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- Following is a breakdown of White & Case's performance in the 2008 edition of the *UK Legal 500* directory, released September 2008, detailing all practice areas where the Firm was ranked in the UK.
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OVERVIEW: COMMERCIAL FIRMS 11-30 (Firms ranked 1 though 100)						
Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals mentioned 2008	Individuals mentioned 2007	Individuals mentioned 2006
2	4	3	7	N/A	N/A	N/A
Editorial						
<p>Reporting a 37% rise in revenue for 2007, White & Case LLP now has over 430 lawyers based in London. These include a 30-partner finance team acting for a range of top financial institutions, as well as highly competitive capability across litigation, capital markets, corporate, restructuring and real estate. The firm has a top-tier project finance practice, and won project finance team of the year at the <i>Legal Business</i> awards, for an impressive string of 'firsts' in the area, and ranks second only to Linklaters LLP in emerging markets, for its work in Russia, the CIS and Africa among other jurisdictions. Arbitration, acquisition finance, and high yield are other areas of strength.</p>						

OVERVIEW: DUAL US/UK LAW CAPABILITY (OVER 100 FEE-EARNERS)						
Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals mentioned 2008	Individuals mentioned 2007	Individuals mentioned 2006
1	1	1	1	N/A	N/A	N/A
Editorial						
<p>In 2008, White & Case LLP's London arm suffered the defection of two of its big-name banking stars, when <i>Maurice Allen</i> and <i>Michael Goetz</i> left to join Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP. The full-service UK office still fields a large, 30-partner finance team that acts for the world's top financial institutions, as well as highly competitive English law capability across litigation, capital markets, corporate, restructuring and real estate work. The firm's London litigators advised the activist hedge funds that were shareholders in Northern Rock, during their negotiations with the government over the bank's nationalisation.</p>						

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OVERVIEW: US LAW FIRMS IN LONDON						
Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals mentioned 2008	Individuals mentioned 2007	Individuals mentioned 2006
2	2	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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CORPORATE AND COMMERCIAL: CORPORATE TAX						
Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals mentioned 2008	Individuals mentioned 2007	Individuals mentioned 2006
6	5	5	6	Peita Menon Neil Woodgate	Peita Menon Neil Woodgate	Peita Menon Neil Woodgate
Editorial						
With expertise in both national and cross-border finance and corporate transactions, White & Case LLP 's highlights included advising Italy's Ali SpA on its acquisition of Aga Foodservice Group's commercial foodservice equipment and bakery equipment business. <i>Peita Menon</i> and <i>Neil Woodgate</i> are recommended.						

CORPORATE AND COMMERCIAL: EQUITY CAPITAL MARKETS (UK CAPABILITY) **Note: Debt and equity tables combined through 2006						
Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals mentioned 2008	Individuals mentioned 2007	Individuals mentioned 2006 **
3	3	5	6	Philip Broke Andrew Caunt Francis Fitzherbert-Brockholes Greg Hammond	Andrew Croxford Andrew Caunt Francis Fitzherbert-Brockholes Greg Hammond	Tim Jevions Francis Fitzherbert-Brockholes Josh Kiernan Rachel Hatfield Mike Goetz
Editorial						
White & Case LLP is 'one of the few US firms truly dedicated to building a UK practice'. <i>Francis Fitzherbert-Brockholes</i> 's team acted on 11 IPOs in 2007, and added to its emerging markets track record advising Indian real estate company DLF on its US\$2.25bn IPO, and the underwriters on the US\$1.54bn IPO of Israeli SOE Oil Refineries. <i>Philip Broke</i> , <i>Greg Hammond</i> and <i>Andrew Caunt</i> are all recommended.						

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CORPORATE AND COMMERCIAL: EQUITY CAPITAL MARKETS (US CAPABILITY)						
Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals mentioned 2008	Individuals mentioned 2007	Individuals mentioned 2006
4	4	N/A	5	Carter Brod Joshua Kiernan Sven Krogius	Carter Brod Peter Epp Joshua Kiernan	N/A
Editorial						
White & Case LLP has continued to invest in its rapidly expanding London ECM team, with <i>Carter Brod</i> joining from Baker & McKenzie LLP and <i>Sven Krogius</i> permanently relocating to London from the firm's Moscow office. <i>Joshua Kiernan</i> is also recommended.						

