Representative Legal Matters

James Tanner

NPL matters

- Acted for a leading US private investment fund on NPL and other portfolio acquisitions
- Acted for Piraeus Bank on its sale of EUR 2.238 billion Greek non-performing unsecured retail consumer and credit cards to APS Investments
- Advised consortium of asset managers in bid for portfolio of unsecured Greek NPLs being sold by PQH, the Single Special Liquidator for all 17 credit and financial institutions under special liquidation in Greece (Aeolus Portfolio)

Securitisations / CLOs

- Represented arrangers in CLO issuances, refinancings and warehouses including Goldman Sachs, JP Morgan, BNP Paribas, Credit Suisse and GreensLedge (including the first postcrisis European CBO, AECF-1)
- Represented Amigo Holdings PLC (Amigo), the leading company in the UK guarantor loan space, on its inaugural GBP 150 million securitisation facility
- Represented US asset manager on bespoke transaction to provide automatic funding via an online platform for supply chain financing
- Transaction counsel on Sadera structured note issuance, repackaging Ghanaian government promissory notes issued to an Egyptian property developer into Regulation S Eurobonds
- Advised Bank One Limited as arranger and swap provider on multiple USD/local currency swaps collateralised by local government bonds with the central banks of southern/east African countries, including participation agreements syndicating the transactions. African Legal Awards 2020 - Banking, Finance and Restructuring Team of the Year (Highly Commended)

Debt capital markets

- Advised Standard Chartered Bank as structuring advisor and placement agent on the Development Bank of South Africa (DBSA)'s ZAR 3 billion senior unsecured green bond private placement to PIMCO. GFC Media's Local Currency Sovereign, Supra & Agency Bond Deal of the Year (2022)
- Advised Firmenich International SA, the world's largest privately-owned fragrance and flavour company, on the financing of its acquisition of DRT via a debut EUR 1.5 billion dual-tranche eurobond plus a Swiss Franc offering, followed by its debut EUR 750 million Hybrid Capital Bonds (Deeply Subordinated Resettable Perpetual Notes) (Shortlisted for Deal of the Year (IFLR Europe Awards); Finance team of the year (The Lawyer Awards); Finance Team of the Year (Legal Business Awards))

- Advised Akbank on the issuance of the first post-COVID Turkish green bond
- Represented multilateral institution Black Sea Trade and Development Bank (BSTDB) on its MTN programme establishment and subsequent updates and drawdowns (including conversion of a Reg S programme to allow for 144A drawdowns)
- Represented a UK digital music company in issuing a private convertible note to existing investors
- Represented Ukranian state banks Ukreximbank and Oschadbank on the restructuring of their loan participation note programmes pursuant to the IMF programme for Ukraine
- Represented the Joint Lead Managers on English law debut Eurobond offering, structured as a note participation note with a senior note of the bank as the underlying obligation, for a major Nigerian bank, First Bank
- Advised Standard Chartered Bank/Dealers/JLMs on an update, drawdown and tap of the Eastern and Southern African Trade and Development Bank (TDB) USD 1 billion Euro Medium Term Note Programme
- Advised Türk Telekomünikasyon on issuance of USD 500 million 6.875 per cent Reg S / 144A Notes with sub-set of customised "HY-light" covenants