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White & Case lawyers have guided clients doing business in Africa for more than 40 years. We work with both international clients investing in Africa and African-based clients on some of their most significant, complex and high-value matters. We support our clients in Africa with lawyers from across our network of offices, and especially those based in London, Paris, the UAE and Washington, DC and from within Africa in Johannesburg and Cairo.

Clients doing business in Africa benefit from our:

- **Deep regional experience in all major practice areas:** Disputes, Capital Markets, Debt Finance, Project Development and Finance, Private Equity & M&A, Restructuring and Insolvency, and Compliance
- **Market-leading expertise in key industries and sectors:** financial institutions, infrastructure, telecommunications, mining & metals, manufacturing & industrial, energy, power and sovereigns
- **Longstanding local presence and dedicated, diverse teams of experienced lawyers:** Clients value our intimate knowledge of Africa’s markets—drawn from more than 150 lawyers, and our experience from having worked in strength across English, French and Portuguese-speaking jurisdictions

### In the past 18 months...

- **500** of our lawyers, across 33 offices and from 8 practices, have been involved in African matters
- **150** of our lawyers worked for more than 4,000 hours on Africa matters
- **104** of our lawyers speak 11 different languages spoken in Africa, excluding European languages
- **41** of our lawyers are based in Johannesburg, including 16 partners
- **30** of our lawyers are based in Cairo, including 8 partners
Snapshot of our recent West Africa matters

**Kénié Hydropower**
Mali
*Project Development and Finance*
Representation of Eranove and Kélié Hydropower in connection with a public-private partnership agreement to develop a €110 million 42 MW hydroelectric dam in Kélié, Mali. This is a complex mandate, which combines our energy team, Africa and project finance capabilities. It also includes the negotiation of several amendments to the concession and a power purchase agreement.

**Lenders to CBG**
Guinea and Liberia
*Project Development and Finance*
Representing lenders to CBG (including IFC, DFC, UFK, BNPP, SG, ING, Crédit Agricole and Natixis) in its Stage 2 expansion financing.

**Development Finance Institutions**
Sierra Leone (including 13 other countries in Sub-Saharan Africa)
*Corporate M&A and Project Development and Finance*

**High Power Exploration, Inc**
Guinea and Liberia
*Project Development and Finance*
HPX on the acquisition of the Nimba Iron Ore Project in Guinea (a globally significant iron ore deposit) from BHP Billiton, Newmont Mining and Orano by way of a share sale. We also act on all of the ongoing project development activities in Guinea and Liberia for the mine and associated infrastructure corridor.

**Atinkou and Eranove**
Ivory Coast
*Project Development and Finance*
Atinkou (SPV) and its shareholder Eranove in connection with the structuring and financing for a total of €404 million (including €303 million in external financing) of a cogeneration power project. The project relates to the development and operation for 20 years of a 390 MW natural gas-fired power plant using highly efficient combined-cycle turbine technology located close to Jacqueville, approximately 40 kilometers west of Abidjan.
**Trans Niger Oil & Gas Limited**

Nigeria

Project Development and Finance

Trans Niger Oil & Gas Limited in connection with acquisition finance for the purchase of assets from Shell.

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**Ministry of Finance Ghana**

Ghana

Project Development and Finance and Debt Finance

Ministry of Finance of Ghana on the comprehensive restructuring and renegotiation of Ghana’s power supply and offtake contracts with key independent power producers and other energy sector reform measures.

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**Eranove and Omilayé**

Benin

Project Development and Finance

Eranove and Omilayé on water agreements to be granted by the state in the context of the rural water sub-sector reform decided by the Benin State. We assisted Eranove in the bidding process launched by l’Agence Nationale d’Approvisionnement en Eau Potable en Milieu Rural (l’ « ANAEPRI ») and on negotiating and signing various agreements.

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**Seplat Petroleum Development Company Plc**

Nigeria

Corporate M&A and Project Development and Finance

Seplat Energy Plc, a leading Nigerian energy company listed on the Nigerian Exchange and the London Stock Exchange, on the US$1.283 billion to US$1.583 billion acquisition of the entire offshore shallow-water business of Exxon Mobil Corporation in Nigeria.

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**Oil & gas client**

Country in West Africa

Disputes

Representation of our clients in respect of the claims arising from the purchase and installation of an LNG liquefaction plant in West Africa. Following the discovery of defects, our clients have commenced two arbitrations as well as proceedings before the New York Courts.
Our Africa Practice (continued)

Our broad offering

Main practices
- Asset Finance
- Banking
- Construction
- Dispute Resolution
- Private Equity
- Equity and Debt Capital Markets
- M&A
- Private Equity
- Project Finance

Main industries
- Financial institutions
- Infrastructure, transport, logistics
- Mining & metals
- Oil & gas
- Power
- Sovereigns

Our latest thought leadership
- Article 6 of the Paris Agreement: Opportunities for Africa
- Investment treaty protection: How to safeguard foreign investments in Africa
- Middle East and Africa corridor: The perfect partnership for funding Africa’s growth
- Private Equity in Africa: An interview with Bryce Fort
- Africa and the Gulf States herald a new era in trade and investment relations
- Credit where credit’s due: Who’s benefitting from the voluntary carbon market?

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Snapshot: Africa Focus

Winter 2022  Summer 2022  Autumn 2021  Spring 2021
Autumn 2020  Spring 2019  Autumn 2018  Spring 2018
Africa-Wide International Law Firm of the Year for Corporate/M&A  
*Chambers Global Africa Awards, 2023*

Africa-wide Dispute Resolution Law Firm of the Year  
*Chambers Global, 2022*

**Band 1: Capital Markets**  
*Chambers Africa-wide, 2023*

**Band 1: Dispute Resolution**  
*Chambers Africa-wide, 2023*

**Band 1: Projects & Energy: Oil & Gas**  
*Chambers Africa-wide, 2023*

**Band 2: Projects & Energy**  
*Chambers Africa-wide, 2023*

**Band 2: Corporate M&A and Private Equity**  
*Chambers Africa-wide, 2023*

**Band 2: Projects & Energy: Mining & Minerals**  
*Chambers Africa-wide, 2023*

**Band 2: Corporate/Commercial: OHADA Specialists**  
*Chambers Africa-wide, 2023*

**Band 1: Egypt Projects & Energy and Capital Markets**  
*Chambers, 2023*

*A significant contributor to the development of African private equity over the last decade*  
*Private Equity Africa Awards, 2022*

International Law Firm of the Year for Africa  
*IFLR Africa Awards, 2022*

Loans Deal of the Year – Lagos State Government bus corridors  
*IFLR Africa Awards, 2022*

