

ACQUISITION AND LEVERAGED FINANCE

FAST AND EFFICIENT ADVICE IN TURBULENT MARKETS

The acquisition and leveraged finance market has developed quickly in recent years, with financial structures requiring more unusual design with ever more pressures on borrowers and lenders to achieve the necessary return on their investment.

Through knowledge of financial products and the market in which our clients work we help them develop such structures, understanding the constraints and aspirations that impact the decision making process.

We help our clients on a wide variety of acquisition financings of both public and private companies, leveraged buy-outs and buy-ins, recapitalisations and other corporate lending transactions and regularly act for both lenders and borrowers (both corporate sponsor and fund), advisory and investment banks.

With the need to restructure deals more readily, act quickly and efficiently in often turbulent markets, we provide full service for senior, second-lien, mezzanine and PIK debt, bridge-to-bond financings, bank/bond financings, high-yield debt, securitisation take-outs and debt buy-backs.

RECENT EXPERIENCE

CRÉDIT AGRICOLE AND UNICREDIT

Advising on the £452 million bridge term loan for the financing of Steinhoff International's public bid for Poundland Group plc.

CRÉDIT AGRICOLE, HSBC, MIZUHO AND SOCIÉTÉ GÉNÉRALE

Advising in relation to the senior debt facilities for Carlyle's acquisition of the Cupa Group.

CITI AND HSBC

Advising as mandated lead arrangers of the £920 million multicurrency bridge loan for the financing of the public to private acquisition of Darty plc by Steinhoff International Holdings N.V.

PING AN INSURANCE GROUP

Advising in relation to the senior debt facilities for its acquisition of The Mayborn Group, the owner of the leading infant products brands "Tommy Tippee" and "Perfect Prep"

CHINA GENERAL NUCLEAR POWER CORPORATION

Advising on the financing in connection with the US\$2.3 billion acquisition by CGN of the energy assets of Edra Global Energy Berhad (involving assets in five jurisdictions)

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