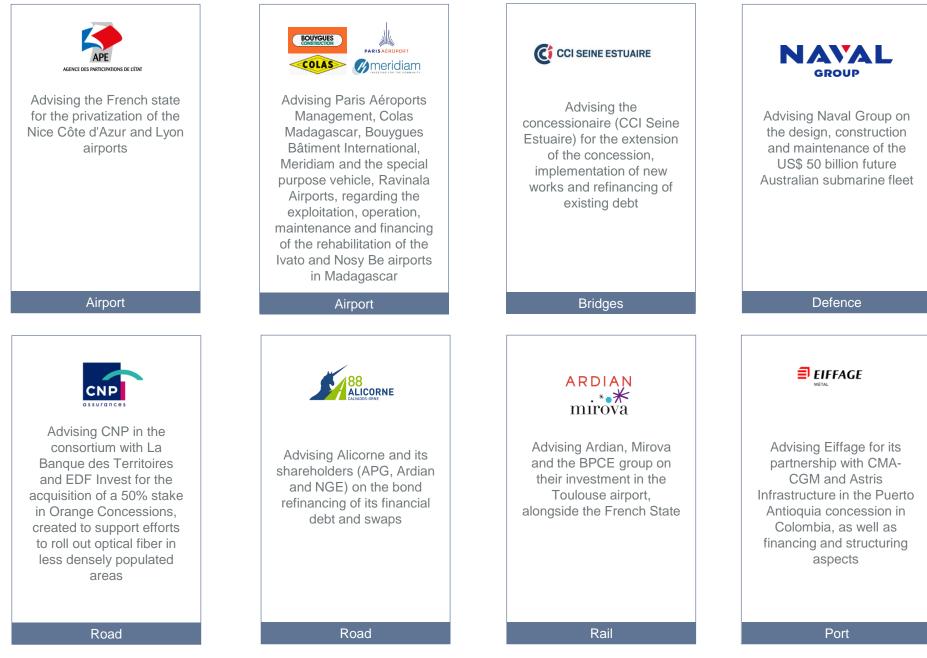
Well-regarded department with strong domestic and global activity with a particular presence in Africa. Represents states, corporates and lenders. Regularly appointed on projects in a variety of sectors including natural resources, transport infrastructure and renewable energy. Expertise includes BOT projects, PPPs and project financing, with additional experience in contractual and M&A matters.

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Gide has excellent capabilities and is able to deal with all types of work including project, public law, regulatory and M&A matters. The big team is regularly involved in renewables, hydroelectric and nuclear related-matters. The project practice is also top notch, with the team regularly handling major greenfield and brownfield French, European and African energy project work, including on renewables, acting for leading energy producers. Finally, the practice also handles major oil and gas work.

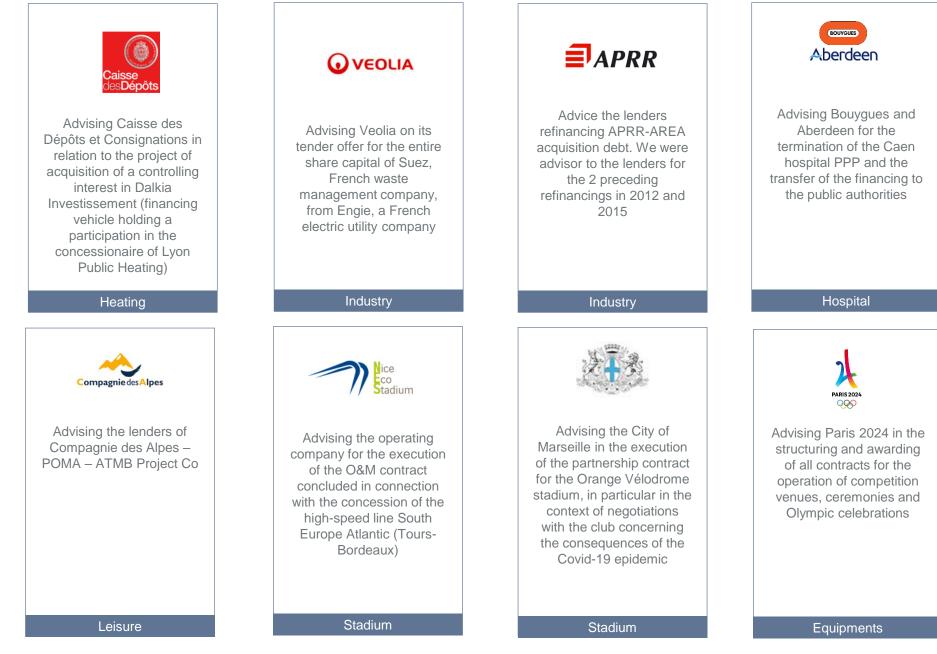
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#### GIDE'S RECENT CREDENTIALS IN INFRASTRUCTURE