**Number 1: Infrastructure and Project Finance by deal in Sub-Saharan**  
*IJ Global, 2022*

**Number 1: M&A league table by deal count**  
*Middle East and Africa Mergermarket, 2022*

**Tier 1: Morocco Foreign Expert**  
*The Legal 500, 2015 – 2022*

**Tier 2: Ghana Foreign Expert**  
*The Legal 500, 2022*

**Tier 2: Algeria Foreign Expert**  
*The Legal 500, 2022*

**Tier 2: South Africa: Commercial, Corporate and M&A; Projects and Infrastructure**  
*The Legal 500, 2023*

**Tier 1: Egypt Banking and Finance; Commercial, Corporate and M&A; Energy; Projects and Infrastructure**  
*The Legal 500, 2023*

**Best Law firm in Africa**  
*EMEA Finance, Africa Banking Awards, 2013 – 2020*
For more than half a century we have been at the cutting edge of advising more than 80 sovereign nations resolve their complex business and legal challenges across a range of commercial and official activities. These include capital markets financings, debt restructurings, derivatives transactions, litigation and arbitration, international trade issues, privatizations, project finance and infrastructure development, public-private partnerships and advising sovereign wealth funds.

Our Firm is dedicated to helping sovereign clients achieve their goals. From inaugural bond offerings to debt management and complex restructurings, we remain at the forefront of sovereign advisory work. We have an unrivaled track record and the broadest client base of any firm.

Select representative matters

**Republic of Zambia**

Ongoing representation of the Republic of Zambia in connection with developing and implementing a debt restructuring strategy for the Republic, including launching a consent solicitation in respect of the Republic’s Eurobonds due in 2022, 2024 and 2027, and engaging with various commercial, multilateral and official creditors with a view to agreeing the deferral of principal and interest payments on the Republic’s financing agreements in line with the G20’s Debt Service Suspension Initiative.

**Republic of South Africa**

Representation of the joint bookrunners in connection with the Republic of South Africa’s dual tranche issuance of US$1.4 billion in 5.875% Notes due 2032 and US$1.6 billion in 7.300% Notes due 2052.

**Republic of Angola**

Representation of Citigroup and Deutsche Bank: (i) as arrangers and dealers in the Republic of Angola’s update of its global medium term note programme; (ii) as joint lead managers for the Republic of Angola’s issuance of US$1.75 billion 8.75 per cent. Notes due 2032 in accordance with Rule 144A and Regulation S; and (iii) as dealer managers in the Republic of Angola’s tender offer of its 9.5% US$1.5 billion Notes 2025; and 8.25% US$1.75 billion Notes due 2028.

**Federal Republic of Nigeria**


**Republic of Gabon**


**Republic of Cameroon**

Representation of the Republic of Cameroon in connection to its issuance of €685 million principal amount of its 5.950% Amortizing Notes due 2032 and tender offer for its 9.50% Amortizing Notes due 2025 and the partial unwinding of the hedge relating to the tender notes.

**Republic of Mozambique**

Representation the Republic of Mozambique in a complex sovereign restructuring of approx. US$1.9 billion of its external commercial indebtedness. The restructuring concerns a sovereign bond and two state-guaranteed loans.
Case study

Supporting the liquidity of African sovereign Eurobonds

White & Case LLP has provided pro bono advice to the Liquidity and Sustainability Facility (LSF) on its inaugural US$100 million repo transaction, which was announced at COP27 and aims to bring liquidity to a diversified basket of African sovereign Eurobonds.

“For the LSF, an innovative and scalable legal program has been established,” said White & Case partner Ingrid York, who led the Firm’s team advising the LSF on the deal. “The platform will help African sovereigns access international markets efficiently and for the long term. The innovative deal, with funding support from Afreximbank, seeks to bring the benefits of a well-developed repo market to the African continent, with the goal of enhancing the liquidity of a diversified basket of sovereign Eurobonds including The Arab Republic of Egypt, Kenya and Angola as issuers.

This first transaction marks the full operationalization of the LSF’s business model, enabling it to start fulfilling its two objectives of supporting the liquidity of African sovereign Eurobonds, and incentivizing SDG-related investments such as SDG and green bonds on the African continent.
Snapshot of our recent East Africa matters

GemCorp Capital
The Gambia, Sierra Leone, The Democratic Republic of the Congo and Uganda
Debt Finance
Acting for the international lenders in connection with an approx US$150 million senior secured term loan facility to a telecommunications company with operations in The Gambia, Sierra Leone, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Uganda.
Qatar Holding LLC, an affiliate of the Qatar Investment Authority, in its US$200 million acquisition of a minority stake in Airtel Mobile Commerce B.V., a subsidiary of LSE-listed Airtel Africa Plc., and a provider of telecommunications and mobile money services, with a presence in 14 countries across Africa.

CNOOC Uganda Limited in its investment in the EACOP crude oil pipeline running from Uganda to Tanzania for exporting produced oil from the Kingfisher oil field in western Uganda and its upstream projects.

The acquisition of a 49 percent stake in KEG Holdings Limited, a liquefied petroleum gas business operating in East Africa, by A.P. Moller Capital and Royal Bafokeng Holdings. The sellers were Emerging Capital Partners and the founder, who remains the largest single shareholder.

The Ngualla Project is one of the largest and highest-grade Neodymium and Praseodymium (NdPr) rare earth deposits in the world. We have assisted Peak in its bilateral negotiations with the Government of Tanzania, including the development of an economic framework agreement, shareholders agreement and other constituent documents that will govern the Government’s free carried interest in the Project.

Represent a consortium of West-European contractors in a dispute against a Kenyan public authority, arising out of a construction contract for major infrastructure works.

Advise Meta Platforms on the assessment of proposed legislative regulations in Kenya.

Assist in resolving pending litigations on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Sudan primarily pertaining to allegations of financing terrorism.
Financial institutions

We leverage our global footprint and strengths in key financial institution markets such as New York, London, Frankfurt and Hong Kong, bringing these capabilities to local markets across the African sub-continent. We are one of the very few top-tier international law firms with a genuine, substantial and longstanding footprint and long-term commitment to the African continent.

Select representative matters

United Bank for Africa
Representation of United Bank for Africa Plc in the establishment of a US$1.5 billion GMTN programme and issuance thereunder of US$300 million senior unsecured notes and a concurrent tender offer in respect of United Bank for Africa Plc’s outstanding US$500 million 7.750% Notes due 2022.

Africa Finance Corporation
Representation of Africa Finance Corporation (AFC) in a US$250 million Tier 2 capital term loan facility from the United States International Development Finance Corporation (formerly OPIC), the US development finance agency, with a mandate to provide private sector financing solutions in the developing world.

CI Capital
Representation of Renaissance Capital and First Abu Dhabi Bank, as underwriters, in connection with the US$130 million IPO of Taaleem Management Services on EGX.