CORPORATE AND COMMERCIAL: FINANCIAL SERVICES						
Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals mentioned 2008	Individuals mentioned 2007	Individuals mentioned 2006
3	4	4	7	Alistair Graham Carmen Reynolds	Carmen Reynolds	Alistair Graham Carmen Reynolds Etay Katz
Editorial						
White & Case LLP is recommended for enforcement and investigations work. It benefits from a Brussels office in relation to EU regulatory matters, and provides regulatory support to Morgan Stanley. 'Partner standouts' are <i>Carmen Reynolds</i> and <i>Alistair Graham</i> , and the team is 'entrepreneurial, problem-solving and reliable'. The firm recently advised a hedge fund on market abuse issues.						

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CORPORATE AND COMMERCIAL: MERGERS & ACQUISITIONS (UPPER MID-MARKET AND PREMIUM DEALS, £250M+)						
Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals mentioned 2008	Individuals mentioned 2007	Individuals mentioned 2006
7	8	8	9	Philip Broke Peter Finlay Matthew Judd	Ashley Ballard Philip Broke David Eisenberg Peter Finlay Matthew Judd Mats Sacklen	Peter Finlay Greg Hammond Alan Greenough
Editorial						
An 11-partner London M&A team at White & Case LLP announced 36 M&A deals in 2007, 11 of which had a value over US\$1bn. One of these was BAA's sale of a £1.3bn stake in Hungary's Hochtief Airport, with London corporate co-head <i>Peter Finlay</i> advising the seller. An impressive roster of other clients active in 2007 included Tottenham Hotspur FC, Umbro, Mitie, Angel Trains and Rolls-Royce. Co-head <i>Philip Broke</i> and <i>Matt Judd</i> are also recommended.						

CORPORATE AND COMMERCIAL: MERGERS & ACQUISITIONS (US LAW CAPABILITY)						
Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals mentioned 2008	Individuals mentioned 2007	Individuals mentioned 2006
3	3	3	3	David Eisenberg Mats Sacklen Andre Weiler	David Eisenberg Mats Sacklen Andre Weiler	David Eisenberg Mats Sacklen Andre Weiler
Editorial						
White & Case LLP's practice has grown to six partners, including <i>David Eisenberg</i> , <i>Andrew Weiler</i> and <i>Mats Sacklen</i> . Recent mandates include KKR's US\$1.3bn acquisition of UN Ro Isletmeleri						

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CORPORATE AND COMMERCIAL: PRIVATE EQUITY (BUYOUTS)						
Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals mentioned 2008	Individuals mentioned 2007	Individuals mentioned 2006
5	5	5	7	Philip Broke Matthew Judd	Philip Broke Matthew Judd	Alan Greenough
Editorial						
White & Case LLP handles a good combination of fund formation and buyouts, with <i>Matthew Judd</i> enjoying a strong reputation on the former. On the acquisition side, <i>Philip Broke</i> is a key point of contact. The group recently advised KKR on its US\$1.3bn acquisition of U.N. Ro-Ro Isletmeleri, at the time the largest private equity buyout in Turkey.						

CORPORATE AND COMMERCIAL: PRIVATE EQUITY (FUNDS)						
Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals mentioned 2008	Individuals mentioned 2007	Individuals mentioned 2006
3	3	N/A	3	Philip Broke Matthew Judd	Philip Broke Matthew Judd	N/A
Editorial						
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DISPUTE RESOLUTION: ARBITRATION						
Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals mentioned 2008	Individuals mentioned 2007	Individuals mentioned 2006
3	4	3	8	John Bellhouse Phillip Capper Kathleen Paisley	John Bellhouse Aloke Ray	Cyrus Benson John Bellhouse
Editorial						
<p>White & Case LLP has made impressive inroads into the market and now has five London partners working almost full time on international arbitrations. Most notably it recruited former <i>Lovells LLP</i> group head <i>Phillip Capper</i>, and brought in the highly experienced <i>Kathleen Paisley</i> from an in-house role. Clients can 'always trust in the opinions of <i>John Bellhouse</i>, who heads the 'outstanding' team, which is strong in construction, energy and telecoms disputes.</p>						

