

Practice Group

Banking & Finance



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Our Banking & Finance Group comprises more than 20 qualified Swiss lawyers with an in-depth understanding of the regulatory environment of all types of financial institutions and the domestic and international financial markets. Many of the practice lawyers have gained in-house experience while working for banks, asset managers, regulators and international law firms. Our experience and expertise, together with the size of our team, enable us to provide top quality and tailor-made advice concerning finance transactions and regulatory issues of every type.

Expertise

We act regularly on behalf of Swiss and foreign banks and other financial institutions, such as investment firms, insurance companies, fund management companies and asset managers, across a broad range of regulatory matters, including:

- Establishment and licensing of financial institutions in Switzerland
- Financial services regulation and prudential rules
- Structuring of capital transactions for banks
- Mergers and acquisitions of financial institutions
- Legal and administrative assistance
- Advice and implementation of regulatory change projects
- Audit mandates granted by FINMA for investigations in financial institutions and insurances
- Assistance in enforcement proceedings and internal investigations

On the transactional side, we advise clients on a broad range of finance transactions, such as:

- Syndicated loan facilities and acquisition finance
- Structured finance transactions (including securitisations)
- Derivatives and structured products
- Acquisitions and disposals of banks and client portfolios, and reorganisations in the banking sector
- Asset management and investment law, such as structuring, licensing and distribution of Swiss and foreign collective investment schemes, fund management and asset management companies
- Listing of securities on SIX Swiss Exchange, where several members of our team are admitted as recognised representatives
- Fintech matters related to the establishment of new companies and business models in the area of blockchain, such as STOs, ICOs and cryptocurrencies

Deals and Cases

- Counsel to Credit Suisse Funds in connection with the set-up and approval process by FINMA of a newly authorized Swiss mortgage umbrella fund
- Swiss counsel to BNP Paribas on registration of its programme for the issuance of structured notes, warrants and certificates with SIX Swiss Exchange
- Swiss counsel to Deutsche Bank AG, New York Branch, in connection with the senior secured financing of up to USD 825 million to the Trinseo Materials group of companies
- Counsel to Reichmuth Investment Management AG in the set-up and financing of a locomotive portfolio
- Swiss counsel to Panasonic Healthcare Holdings and Kohl Kravis Roberts (KKR) Japan in the financing of their acquisition of Bayer AG's Diabetes Care Business
- Swiss counsel to Oxford Finance LLC as lender of a USD 75 million senior secured credit facility granted to ObsEva SA

- Counsel to Raiffeisen Switzerland Cooperative in connection with the status of the Raiffeisen group as a domestic systemically important banking group (D-SIB)
- Advisor to Swiss Bankers Association in respect of derivatives regulation and documentation
- Swiss counsel to China Construction Bank (Zurich Branch) on the negotiation of ISDA Master Agreements and Credit Support Annexes
- Lead counsel to a worldwide banking group in relation to the cross-border merger of two bank entities of the group
- Advice to a large private bank in the implementation of an AT1 loan documentation
- Audit mandates granted by FINMA concerning the insolvency of several banks in Switzerland

Recognitions

The group and leading practitioners are highly ranked and recognised among leading law firms in global directories and publications:

- Chambers Global and Europe in Banking & Finance
- Legal 500 in Banking & Finance: Geneva and Zurich
- Lexology Index
- IFLR and IFLR 1000 in Banking & Finance

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The team is highly responsive, provides hands-on advice and is accessible and not complicated.
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