



HERBERT  
SMITH  
FREEHILLS

# **DISTRESSED INVESTING**

BESPOKE AND INNOVATIVE ACQUISITION STRATEGIES

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We understand that every distressed situation is unique and our focus is on providing innovative, constructive and commercial solutions that are tailored to the specific situation and our clients objectives.

We have extensive experience in distressed M&A, distressed debt trades and insolvency sales. Our Restructuring, Turnaround and Insolvency team is a market leader both nationally and globally with highly experienced specialists in a range of restructuring and distressed debt transactions acting for banks, corporates, private equity clients, hedge funds, special situation teams within investment banks, directors, insolvency firms, direct lenders and other investors on a range of distressed transactions.

Our team develops bespoke and innovative acquisition strategies to unlock value and overcome commercial and legal obstacles. We undertake rapid diligence of all commercial and legal risks and deliver timely execution. We provide a service which is best in class which delivers a substantive deal execution advantage to our clients. We have a strong understanding of our clients businesses, the sectors in which they operate and their commercial needs and requirements in the ever changing financial landscape.

Leveraging our deep experience in distressed investing transactions, the unique combination of leading M&A expertise, complex acquisition financing and securitisation expertise, allows our team to cover all aspects of a transaction.

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## **RECENT EXPERIENCE**

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## **KKR**

Advising KKR on the acquisition of the BOSI Mackeller loan portfolio and subsequent portfolio workouts

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## **CUSTOM BUSES**

Advising Allegro Funds in connection with its acquisition of the Custom Bus business from Alexander Denis (in administration)

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## **HASTIE GROUP**

Advising Allegro Funds in connection with its acquisition of the Hastie Services business from Hastie Group (in receivership)

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## **MACQUARIE BANK**

Advising Macquarie Bank on two major strategic and confidential debt restructurings and distressed investments in Australia

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## **NEXUS ENERGY**

Advising Seven Group in respect of its acquisition of all the senior debt and the majority of the bonds issued by Nexus group, bridge financing and the subsequent insolvency and loan to own restructuring of the Nexus Group

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