DISPUTE RESOLUTION: BANKING LITIGATION						
Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals mentioned 2008	Individuals mentioned 2007	Individuals mentioned 2006
4	4	4	5	Alistair Graham John Higham QC John Reynolds Jason Yardley	Alistair Graham John Higham QC John Reynolds Jason Yardley	Alistair Graham John Higham QC Jason Yardley
Editorial						
<p>Led by <i>John Reynolds</i>, White & Case LLP represented SRM Global Fund in the judicial review of the government's statutory scheme to compensate the former shareholders of Northern Rock, and the firm also acted for Cukurova Holdings AS and its subsidiary Cukurova Finance in proceedings in the BVI and judicial review proceedings in the UK. <i>Jason Yardley</i> ('proactive', 'commercially minded', 'sharp') maintains an active Russia and Eastern Europe related practice, and in <i>Alistair Graham</i> and <i>John Higham QC</i> the firm has a very strong senior echelon.</p>						

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DISPUTE RESOLUTION: COMMERCIAL LITIGATION						
Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals mentioned 2008	Individuals mentioned 2007	Individuals mentioned 2006
6	7	7	9	Alistair Graham John Reynolds Jason Yardley	Alistair Graham John Higham QC John Reynolds Jason Yardley	Alistair Graham John Higham QC Jason Yardley
Editorial						
<p>White & Case LLP rises in the ranking this year. <i>Alistair Graham</i> acted for Ian Norris on his high-profile extradition proceedings, and the firm also represented SRM Global Fund in connection with the judicial review of Northern Rock's nationalisation, led by <i>John Reynolds</i>. <i>Jason Yardley</i> is recommended for Russia and Eastern Europe related cases.</p>						

FINANCE: OVERVIEW
Editorial
<p>Although they were hit by the implosion of the LBO market, US firms occupy an elevated position in our acquisition finance ranking, thanks largely to strong sponsor-side relationships. The pre-eminent private equity practice in the US, <i>Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP</i> also picks up regular mandates in the UK, with close ties to KKR and Blackstone. The likes of <i>Latham & Watkins</i> and <i>Shearman & Sterling LLP</i> act for a mix of borrower and lender clients, but of all the US firms it is White & Case LLP that has the widest-ranging finance practice.</p>

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FINANCE: ACQUISITION FINANCE						
Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals mentioned 2008	Individuals mentioned 2007	Individuals mentioned 2006
2	2	3	5	Magdalene Bayim-Adomako Barbara Choi Claire Denison Christopher Kandel Jayanthi Sadanandan	Maurice Allen Claire Denison Mike Goetz Christopher Kandel	Maurice Allen Claire Denison Mike Goetz Christopher Kandel
Editorial						
<p><i>White & Case LLP</i> will miss Mike Goetz and Maurice Allen, but the 'attentive, friendly, experienced and knowledgeable' team remains a top choice among clients. New group heads <i>Christopher Kandel</i> and <i>Magdalene Bayim-Adomako</i> both enjoy excellent reputations, and <i>Barbara Choi</i>, <i>Jayanthi Sadanandan</i> and <i>Claire Denison</i> are also very highly rated. Major banking clients include ABN Amro, Barclays, BNP Paribas, Citigroup and Deutsche Bank.</p>						
FINANCE: ASSET FINANCE AND LEASING						
Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals mentioned 2008	Individuals mentioned 2007	Individuals mentioned 2006
4	3	4	7	Adrian Beasley Justin Benson	Adrian Beasley Justin Benson	Justin Benson
Editorial						
<p>Focused almost entirely on aircraft finance, <i>White & Case LLP's</i> three-partner team is instructed by a mix of lenders, operators and lessors, including Babcock & Brown, Calyon, Aeroflot and DVB Bank. Recent highlights include advising AerCap on the English law aspects of a securitisation involving seven aircraft on lease to several UK airlines. <i>Justin Benson</i> and <i>Adrian Beasley</i> are recommended.</p>						