Chedid Capital
Representation of Chedid Capital, a financial holding company dedicated to investing in the insurance and reinsurance sectors, in its acquisition of the majority stake in Ascoma Assurances Conseils from the Husson family. Ascoma is a major brokerage player in Africa covering 21 countries and is focused on insurance brokerage (property and casualty and health) and health expense management for companies and insurers.

BNP Paribas
Representation of BNP Paribas in connection with the sale of a majority stake in several African banks: BICIG SA Gabon, BICIC SA Comorres, BICI-AB SA Burkina Faso and BICIGUI SA Guinea.

First Bank of Nigeria
Representation of the joint lead managers in the US$350 million offering of notes by FBN Finance Company B.V., for the sole purpose of financing the purchase by FBN Finance Company B.V. of a senior note issued by First Bank of Nigeria Ltd. The deal is the first Eurobond transaction from a Nigerian bank since 2017 and the first benchmark Eurobond issue from an African bank in 2020.

TNOG Oil & Gas Acquisition Financing
Representation of TNOG Oil and Gas Limited, a related company of Heirs Holdings Limited and Transnational Corporation of Nigeria Plc (Transcorp), in the highly innovative US$1 billion acquisition and financing of a 45 percent participating interest in Nigerian oil license OML 17 and related assets from the Shell Petroleum Development Company of Nigeria Limited, Total E&P Nigeria Limited and ENI, with TNOG Oil and Gas Limited having sole operatorship of the asset. This financing structure will set a new benchmark for future emerging markets financings—the combination of a convertible facility has no precedent in the African market.

African Development Bank
Representation of the dealers in connection with Africa Finance Corporation’s debut CHF 150 million green bond offering under AFC’s GMTN programme.

African Development Bank
Representation of the African Development Bank in connection with a Sustainable Development Goals-linked bond issuance, the first of its kind in Africa.
Leading the way in the Nigerian banking sector

Representation of the joint bookrunners in the issuance of US$500 million additional Tier 1 notes and US$500 million senior notes by Access Bank, one of the largest banks in Nigeria.

The transaction is the first-ever additional Tier 1 bond issuance from Nigeria and the first in Africa, ex-South Africa. It required an in-depth analysis of the Regulatory Capital Regulations ahead of the Basel III implementation in Nigeria by the regulator, the Central Bank of Nigeria. The issuance structure involved a drawdown under Access Bank's US$1.5 billion Global Medium Term Note Programme, which was updated in September 2021. Senior bonds were successfully issued by Access Bank on September 21, 2021 followed by the AT1 issuance. The AT1 bonds feature non-viability loss absorption at the discretion of the Central Bank of Nigeria. This was a genuinely innovative deal and an example of us combining our peerless EM capabilities with our highly regarded regulatory capital expertise.
Infrastructure has evolved as an asset class over the past few years, and we have advised on some of the most significant infrastructure projects in Africa to date.

Our team has gained a global reputation for excellence in infrastructure development and finance, as well as for successfully resolving disputes concerning some of Africa’s most important developments. In 2021, we continued helping our clients bring their projects from the drawing board to the real world.

Select representative matters

**Helios Investment Partners and Tema LNG Terminal Company Limited**

Representation of Helios Investment Partners and Tema LNG Terminal Company Limited, a Ghanaian entity established and controlled by Helios Investment Partners, in respect of the financing and project development of a liquefied natural gas terminal in Tema, Ghana, and related floating infrastructure vessels required to perform the services of liquefied natural gas vessel berthing, unloading, storage, regasification and transportation of natural gas.

**Eranove and Fonds Gabonais d’Investissements Stratégiques (FGiS)**

Representation of Eranove and Fonds Gabonais d’Investissements Stratégiques (FGiS), the Gabon strategic investment fund, in connection with the financing, design, construction, operation and maintenance of a new drinking water treatment plant with a production capacity of 140,000 m³ per day, the supply and installation of a 56 km transfer pipeline of a diameter DN 1200 between Kango and Ntoum, as well as a raw water pump station on the Komo River and an emergency program to generate an additional 20,000 to 30,000 m³ per day of water.

**Kinyinya**

Representation of the International Finance Corporation in relation to the US$200 million equity investment made by the IFC (and other associated entities of the World Bank Group) in the Kinyinya housing development, which forms part of the larger “Green City Kigali”. The development was conceptualized to help address the large affordable housing shortage in Kigali, Rwanda with the development of a sustainable urban mixed-use community.

**West Indian Ocean Cable Company Limited**

Representation of Société de Promotion et de Participation pour la Coopération Economique S.A. (Proparco), The Emerging Africa Infrastructure Fund Limited and International Finance Corporation in financing the expansion of WIOCC’s telecommunications and data services business in Africa.

**Chinese state-owned multinational engineering and construction company**

Representation of one of the largest Chinese state-owned multinational engineering and construction companies in an ICC arbitration regarding a joint venture corporate dispute against North African shareholders.

**Malaysian water and power utility company**

Representation of a Malaysian water and power utility company in an ICC arbitration over the operation of a seawater desalination plant in North Africa.

**Société Eiffage de la Concession de l’Autoroute de l’Avenir (SECAA)**

Representation of Société Eiffage de la Concession de l’Autoroute de l’Avenir (SECAA) and its shareholder Eiffage in the renegotiation and extension of the duration of the Dakar-Diamniadio-Blaise Diagne International Airport public-private partnership (PPP) toll road concession agreements with the State of Senegal, and the entry of the State of Senegal into SECAA’s capital.
Multibillion-euro landmark Cairo Monorail project in Egypt

White & Case advised the National Authority for Tunnels (NAT), an entity affiliated with the Ministry of Transportation of Egypt, in the development and financing of the €1.886 billion Cairo Monorail project.

The €1.886 billion UK Export Finance–guaranteed term facility agreement is secured by a sovereign guarantee issued by the Ministry of Finance of Egypt.

Once complete, the project, which covers almost 100 kms will be the longest monorail system in the world.

The US$4.5 billion monorail project is the first of its kind in Egypt and includes two lines: a 43 km-long rail set to extend from 6th of October City to Giza, and another rail connecting Cairo’s New Administrative Capital to Nasr City at a length of 54 kms. These will be the first mass transit links between Greater Cairo, the new capital and 6th of October City.

Work includes building 34 stations, maintenance facilities, depots and an operations control center.

The monorail will also intersect with the Cairo metro’s Line 3 as well as Cairo’s high-speed rail network.

The monorails will connect residents outside of Egypt’s capital with the city, cutting down on traffic congestion and automobile pollution.
**Republic of Cameroon**

**Capital Markets**

The Republic of Cameroon on the Rule 144A/Regulation S offering of its €685 million 5.950% Amortizing Notes due 2032, and the concurrent any-and-all tender offer of its US$750 million 9.50% Amortizing Notes due 2025.

