

Banking & Finance

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**Global knowledge,
local execution**

A stack of US dollar bills is shown in a close-up, angled view. The top bill is a \$100 bill, with the large number '100' and the Treasury seal clearly visible. The bills are stacked on top of each other, creating a sense of depth and texture. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the intricate details of the currency's design.

Complexity and risk increase with each border crossed.

In international banking and finance, you want your advisers knowledgeable, experienced and coordinated.

In today's global markets, few financial transactions are routine. They involve risk, reward and many unknowns. To complete them successfully, you have to address a range of complex issues all at the same time — especially in multi-jurisdictional activities. It pays to have locally knowledgeable, globally sophisticated legal advisers on your side.

- How do you structure the contract framework of a cross-border financing and perfect security interests in various jurisdictions?
- What are the tax and regulatory implications of financing structures?
- How do you protect against the possible insolvency of another party? What do you do if a bankruptcy involves multiple jurisdictions?
- What do you have to do with innovative products and services to satisfy commercial, banking and securities laws?
- How do you deal with currency and exchange control risks?
- How do you monetise assets in various jurisdictions?
- How do you align multiple financing sources to complete a project?

You need advisers who understand cultural differences and are mindful of regulatory and monetary nuances.

At Baker & McKenzie, we can help you navigate the maze of banking and finance issues, from term sheet to closing. And, if necessary, we can help you enforce remedies and complete restructurings.

Our global practice includes more than 500 lawyers experienced in local and international banking and finance laws, regulations and customs. They possess the global perspective and local experience to complete even the most complex transactions for corporate borrowers, commercial and investment banks, funds, financial institutions and governments.

Here are ways we help:

- **Acquisition finance**, structuring the financing of cross-border mergers, acquisitions (asset and equity), leveraged buyouts, restructurings and more.
- **Aircraft and equipment finance**, helping purchasers, lenders, lessors and lessees finance aircraft, rolling stock and other big-ticket leasing and financing transactions.
- **Project finance**, structuring privatisations, limited recourse and nonrecourse finance transactions.
- **Securitisation and structured finance**, advising funds, sponsors, credit enhancers and investors in securitisation of a variety of asset classes across multiple jurisdictions.
- **Capital markets**, advising on the listing and placement of securities in a variety of jurisdictions, including Rule 144A offerings and private placements.
- **Derivatives and financial products**, negotiating and documenting derivatives-driven structured financings, secured and guaranteed transactions and taxable and tax-exempt products.
- **Financial and regulatory advice**, using our network to keep current on developments and advising on the practical effects of international regulatory trends.
- **Financial restructuring and creditor rights**, advising on reorganisation and liquidation matters as well as ways to minimise insolvency risks in structuring transactions.
- **Financial services and e-finance**, advising on development, financing and offering of financial products and services as well as structuring of Internet facilities.
- **Global custody**, advising global custodians and subcustodians on issues of safe custody, clearance and settlement of trades, collection of income, and taxes in more than 100 countries, including advice under SEC Rules 17f-5 and 17f-7.
- **Loans and credit facilities**, structuring cross-border facilities, secured and unsecured, and trade-financing transactions.

Our Global Banking & Finance Practice is at home in all of the world's major financial centres and in emerging markets. We have instant call globally on our Firm's lawyers in tax, securities, regulatory and trade issues and other areas of law to provide comprehensive insight, advice and execution.

Baker & McKenzie provides sophisticated legal advice and services to the world's most dynamic global enterprises and has done so for more than 50 years.

Our network of lawyers is amongst the world's most diverse and respected. We come from more than 60 countries and speak more than five dozen languages, including a common one, English. We are guided by a culture of integrity, personal responsibility, friendship and tenacious client service.

Our unique approach enables clients to call upon more than 3,000 locally qualified, globally experienced lawyers in over 36 countries. We deliver the broad scope of quality legal services required to respond to any business need — consistently, confidently and with sensitivity for cultural, social and legal practice differences.