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FINANCE: BANK LENDING (INVESTMENT GRADE DEBT AND SYNDICATED LOANS)						
Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals mentioned 2008	Individuals mentioned 2007	Individuals mentioned 2006
2	2	2	5	Kate Allchurch Magdalene Bayim-Adomako Sam Hamilton Christopher Kandel	Maurice Allen Mike Goetz Alan Rockwell	Maurice Allen Mike Goetz
Editorial						
<p>Jointly headed by <i>Magdalene Bayim-Adomako</i> and <i>Christopher Kandel</i>, White & Case LLP's ten-partner banking team provides 'highly professional' advice to an impressive array of predominantly bank-side clients, including ABN Amro, BNP Paribas and Deutsche Bank. Lead relationship partner to BNP Paribas, <i>Kate Allchurch</i> has a burgeoning reputation in the market, as does newly promoted partner <i>Sam Hamilton</i>, in particular for leveraged finance work emanating out of Scandinavia. It remains to be seen however how the firm copes with the recent high-profile departure of Maurice Allen and Mike Goetz to <i>Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP</i>, both of whom were integral to the firm's rapid ascent as a serious player in the London banking market.</p>						

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FINANCE: CORPORATE RESTRUCTURING AND INSOLVENCY						
Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals mentioned 2008	Individuals mentioned 2007	Individuals mentioned 2006
5	4	5	7	Dan Hamilton Stephen Phillips	Alistair Graham Dan Hamilton John Higham QC Stephen Phillips John Reynolds	Dan Hamilton
Editorial						
<p>Led by the 'technically strong' <i>Dan Hamilton</i>, White & Case LLP's nine-partner team offers a 'first-rate' service to a predominantly creditor-focused client base. Involved in many of the recent SIV restructurings, the group also represents SRM Global Fund, one of Northern Rock's largest shareholders. Augmented by a far-reaching international network, the team is well positioned to advise on multi-jurisdictional matters, and was involved along with colleagues in Poland and Germany in the restructuring of Schieder Mobil. In addition to its strong senior lender client base, the firm is increasingly prominent in the distressed debt market for hedge funds and investment banks (such as Goldman Sachs' special situations group). <i>Stephen Phillips</i> has a strong following among hedge funds and private equity firms.</p>						

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FINANCE: DEBT CAPITAL MARKETS <i>**Note: Debt and equity tables combined through 2006</i>						
Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals mentioned 2008	Individuals mentioned 2007	Individuals mentioned 2006 **
4	4	5	6	Carter Brod Francis Fitzherbert- Brockholes	Tim Jevions Stuart Matty	Tim Jevions Francis Fitzherbert- Brockholes Josh Kiernan Rachel Hatfield Mike Goetz
Editorial						
Clients 'couldn't be more pleased' with White & Case LLP . <i>Francis Fitzherbert-Brockholes'</i> team has handled a range of innovative emerging markets deals include Nigeria's first international corporate bond, and the arrival of US/UK-qualified <i>Carter Brod</i> from <i>Baker & McKenzie LLP</i> has been a boost to issuer and underwriter work.						

FINANCE: DERIVATIVES AND STRUCTURED PRODUCTS						
Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals mentioned 2008	Individuals mentioned 2007	Individuals mentioned 2006
4	4	5	5	David Barwise Gavin McLean	David Barwise Gavin McLean	Heather Pilley
Editorial						
Clients praise White & Case LLP for <i>Gavin McLean's</i> high-quality advice on credit derivatives and the tax structured products and equity, interest rate and currency derivatives knowledge of <i>David Barwise's</i> team, especially on cutting-edge deals.						