**Noble Energy**

**Equatorial Guinea**

**Corporate M&A**

Noble in LNG marketing arrangements for the Alen Field.

**Noble Energy**

**Equatorial Guinea**

**Project Development and Finance**

Advise client in proposed unitization of YoYo Block Cameroon Unitization (this matter will have three key elements, (i) unitization of the YoYo-Yolanda field, (ii) unitization of the Diega field, and (iii) expansion of YoYo PSC to include additional areas in the north and south to capture full Yo-Yo field and Diega field).

**Republic of Gabon**

**Capital Markets**

Republic of Gabon on the Rule 144A/Regulation S offering of its US$800 million 7.000% Amortizing Notes due 2031 and the concurrent tender offer of its outstanding US$1.5 billion 6.375% Amortizing Notes due 2024.

**African Development Bank**

**Gabon**

**Project Development and Finance**

Representation of Eranove and Kékéli (SPV) in the taking-over process of the power plant and a pre-litigation with the EPC contractor.
Central Africa construction company
Central African Republic
Disputes
Achieved a major victory in a Paris-seated ICC arbitration against a Central African state relating to public works that had remained unpaid for 30 years. A series of awards were rendered and enforcement action is pending before various courts around the world, while the state is also seeking to have one of the awards revised.

GemCorp Capital
The Gambia, Sierra Leone, The Democratic Republic of the Congo and Uganda
Debt Finance
Acting for the international lenders in connection with an approx. US$150 million senior secured term loan facility to a telecommunications company with operations in The Gambia, Sierra Leone, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Uganda.

Investor
The Democratic Republic of the Congo
Project Development and Finance
Disputes
Representation of an investor in connection with its provision of financing to SNEL for the refurbishment of two hydroelectric plants in the DRC for supply of electricity to industrial consumers.

Hojeij Family
Congo, Republic of the
Disputes
Representation of the infrastructure company Commisimpex in the prosecution of claims against the Republic of the Congo. We were successful in an award resulting in enforcement claims of more than US$1 billion (enforcement being undertaken by another firm given conflicts). We remain counsel in the light of the Congo’s attempts to revise the original award; the matter features highly in the press both in Africa and elsewhere.

Ivanhoe Mines
Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Africa
Project Development and Finance
Kamoa Copper SA, a joint venture between Ivanhoe Mines and Zijin Mining, as borrower, in connection with the negotiation of an EKN-supported export credit facility of €176,000,000 and a down payment facility of US$24,000,000, each arranged by The Standard Bank of South Africa Limited. We also represent Ivanhoe in various transactions related to its Western Forelands portfolio.
No other law firm is better positioned than us to advise on the issues affecting the mining & metals industry across the globe. We have complete familiarity with this sector and have advised on some of the largest and most prominent mining & metals deals in Africa.

Our team is made up of lawyers dedicated to navigating clients through all the legal aspects affecting the mining & metals industry. Whether acquiring a portfolio of mining properties located in Africa, looking to develop a bankable structure for a challenging mining project, negotiating concession terms with a host government, rebalancing your capital structure or bringing a mining company to the capital markets for the first time, we have the depth of resources to make this happen.

Select representative matters

**High Power Exploration**
HPX on the acquisition of the Nimba Iron Ore Project in Guinea (a globally significant iron ore deposit) from BHP Billiton, Newmont Mining and Orano by way of a share sale. We also act on all of the ongoing project development activities in Guinea and Liberia for the mine and associated infrastructure corridor.

**Compagnie des Bauxites de Guinée**
Representing lenders to CBG (including IFC, DFC, UFK, BNPP, SG, ING, Crédit Agricole and Natixis) on its Stage 2 expansion financing.

**Standard Bank**
Standard Bank on the provision of a financing package to Golden Star Wassa to fund the operations of the Wassa Gold Mine in Ghana. The financing was provided as part of the acquisition of Golden Star Resources by Chifeng, an international gold mining company listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange, with a market capitalization of US$4.3 billion.

**Kamoa Copper SA**
Kamoa Copper SA, a joint venture between Ivanhoe Mines and Zijin Mining, as borrower, in connection with the negotiation of an EKN-supported export credit facility of €176,000,000 and a down payment facility of US$24 million, each arranged by The Standard Bank of South Africa Limited. We also represent Ivanhoe in various transactions relating to its Western Forelands portfolio.

**Ivanhoe Mines**
Ivanhoe Mines in relation to the multi-tranche project financing of the Platreef project in South Africa, including a US$300 million streaming facility from Orion Mine Finance and its associates.

**Black Royalty Minerals**
Representation of Black Royalty Minerals Proprietary Limited in their successful bid process to acquire all of the assets of Koornfontein Mines Proprietary Limited. This is the biggest mining asset bought out of business rescue in the last 12 months. We guided the client through several complex threats of litigation where interested parties tried to prevent the deal from going ahead. Each of these was successfully managed by the team through to completion.

**Harmony Gold**
Representation of Harmony Gold Mining Company in relation to its acquisition of AngloGold Ashanti’s remaining South African assets.

**Tri-K**
Representation of the lenders (Banque Centrale Populaire, as arranger, and Société Générale, as lender) in relation to the financing of a gold mine project in Guinea, with Managem as sponsor. We have been closely involved in the EPC negotiations (mining infrastructures, FIDIC base) and PPA (independent energy production not connected to the national grid).
Mozambique and Malawi to Vulcan Minerals

Representation of Vale S.A. in its disposal of the Moatize coal mine and the Nacala rail/port corridor located in Mozambique and Malawi to Vulcan Minerals. The consideration for the transaction includes a ten-year royalty payment, which is payable to Vale S.A. based on certain price and production thresholds being met. Vale is an international mining group, which is the world’s largest producer of iron ore and nickel. The disposal was a strategic divestment by Vale, part of Vale’s ongoing strategy to exit all coal assets globally and to become a leader in low-carbon mining. As part of the transaction, Vale is able to exit a substantial number of guarantees, which it has given to the Mozambique and Malawi governments that Vulcan must replace, including substantial make good requirements on the coal mine.

Vale is a Brazilian mining group, one of the world’s largest producer of iron ore and nickel. The transaction was a strategic divestment, part of Vale’s ongoing strategy to exit all coal assets and to become a leader in low-carbon mining.
We have a marquee Oil & Gas Practice. We have unrivaled experience in complex, cutting-edge oil & gas transactions and disputes worldwide—in the past two years, we have advised clients from 72 countries on deals with a total value of more than US$500 billion involving more than 120 countries.