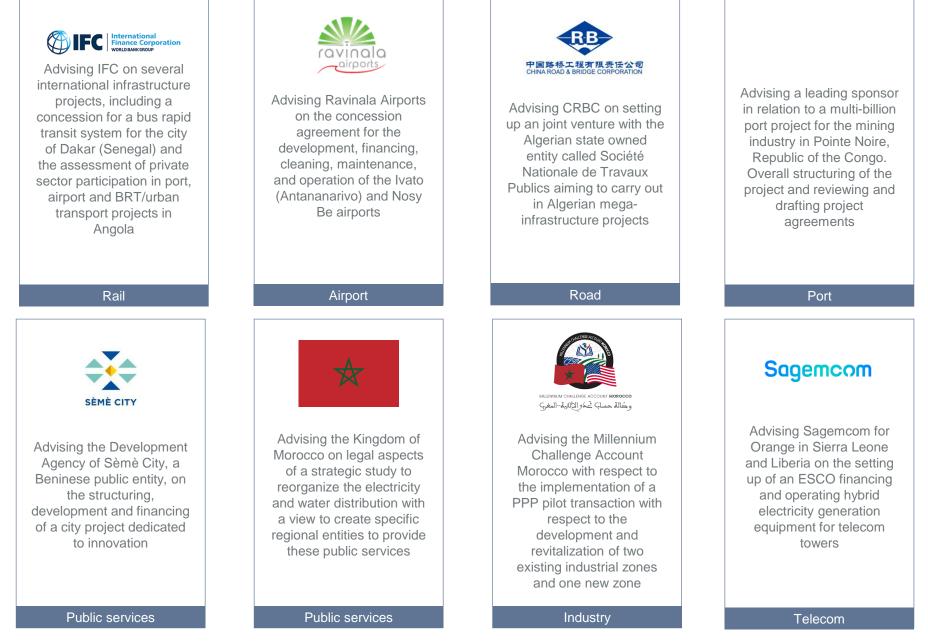


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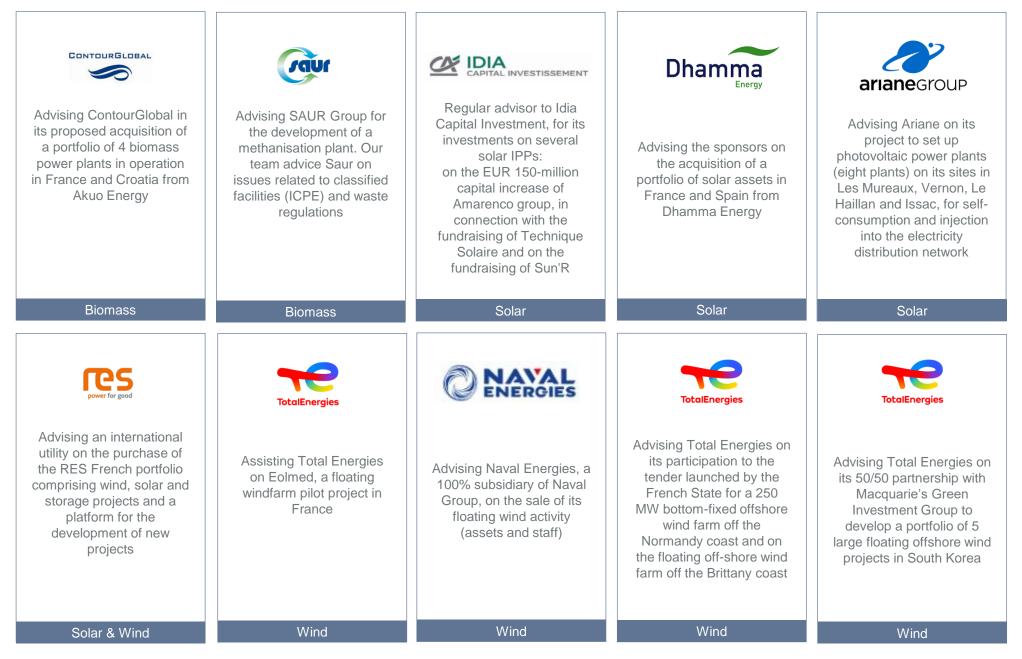
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## GIDE'S RECENT CREDENTIALS IN INFRASTRUCTURE - AFRICA