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FINANCE: EMERGING MARKETS						
Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals mentioned 2008	Individuals mentioned 2007	Individuals mentioned 2006
2	2	N/A	5	Peter Finlay Sven Krogius Stuart Matty Doug Peel	Francis Fitzherbert-Brockholes Glen Ireland Tim Jevions Sven Krogius Doug Peel	N/A
Editorial						
<p><i>White & Case LLP's</i> high profile in strategic markets such as Russia and CIS, and its longstanding commitment to project finance and leveraged finance in the relevant markets, make it clients' 'first choice for emerging markets work'. 2008 saw the transfer of five London partners to several of these offices, following the relocation of India practice head <i>Doug Peel</i> to Singapore. As part of a string of innovative deals in Africa, <i>Stuart Matty</i> led the advice on a US\$750m offering for Guaranty Trust Bank, the first Nigerian GDR listing on the LSE and the first Rule 144A offering by a Nigerian bank. <i>Sven Krogius</i> and <i>Peter Finlay</i> are noted for their 'wise counsel'.</p>						

FINANCE: HIGH-YIELD						
Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals mentioned 2008	Individuals mentioned 2007	Individuals mentioned 2006
2	3	N/A	5	Rachel Hatfield Rob Mathews	Rachel Hatfield	N/A
Editorial						
<p><i>White & Case LLP</i> - new to the second tier this year - has made up two partners in its team, which continues to benefit from the firm's presence in emerging markets. Although it continues to attract underwriter mandates, issuer representation is also a strength; examples include Orascom Telecom Holding's debut US\$750m high yield bond issuance. <i>Rob Mathews</i> took over leadership of the practice in 2008, with <i>Rachel Hatfield</i> also recognised as an 'exceptional capital markets lawyer'.</p>						

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FINANCE: INVESTMENT FUNDS						
Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals mentioned 2008	Individuals mentioned 2007	Individuals mentioned 2006
4	4	5	5	Matthew Judd	Matthew Judd	N/A
Editorial						
<p><i>White & Case LLP's</i> credentials were enhanced with the arrival of <i>Matthew Judd</i> from <i>Clifford Chance</i>. Its real estate, private equity and hedge fund capabilities have attracted clients such as AXA Private Equity, Morley and Starwood.</p>						

FINANCE: ISLAMIC FINANCE						
Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals mentioned 2008	Individuals mentioned 2007	Individuals mentioned 2006
4	4	** new for 2007 **	4	Mohammed Al-Sheikh Craig Nethercott	Mohammed Al-Sheikh Craig Nethercott	N/A
Editorial						
<p>Highlights for <i>Craig Nethercott</i> and <i>Mohammed Al-Sheikh's</i> team at <i>White & Case LLP</i> included acting on the US\$2.87bn Mobily telecoms financing and the US\$7bn Saudi MTC Telecoms financing. The firm opened an office in Abu Dhabi and has expanded its Saudi Arabia office with the recruitment of four further lawyers.</p>						

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FINANCE: SECURITISATION						
Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals mentioned 2008	Individuals mentioned 2007	Individuals mentioned 2006
3	3	3	6	David Barwise Gavin McLean Simon Morgan	David Barwise Gavin McLean	David Barwise Gavin McLean
Editorial						
<p>2007 was a successful year for <i>David Barwise</i> and <i>Gavin McLean's</i> team at White & Case LLP, which saw a high deal flow in cash and synthetic CDOs, major emerging markets securitisations and property financings, and cemented a dominant position in European CLOs. The firm represented Merrill Lynch and WestLB as lead arrangers on a US\$500m issue in Kazakhstan, and Alfa Bank on a US\$200m deal in Russia. Rising star <i>Simon Morgan</i> is now a partner and is experienced in RMBS, credit card, auto-loan, off-take receivables and future flow receivables securitisations.</p>						