Africa is a special area of focus for our Oil & Gas team. Our team has a deep understanding of all aspects of the oil & gas business in Africa and has developed enduring and wide-ranging relationships with sector participants across the hydrocarbon value chain in Africa. Our clients include major integrated oil & gas companies, independent exploration and production companies, national and indigenous oil & gas companies, private equity funds and their portfolio companies, oilfield service companies, commodity trading houses, banks and investment companies, sovereign wealth funds, foreign governments and strategic investors.

Select representative matters

**ANOH Gas Processing Company**
Representation of ANOH Gas Processing Company Limited, a gas processing company established by SEPLAT Petroleum Development Company Plc and the Nigerian Gas Company, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC), in the project financing of the ANOH gas project, a 300 MMscfd gas processing plant and ancillary facilities in Nigeria.

**Ghana National Petroleum Corporation**
Representation of GNPC in a landmark liquefied natural gas (LNG) regasification project located in Tema, Ghana. The project’s proposed technical configuration comprises a floating regasification barge, floating storage unit and a pipeline to an existing gas grid in Tema.

**Western Desert upstream oil & gas assets**
Representation of a syndicate of lenders led by Société Générale, London Branch to subsidiaries of Cheiron Petroleum Corporation and Cairn Energy PLC in a reserve-based lending facility of US$325 million for the acquisition of upstream oil & gas assets located in the Western Desert in Egypt from Shell Egypt N.V. and Shell Austria GmbH for a base consideration of US$646 million and an additional contingent consideration of up to a maximum of US$280 million.

**NNLNG Train 7**
Representation of the financiers in a landmark US$3 billion first-in-class hybrid corporate financing to Nigeria LNG Limited (NLNG), a joint venture owned by Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC), Shell, Total and Eni to develop the NLNG Train 7 Project.

**Seplat Petroleum**
Representation of the global coordinators, joint bookrunners and co-managers in the offering of US$650 million notes by Seplat Petroleum Development Company Plc, a leading Nigerian independent energy company. The transaction was the largest-ever Nigerian bond issuance in the oil & gas sector.

**State-owned energy company**
Representation of a state-owned energy company in West Africa as the respondent in a US$65 million LCIA London-seat arbitration against an international contractor. The dispute concerns the termination of a major infrastructure project to design, build and operate an onshore natural gas pipeline in West Africa.

**Exxon Mobil’s Offshore Shallow Water Business**

**Oil & gas client**
Representation of our clients in respect of the claims arising from the purchase and installation of an LNG liquefaction plant in West Africa. Following the discovery of defects, our clients have commenced two arbitrations as well as proceedings before the New York Courts.
Mozambique LNG Project

White & Case advised the lenders, including 7 ECAs (US-EXIM, UKEF, SACE, JBIC, NEXI, ECIC, Export-Import Bank of Thailand), and AfDB in connection with the landmark US$27 billion Mozambique LNG project, the largest foreign direct investment in Africa and a game-changer for the Mozambique energy sector. Project costs will be funded by a combination of equity, pre-completion cashflows and up to US$16 billion of senior debt facilities.

Mozambique LNG is likely to be the first of several financings over the next decade in order to fully develop the vast offshore reserves across the Area 1 concession. The project financing structure had to provide for maximum flexibility for access to international debt markets well into the future. It also had to solve for project-on-project risk as the concession is progressively developed.

The large and complex financing will be Mozambique's first onshore LNG development, initially consisting of two LNG trains to support the development of the Golfinho-Atum fields. The project has onshore and offshore components, costs associated with the construction of certain facilities to be shared with the adjoining Area 4 project, and financing costs.
Our Firm is a market-leading adviser for power project mandates. We have a thorough understanding of the power industry through our preeminent position in advising on power projects and related financings for more than four decades.

No matter the type of power generation plant—fossil fuel, wind, solar, hydroelectric, geothermal, biomass or nuclear—our lawyers are well versed in the latest developments in these sectors, particularly in Africa, where power remains a critical factor in economic development—and offtaker credit, transmission connectivity and regulatory reform remain key areas of focus. Our clients benefit from our experience in the power sector, combined with our ability to integrate a legal team across the full range of our Firm’s practices, to anticipate and overcome obstacles and successfully conclude their transactions or resolve disputes.

Select representative matters

**Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd**
Representation of Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd in respect of a private placement of US$500 million 4.314% Guaranteed Notes due 2027 to J.P. Morgan Securities plc. The Notes have the benefit of an on-demand guarantee from the Republic of South Africa and are listed on the Vienna MTF.

**Mauritius Commercial Bank**
Representation of The Mauritius Commercial Bank Limited in a US$60 million secured financing to Karpower International B.V. to develop its LNG-to-power ship business.

**Wärtsilä Development & Financial Services and the Fonds Gabonais d’Investissements Stratégiqques (FGIS)**
Representation of Wärtsilä Development & Financial Services and the Fonds Gabonais d’Investissements Stratégiqques (FGIS) in connection with the construction and operation of an 80 MW thermal power plant located in Owendo, Gabon.

**ECP, deg, IFU and A.P. Moller Capital**
Representation of a consortium formed by ECP, deg, IFU and A.P. Moller Capital (Maersk Group) in connection with the majority investment in Eranove SA, the African leader in energy and services.

**African Development Bank**
Representation of African Development Bank in connection with the structured financing of the expansion of the Hidroelectrica de Cahora Bassa project in Mozambique.

**AfDB, TDB and Finnfund**
Representation of AfDB, TDB and Finnfund in relation to the financing of a geothermal power plant at Menengai, Kenya. The project will provide additional generation of 400 MWs of steam power through IPPs.

**South Korean construction conglomerate**
Representation of a major South Korean construction conglomerate in the successful settlement of a dispute arising out of the construction of a power project in North Africa.

**Nigeria ICC Arbitration**
Representation of Nigeria, as co-counsel, in an ICC arbitration brought by Nigerian energy company Sunrise Power and Transmission Company against the Federal Republic of Nigeria and Chinese State-owned company Sinohydro Corporation concerning a dispute arising out of the construction of the Mambilla Hydropower Project.
Atinkou Project and Ivory Coast electricity concession

Atinkou Project - White & Case has advised Atinkou and its main shareholder Eranove in the structuring and financing for a total of €404 million (including €303 million in external financing) of a cogeneration power project in Côte d’Ivoire. The financial mobilization is carried out by the International Finance Corporation (IFC) from the African Development Bank (AfDB), the Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (KfW), the German Development Agency, the Netherlands Development Finance Corporation (FMO), the Emerging Africa Infrastructure Fund (EAIF) and the Fund for International Development (OPEC Fund).