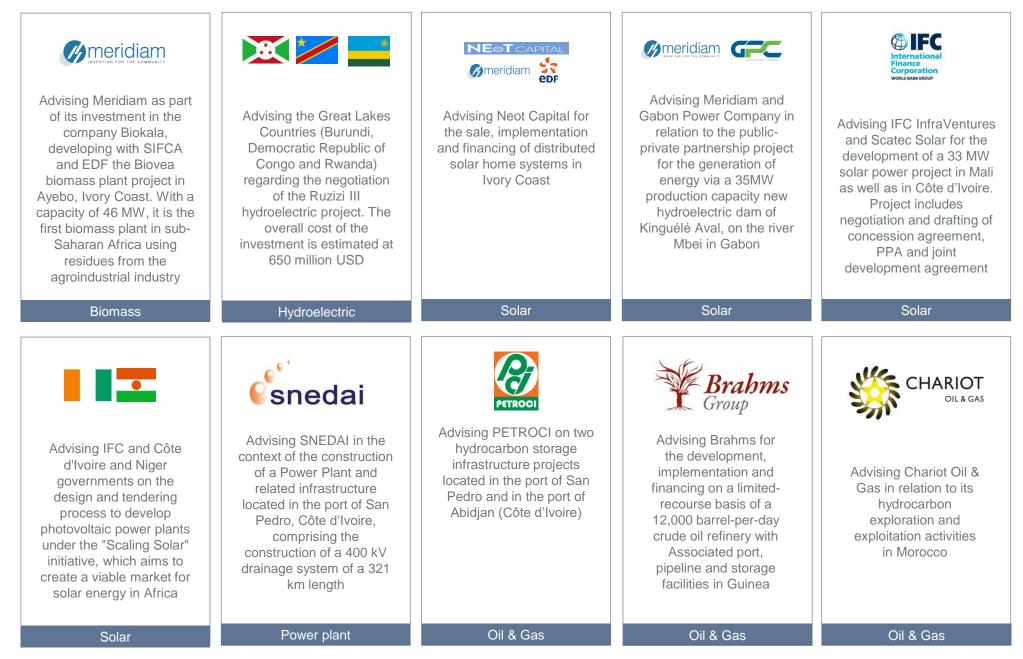
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### SOME RELEVANT EXPERIENCES IN ENERGY - AFRICA



# 3 OUR TEAM



#### Farah El-Bsat Associé | Partner - Gide Paris Projects Finance&Infrastructure, Banking & Finance

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Admitted to the Paris Bar in 2009, Gide Partner Farah El-Bsat specialises in structured finance. She advises both lenders and sponsors in project finance transactions, in France and internationally.

Her recent experience includes the following: In 2017, Farah was involved in the refinancing of the French MoD's public-private partnership; In 2018, she advised the European Investment Bank on the second refinancing of the A19 motorway; In 2019, she advised VINCI on the financing of the A355 motorway; In 20219, she advised VINCI and Eiffage for the refinancing of the tunnel du Prado and the financing of the tunnel Prado Carrenage extension. In 2020, she advised the Sponsors on the A88 motorway refinancing. In 2021, she advised the lenders in the financing of a cable car in the valley of Flaine.

Farah joined Gide in 2008. She holds a postgraduate degree (DEA) in international law and international organizations from the University of Paris I - Panthéon-Sorbonne.



Alexis Pailleret Associé | Partner - Gide Paris M&A / Corporate

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Alexis Pailleret is a partner within Gide's Mergers & Acquisitions / Corporate practice group in Paris. He acts on M&A transactions (acquisition, disposals and joint ventures) mainly in the infrastructure and energy sectors.