FINANCE: SECURITISATION (REPACKAGINGS)						
Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals mentioned 2008	Individuals mentioned 2007	Individuals mentioned 2006
1	1	1	1	David Barwise Gavin McLean Simon Morgan	David Barwise Gavin McLean	N/A
Editorial (<i>editorial is same as for Securitisation</i>)						
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FINANCE: TRADE FINANCE						
Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals mentioned 2008	Individuals mentioned 2007	Individuals mentioned 2006
2	N/A	N/A	3	Magdalene Bayim-Adomako Jason Kerr Andrew O'Keeffe	N/A	N/A
Editorial						
<p>White & Case LLP has a range of experience on trade finance matters in emerging markets, notably Central Europe, the Middle East and Africa. Highlights included the Ivvolga Group financing in Kazakhstan, a complex multi-commodity and multi-jurisdictional transaction. The firm also has a bulging workload representing ECAs; of particular note is the firm's work for EBRD on its trade facilitation programme. <i>Jason Kerr, Magdalene Bayim-Adomako</i> and <i>Andrew O'Keeffe</i> are recommended.</p>						

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HUMAN RESOURCES: EMPLOYEE SHARE SCHEMES						
Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals mentioned 2008	Individuals mentioned 2007	Individuals mentioned 2006
5	4	N/A	5	Nicholas Greenacre	Nicholas Greenacre	N/A
Editorial						
Driven by international work, White & Case LLP excels in IPO-related matters, and advised VISA International on a directed share plan program and equity incentive plans in 34 countries in the context of its IPO. Now a partner, <i>Nicholas Greenacre</i> is noted for his ability to 'balance accurate legal advice with a commercial slant'.						

HUMAN RESOURCES: EMPLOYMENT
Editorial
We also recommend the London employment practices of the following US firms: <i>Dewey & LeBoeuf</i> ; <i>Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP</i> ; <i>K&L Gates</i> ; <i>Latham & Watkins</i> ; <i>Morrison & Foerster MNP</i> ; <i>Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker (Europe) LLP</i> ; White & Case LLP ; and <i>Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP</i> .

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PROJECTS, ENERGY & NATURAL RESOURCES: OVERVIEW

Editorial

Magic Circle firms *Allen & Overy LLP*, *Clifford Chance* and *Linklaters LLP* continue to rank prominently throughout this chapter, due to excellent links with both banks and sponsors. However a selection of US-based project powerhouses have given the London-based firms a real jolt in recent years, with **White & Case LLP**, *Latham & Watkins* and *Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy LLP* most notably gaining real pedigree in the market.

PROJECTS, ENERGY & NATURAL RESOURCES: ELECTRICITY, NUCLEAR AND RENEWABLES

Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals mentioned 2008	Individuals mentioned 2007	Individuals mentioned 2006
3	3	3	5	David Baker	David Baker Peter Finlay	David Baker Doug Peel

Editorial

White & Case LLP recently advised EnerjiSA on the development of a US\$6bn portfolio of power assets in Turkey following the liberalisation of the Turkish power market, while other representative clients include Calyon, Citibank, AES and East Coast Energy. *David Baker* is the key contact.

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PROJECTS, ENERGY & NATURAL RESOURCES: PRIVATE FINANCE INITIATIVE (PFI)						
Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals mentioned 2008	Individuals mentioned 2007	Individuals mentioned 2006
3	3	3	4	Anthony Fine Michael Scott	Anthony Fine	Anthony Fine
Editorial						
<p><i>White & Case LLP</i> continues to develop its PFI practice across a wide range of sectors including energy, defence, outsourcing and education, and recently advised Serco on the MoD's £1bn Future Provision of Marine Services project. Clients commend its 'very good strength in depth' and 'extensive business knowledge', with <i>Anthony Fine</i> and <i>Michael Scott</i> highly recommended.</p>						

PROJECTS, ENERGY & NATURAL RESOURCES: PROJECT FINANCE						
Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals mentioned 2008	Individuals mentioned 2007	Individuals mentioned 2006
1	1	1	7	Philip Stopford	Peter Finlay Philip Stopford	Anthony Fine Michael Scott Philip Stopford
Editorial						
<p><i>Philip Stopford</i>, team head at <i>White & Case LLP</i>, is 'without doubt one of London's most eminent project finance lawyers'. The Middle East, and Qatar in particular, remains a lucrative market for this busy team, with a recent example being advising the sponsors on the US\$4bn Qatargas 4 LNG project. Other highlights include advising the lead arrangers on the US\$4.6bn EMAL aluminium smelter project.</p>						