The Atinkou Project relates to the development and operation for 20 years of a 390 MW natural gas-fired power plant using highly efficient combined-cycle turbine technology located close to Jacqueville, approximately 40 kilometers west of Abidjan. In addition, Atinkou will undertake a technological leap by introducing the first Class F gas turbines in sub-Saharan Africa.

According to the Minister in charge of Petroleum, Energy and Renewable Energies, this power plant is part of the state’s ambition to strengthen the country’s electricity production capacity through new units operated by experienced private partners to enable Côte d’Ivoire to double its energy capacity to 4,000 MWs in the coming years.
Occidental Petroleum Corporation
Algeria
Disputes
Representing Oxy in the negotiation of an oil & gas concession with Sonatrach in Algeria.

Alamar Foods Company
Morocco and Saudi Arabia
Capital Markets
HSBC Saudi Arabia, as lead manager, financial advisor, bookrunner and underwriter, in the initial public offering (Capital Markets) of Alamar Foods Company on the Main Market of the Saudi Stock Exchange (Tadawul). Alamar operates more than 520 Domino’s outlets across 11 MENAP countries and more than 40 Dunkin’ outlets in Egypt and Morocco.

Energean PLC
Algeria and Egypt
Corporate M&A
Energean Oil & Gas plc, an FTSE 250 independent oil & gas exploration and production company, in its US$750 million acquisition of the upstream oil & gas business of Edison S.p.A., with additional contingent consideration of US$100 million payable following first gas from the Cassiopea development, offshore Italy.

Lenders
Egypt
Corporate M&A
Representation of the Lenders on US$646 million acquisition of Western Desert Upstream Oil and Gas Assets in Egypt by Cheiron Oil & Gas.
BPE Partners and Abdel Moneim Al-Rashed on their sale of 89 percent of the share capital of Giza Systems S.A.E., a leading digital transformation enabler and systems integrator across the Middle East and Africa, to Solutions by STC, a subsidiary of the Saudi Telecommunications Company (STC) at a total equity valuation of US$139 million.

The Egyptian government, represented by the National Authority for Tunnels, on the award of the contract for the operation and maintenance of Egypt’s first high-speed rail network to Deutsche Bahn and El Sewedy Electric.

National Authority for Tunnels
Egypt
Project Development and Finance
National Authority for Tunnels (NAT), an entity affiliated with the Ministry of Transportation of Egypt, on the €1.886 billion financing for the development of the Cairo Monorail project in Egypt.

Development Partners International
Egypt
Private Equity
Development Partners International (DPI), a premier investment firm focused on Africa, on the sale of its significant minority stake in Egyptian retailer B.TECH.

European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
Egypt
Corporate M&A
Representation of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, as a founding investor, in the creation of a US$750 million biopharmaceutical platform to broaden access to vital specialty generic drugs in Egypt, with the potential to expand into other countries in Africa.
Office updates

Cairo

It has been another memorable year for the Firm’s Cairo office. We have continued to grow and develop the practice, while solidifying our standing as one of the premier law firms in Egypt. The Legal 500 ranked the Firm Tier 1 across all practices, including Banking & Finance, Commercial Corporate and M&A, Projects & Infrastructure and Energy. While Chambers & Partners ranked the Firm Band 1 for Projects & Energy and Capital Markets, and noted that “the firm has strong lawyers from top to bottom” and “they understand the local legal landscape very well”.

We offer project development and finance, banking and Islamic finance, equity and debt capital markets, and corporate, joint venture and M&A expertise. During 2022, we also continued to expand and strengthen our team through the addition of three fee earners who joined our Corporate M&A, Capital Markets and Project Development and Finance practices. We now have a team on the ground that comprises eight partners, eight associates and five graduate trainees. Furthermore, more than half of our Egyptian qualified lawyers are also either US or England and Wales qualified, enabling us to provide clients with the unique, on-the-ground offer of Egyptian, English and US law advice.

To cope with the continued growth in Cairo, 2021 also saw the completion of the expansion and refurbishment of our existing offices in Cairo, enabling us to offer better meeting rooms and technology support for our clients.

We were particularly pleased with the deals our Cairo office advised on in 2022—many of which were some of the largest and most innovative in the Egyptian market:

**Highlights from 2022 include:**

**National Authority for Tunnels**
Representation of the Egyptian government, represented by the National Authority for Tunnels, in the award of the contract for the operation and maintenance of Egypt’s first high-speed rail network to Deutsche Bahn and El Sewedy Electric.

**ZMI Holdings**
Representation of ZMI Holdings, one of the world’s largest owners and operators of self-propelled jack-up barges, in its sale by Hassan El Ali to ADNOC, the Abu Dhabi government’s energy and petrochemicals holding company.

**Development Partners International**
Representation of Development Partners International (DPI), a premier investment firm focused on Africa, in the sale of its significant minority stake in Egyptian retailer B.TECH.

**BPE Partners**
Representation of private equity firm BPE Partners and Abdel Moneim Al-Rashed in their sale of 89 percent of the share capital of Giza Systems S.A.E., a leading digital transformation enabler and systems integrator across the Middle East and Africa, to Solutions by STC, a subsidiary of the Saudi Telecommunications Company (STC), for a total equity valuation of US$139 million.

**European Bank for Reconstruction and Development**
Representation of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), as a founding investor, in the creation of a US$750 million biopharmaceutical platform to broaden access to vital specialty generic drugs in Egypt, with the potential to expand into other countries in Africa.
International Associated Cargo Carrier BV
Representation of International Associated Cargo Carrier BV in its sale of a 70 percent stake in Transmar International Shipping SAE and Transcargo International SAE, which is a leading shipping and container-handling group in Egypt, to AD Ports (a subsidiary of ADQ).

Gemini Global Development
Representation of Gemini Global Development and its major shareholder, Ora Developers, in Gemini’s capital increase of US$100 million by Abu Dhabi’s Chimera in return for a significant minority stake.

Cairo Monorail
Representation of National Authority for Tunnels (NAT), an entity affiliated to the Ministry of Transportation of Egypt, in the development and financing of the Cairo Monorail project. The €1.886 billion UK Export Finance-guaranteed term facility agreement is secured by a sovereign guarantee issued by the Ministry of Finance of Egypt. Once complete, the project, which covers almost 100 kms, will be the longest monorail system in the world. The US$4.5 billion monorail project is the first of its kind in Egypt and includes two lines: a 43 km-long rail set to extend from 6th of October City to Giza, and another rail connecting Cairo’s New Administrative Capital to Nasr City at a length of 54 kms. These will be the first mass transit links between Greater Cairo, the new capital, and 6th of October City.

ADES Group
Representation of ADES Group in connection with the US$1.6 billion hybrid (conventional and Islamic) financing granted to ADES Arabia Holding JSC (a newly incorporated entity and one of the few holding companies incorporated in Saudi Arabia) and ADES Saudi Limited Company for the refinancing of existing debt and financing recent major acquisitions.