His recent experiences include advising TotalEnergiesRenewables as part of a consortium with RWE in the ongoing offshore bottom-fixed tender offer alongside the coast of Normandy, and as part of the consortium with Macquarie and Qair in the ongoing offshore floating tender offer alongside the coast of Brittany (ongoing), Eiffage and DIF on their acquisition project of the solar IPP Dhamma Energy (2021), Enel of the acquisition project of the French activities of the developer RES (2021), the Crédit Agricole group, Bpifrance and Rgreen Invest for their investment in a French solar IPP Sun'R (2021), TotalEnergies Renewables on its partnership with Macquarie for the development of five offshore wind projects in South Korea with a cumulated capacity exceeding 2 GW (2021), Mirova on its partnership with Corfu Solaire (2020), Tenergie for the acquisition of a solar portfolio in operation located in France from Danish pension fund Green Power Partners (2020), the Crédit Agricole group on its investment and re-investment alongside Tikehau in solar IPP Amarenco, developing solar assets in Ireland, France, the Middle East and the Asia Pacific region (2020), the Crédit Agricole group and BPIfrance for their investment in French solar IPP Technique Solaire, operating projects in France and India (2020), Mirova for the acquisition of a controlling stake in a portfolio of biomass assets controlled by Engie (2020).

Alexis is recommended in M&A, namely in the energy and infrastructure sectors, by international legal directories such as Legal 500 and Best Lawyer.

"Great attention to detail while remaining solution-oriented, unique negotiating skills and ability to handle totally locked-in situations, great knowledge of the asset class infrastructure (but not only), available 24/7, very proficient in English, unanimously appreciated personality" Legal 500

"Alexis Pailleret is a deal-oriented M&A lawyer who is strongly focused on business results. He is able to negotiate commercial issues and the whole contractual framework, which makes him a very valuable adviser" Legal 500



**Guillaume Rougier-Brierre** Associé | Partner - Gide Paris M&A / Infrastructure

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Guillaume Rougier-Brierre is a Paris-based partner in the M&A and Infrastructure practice groups. He specializes mainly on (i) acquisitions and privatizations, and (ii) foreign investments and joint ventures. He has unique international experience, gained from working three years in the Gide Warsaw office (1997-2000), managing the Gide Istanbul office from 2000 to 2006, and heading the China Corporate and M&A practice until 2010.

Guillaume advises on a regular basis on infrastructure privatizations (e.g. airports, pipelines), industrials such as Michelin on mobility-related acquisitions (hydrogen stacks) and infrastructure fund players such as Meridiam, CNP, OFI-Infravia, and infrastructure funds. Guillaume notably advised the French State on the privatization of regional airports of Lyon and Nice and the sale of the DMM oil pipeline; CNP on the Orange fiber consortium, the take-over of Géométhane, underground natural gas storage facilities in Manosque and the sale to Abertis of its shares in the motorway concession company Sanef ; Méridiam Infrastructures on the sale of a stake in the high-speed line project Tours-Bordeaux to the Development Bank of Japan and Voltalis take over; OFI-AviAlliance-BPCE on their bid for the partial privatization of Aéroport Toulouse-Blagnac.

©uillaume is admitted to the Paris Bar (1997) and is a partner at Gide since 2002. He graduated from Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris (1993) and from the University of Paris II – Assas (1991).



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Partner Stéphane Vernay is a member of the Projects (Finance & Infrastructure) practice group. He has substantial experience in project finance (including PPPs, BOT and concession) in sectors such as energy (nuclear, thermal, hydro, renewable energies), transportation (airports, highways, bridges, tramways, subways etc), water treatment, heating and cooling urban networks and general infrastructure (stadia, universities, cultural buildings) acting for governments, sponsors or lenders.

He has developed particular expertise in the fields of national and international contracts in the aerospace and defence industries, advising on construction, maintenance and service contracts related to ships, aircraft, submarines, simulators, satellites and other military products.

Stéphane has advised several MNEs in their infrastructure projects in Europe, Africa, Asia and South America. He is currently advising the French Ministry of Defence and manufacturers on various military projects.

He spent more than 12 years in the Gide China team as co-head of the Beijing office and helped open the Hong Kong office in 2006.