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REAL ESTATE: COMMERCIAL PROPERTY						
Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals mentioned 2008	Individuals mentioned 2007	Individuals mentioned 2006
5	5	6	8	David Cox Lorraine Ufland	David Cox Lorraine Ufland	David Cox Lorraine Ufland
Editorial						
<p><i>David Cox and Lorraine Ufland lead White & Case LLP's four-partner commercial property team, which specialises in advising on real estate investments and disposals for funds, sale and leasebacks, and investment. The group has good relationships with a number of leading property companies, including Land Securities Trillium, Quinlan Private and Doughty Hanson. It is rated for its cross-border capabilities, particularly in Europe, and over the past year acted for Doughty Hanson & Co Real Estate, one of the largest European real estate fund managers, on a joint venture and acquisition of a prime London site.</i></p>						

REAL ESTATE: CONSTRUCTION						
Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals mentioned 2008	Individuals mentioned 2007	Individuals mentioned 2006
3	4	4	5	Ellis Baker Phillip Capper	Ellis Baker John Bellhouse	Ellis Baker
Editorial						
<p>International powerhouse White & Case LLP has extended its London presence with the hire of <i>Phillip Capper</i> from <i>Lovells LLP</i>. The 'extremely clear-thinking' group, led by <i>Ellis Baker</i>, is retained by Rio Tinto, Skanska and Oman Oil. Focusing on dispute resolution and project management across the energy, infrastructure and mining sectors, recent matters include advising Eskom on nuclear power-plant options throughout Africa, an ICC arbitration on behalf of a European government, and providing construction advice on the Nord Stream pipeline.</p>						

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REAL ESTATE: PROPERTY FINANCE						
Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals mentioned 2008	Individuals mentioned 2007	Individuals mentioned 2006
6	5	N/A	6	N/A	N/A	N/A
Editorial						
<i>Ed. Note: no write up available</i>						

TMT (TECHNOLOGY, MEDIA & TELECOMS): IT AND TELECOMS <i>**Note – Telecoms was separate from IT before 2008 **</i>						
Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals mentioned 2008	Individuals mentioned 2007	Individuals mentioned 2006
4	N/A	N/A	4	Ashley Winton	N/A	N/A
Editorial						
Also recommended... ‘phenomenal IT lawyer’ Ashley Winton at White & Case LLP . (<i>Ed. Note: condensed from long list of names unrelated to the Firm</i>)						

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TMT (TECHNOLOGY, MEDIA & TELECOMS): IP						
Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals mentioned 2008	Individuals mentioned 2007	Individuals mentioned 2006
6	5	5	6	David Llewelyn	David Llewelyn Kathleen Paisley	David Llewelyn
Editorial						
<p>White & Case LLP focuses on cross-border IP work, and leading London partner and experienced IP mediator <i>David Llewelyn</i> is also the firm's European head of IP. The practice, whose clients are 'satisfied with all aspects of the service', also has in-house trade mark and patent attorneys, and acts for leading UK retailers in the protection of their trade marks.</p>						

TRANSPORT: RAIL						
Ranking 2008	Ranking 2007	Ranking 2006	Number of Tiers	Individuals mentioned 2008	Individuals mentioned 2007	Individuals mentioned 2006
3	4	5	6	Phillip Capper Tom Winsor	Tom Winsor	Tom Winsor
Editorial						
<p>White & Case LLP's <i>Tom Winsor</i> (who 'always adheres to timescales' and is 'impressive in meetings') has a wealth of experience of regulatory issues thanks to time previously spent at the Office of the Rail Regulator. Recent work includes a rail project in Saudi Arabia. <i>Phillip Capper</i>, who has expertise in rail sector disputes, joined from <i>Lovells LLP</i> in early 2008.</p>						