ZMI Group
Representation of ZMI Group, a major oil & gas services vessel operator/charterer, in connection with up to US$500 million in multi-tiered senior secured financing as part of the ZMI Group’s reorganization. The financing consisted of a number of debt instruments, including a bridge facility provided by Goldman Sachs alongside senior syndicated facilities (provided on a conventional and Islamic Ijarah financing basis), together with secured bonding line debt and working capital facilities.

TCl Sanmar
Representation of Bank of Baroda, London Branch, as global facility agent, and other lenders in connection with the US$1 billion restructuring of all credit facilities of TCI Sanmar Chemicals SAE, an Egyptian project company and part of the Sanmar group, an Indian conglomerate with manufacturing facilities in India, Mexico and Egypt.

Cheiron Petroleum Corporation
Representation of a syndicate of lenders led by Société Générale, London Branch, to subsidiaries of Cheiron Petroleum Corporation and Cairn Energy PLC in a reserve-based lending facility of US$325 million for the acquisition of upstream oil & gas assets located in the Western Desert in Egypt from Shell Egypt N.V. and Shell Austria GmbH for a base consideration of US$646 million and an additional contingent consideration of up to a maximum of US$280 million.

A15
Representation of A15 Holding Netherlands B.V. in its sale of 86 percent of its shares in Connect Ads DMCC, a leading MENA provider of digital advertising, to the Aleph Internet Media Services LLC group.

In addition to the work described above, the Cairo office will also continue to build on its pro bono efforts, providing assistance to Women, Business and the Law, a project run by the World Bank that studies the laws and regulations affecting women’s ability to integrate the labor market and build their business in 141 economies around the world. The office also assisted the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies in developing a Global Disaster Risk Management Law Index, a new tool that will provide an overview and evaluation of domestic disaster risk management (DRM) laws from around the world.
PT Ventures
Angola
Disputes

PT Ventures in a dispute relating to the telecoms sector in Angola. The French Supreme Court issued a decision securing the ICC’s US$650 million arbitral award in favor of PT Ventures, putting an end to Vitadel’s efforts to annul the award. The decision is a landmark ruling clarifying important issues under French arbitration law: first, the powers given to the ICC Court under French law; and second, the scope of an arbitrator’s duty of disclosure.

Somoil
Angola
Project Development and Finance

Acquisition by Somoil of two prolific offshore Angolan blocks from French supermajor TotalEnergies and Japan’s Inpex. Somoil is the largest O&G independent in Southern Africa, and this landmark transaction is a key step in its ambitious growth plan within the Angolan O&G sector.

Group of lenders
South Africa
Debt Finance

Representation of a group of lenders in connection with secured funding up to approximately ZAR 2.3 billion to a subsidiary of Blue Label Telecoms, a JSE-listed company, as part of the recapitalization of Cell C, a leading JSE-listed telecoms service provider. Blue Label Telecoms is a 45 percent shareholder in Cell C.

Eskom Holdings
South Africa
Capital Markets

Advise Eskom Holdings in connection with the impact of unbundling of their business on their financings, as well as potential rescheduling of debt.
Tanzania
Mozambique
Malawi

Key:
- Disputes
- Debt Finance
- Capital Markets
- Private Equity
- Corporate M&A
- Project Development and Finance

**Petra diamonds**
South Africa and Tanzania
Project Development and Finance
Ad hoc group of noteholders on the financial restructuring of Petra Diamonds Limited and its group.

**Mozambique lenders**
Mozambique
Project Development and Finance
Representation of JBIC, NEXI, ChinaExim, ECIC, Sace and USExim, as proposed lenders to Anadarko Mozambique Area 1, Limitada, the developer of a major gas liquefaction facility in the Rovuma Basin Offshore Area 1 Block in Mozambique.

**Corredor Logistico Integrado de Nacala**
Malawi and Mozambique
Project Development and Finance
Advising the project companies/borrowers on the Nacala Corridor in Malawi and Mozambique in respect of ongoing work on the project documents and project financing.

**Rand Merchant Bank**
South Africa
Debt Finance
Absa Bank Limited, Nedbank Limited, The Standard Bank of South Africa Limited and FirstRand Bank Limited (acting through Rand Merchant Bank division) in connection with the ZAR 3.125 billion financing for the Old Mutual group. This was a sustainability-linked facility.

**Ivanhoe Mines Ltd**
South Africa
Project Development and Finance
Act as legal advisor to Ivanhoe Mines in relation to the multi-tranche project financing of the Platreef project in South Africa, including a US$300 million streaming facility from Orion Mine Finance and its associates.

**Sinosteel Mauritius Holding Company**
Mauritius
Corporate M&A
Acting for Sinosteel in its acquisition of 49 percent interest in Terry Stainless Limited.
Office updates (continued)

Johannesburg

While the global economy strives to rebuild during the pandemic by finding new and innovative ways to survive, we have assisted our clients to navigate a unique and very challenging year.

It has been a very exciting 12 months for our Johannesburg office, as we welcomed our exceptional Debt Finance team led by partners Lionel Shawe, Sibusiso Zungu and Lindani Mthembu, all of who joined from Allen & Overy. The partners are complemented by a strong team of local partners, Alex Cullinan (English Law-qualified), Lerato Nkanza and Ewa Orpen (Capital Markets), and Lulama Selele (debt finance and infrastructure projects), all of whom are supported by a group of top associates.

We have had an outstanding 2022 year and look forward to growing our domestic and cross-border transactional expertise across Africa by supporting our clients’ aspirations.

Highlights from 2022 include:

**Actis and Westbrooke**
Representation of the private equity sellers (including Actis and Westbrooke) in their disposal of the entire issued share capital of Tapestry Home Brands Proprietary Limited (which portfolio of companies includes Coricraft, Dial-a-Bed, Volpes and The Bed Store and is present in South Africa, Namibia and Botswana), to JSE-listed company The Foschini Group.

**The Carlyle Group**

**Sedibelo Resources Limited**

**Sedibelo Resources Limited**
Representing Sedibelo Resources Limited in the conclusion of its US$100 million streaming arrangements and debt facilities with OMF Fund III (In) LLC.

**AHG**
Representation of a US private equity group, AHG, in relation to the acquisition of mining assets in Kenya.

**Heaven Sent Gold Processing Company Proprietary Limited**
Representation of the Heaven Sent Gold Processing Company Proprietary Limited in relation to the disposal of its Tau Lekoa gold mine and West Gold Plant to the CAPM Group.

**Brightbridge Real Estate Limited**
Representation of Brightbridge Real Estate Limited in its R 1.75 billion acquisition of all of the shares and loan claims held by RMH Property Holdco 2 Proprietary Limited in Atterbury Europe Holding B.V.
Emira Property Fund
Representation of Emira Property Fund, a JSE-listed property investment fund with a diversified portfolio of commercial, industrial and retail assets in major South African metropolitan areas, in connection with its general offer to acquire all of the shares of Transcend Property Fund.

Seriti Resources
Representation of Seriti Resources, one of two of the largest coal miners in sub-Saharan Africa, in the formation of Seriti Green Proprietary Limited and its majority stake acquisition in renewable energy developer Winlab Africa. This transaction represents Seriti’s entry into the renewable energy sector. Windlab is an Australian incorporated entity with various wind and solar power projects at different stages of development in South Africa, Kenya and Tanzania, with anticipated output of 3.5 GWs.

Goldman Sachs
Representation of Goldman Sachs, as financial advisor to Walmart Inc., in connection with its ZAR 6 billion cash confirmation provided to the South African Takeover Regulation Panel in respect of Walmart’s offer to acquire all of the shares of JSE-listed company Massmart Holdings Limited.

Bayport Management Limited
Representation of Bayport Management Limited in the sale of its majority shareholding in the Traffic Group, as well as the representation of Bayport Management Limited, in the sale of its majority shareholding in Picasso Moon Investments Limited to Kendal Capital (CY) Limited and the trustees for the time being of the Picasso Moon Trust.

Eco-Bat Technologies Limited
Representation of Eco-Bat Technologies Limited, a global leader in the production of lead, lead alloys and the recycling of lead batteries, in the sale of 100 percent of its wholly owned subsidiary, H.J Enthoven & Sons’ shares in Zimco Group Proprietary Limited to Leif 853 Proprietary Limited, a subsidiary of battery manufacturer and distributor, AutoX Proprietary Limited.

A group of lenders
Representation of a group of lenders in connection with secured funding up to approximately ZAR 2.3 billion to a subsidiary of Blue Label Telecoms, a JSE-listed company, as part of the recapitalization of Cell C, a leading JSE listed telecoms service provider. Blue Label Telecoms is a 45 percent shareholder in Cell C.

The Standard Bank of South Africa Limited and Nedbank Limited
Representation of The Standard Bank of South Africa Limited, Nedbank Limited (acting through its Nedbank Corporate and Investment Banking division), FirstRand Bank Limited (acting through its Rand Merchant Bank division) and Sanlam Life Insurance Limited (acting through its Sanlam Specialised Finance division) in connection with the ZAR 6 billion term and revolving credit facilities and ZAR 800 million working capital facilities for Motus Holdings Limited. This transaction was the first ZAR-based sustainability-linked facility in the South African automotive industry.
Global Citizenship describes our role—as a business and as individuals—as active participants in the global community. White & Case is committed to fair and ethical operations that respect the interests of our stakeholders and recognize the importance of our natural environment.

All of our Global Citizenship activities, which include our pro bono work, are closely aligned with the UN’s Sustainable Development Goals.

As a signatory to the United Nations Global Compact, the world’s largest voluntary corporate sustainability initiative, White & Case is committed to doing business responsibly by aligning our operations with ten principles related to human rights, labor, the environment and anti-corruption. We are also a signatory to the UN Global Compact’s “Statement from Business Leaders for Renewed Global Cooperation.”

Pro bono is the cornerstone of our Global Citizenship initiative and is a core value of the Firm. The Firm believes lawyers have a duty to devote time to serve their society in positive ways.

We have been privileged to be involved in a number of pro bono and community engagement activities in Africa. More than 150 lawyers and legal staff have worked over 4,000 hours of pro bono related to or in Africa.

Examples include:

**Innovation: Africa**

Our Johannesburg team is providing general corporate advice to Innovation: Africa, a nonprofit that brings Israeli solar, water and agricultural innovations to rural African villages.

**Endeavor Entrepreneurship Institute NPC**

Our Johannesburg lawyers are advising nonprofit Endeavor Entrepreneurship Institute NPC on establishing the legal fund structure and agreements necessary, including moving its fund to a new investment manager established for that purpose.

**Enterprising Africa Regional Network**

Our lawyers are assisting Enterprising Africa Regional Network (Pty) Ltd (EARN) in setting up an impact investment company in the agricultural sector and advising on soil rehabilitation and training partnership arrangements with international investors.

**Children’s Eye Foundation**

Lawyers across the US are assisting The Children’s Eye Foundation, a nonprofit working to end preventable vision loss in children and improve the lives of visually impaired children worldwide, with general corporate legal advice related to its Stop Infant Blindness in Africa, which seeks to end preventable blindness from Retinopathy of Prematurity in newborn babies in sub-Saharan Africa.

**Global research projects**

We have also worked on a number of global research projects that touched upon African countries. For example our lawyers:

- Researched the use of executive clemency as it relates to women in five African countries for The Vance Center for International Justice’s Women in Prisons Project, which convenes women prisoners’ rights advocates from
around the world to share information about women’s incarceration, and build capacity for improved monitoring and reporting of conditions in women’s prisons.

- Assisted International Legal Foundation, an NGO that assists post-conflict countries in establishing public defender systems that provide effective, quality criminal defense services for the poor, with research in two African countries to assess whether juvenile holistic representation results in better case and life outcomes for young people in conflict with the law.

- Supported Human Right 2 Water (HR2W) on a new project to determine the linkage between the human right to safe drinking water and sanitation and the human right to a healthy environment in South Africa. HR2W’s mission is to collect, use and share expert knowledge on how the human rights to water and sanitation should be integrated into law, policy and practice to realize safe, sustainable and safely managed access to water and sanitation for all, prioritizing the most vulnerable and marginalized.

**Capacity building**

We are committed not just to growing our practice globally, but also to developing and strengthening legal systems around the world, including in Africa. Examples of this work include:

**International Lawyers for Africa**

International Lawyers for Africa (ILFA) provides access to advanced legal training, networking opportunities and education for qualified African lawyers and senior professionals engaged in private practice or government legal departments in Africa. In 2021, White & Case delivered a virtual training as part of the ILFA Elevate programme, covering key topical and legal issues. Secondees participated virtually from Kenya, Nigeria, Rwanda, Uganda, Tanzania, Botswana and South Africa. In 2022, our Dubai office hosted a secondee from a law firm in Uganda.

**Africa Arbitration Academy**

White & Case sponsored participants from across Africa in the Africa Arbitration Academy and hosted a day of the course in our London office. Our lawyers delivered training on drafting arbitration clauses and arbitration advocacy.

The Academy was established to meet the rising demand for improved expertise and training of arbitration practitioners in Africa and to expose young practitioners in Africa to the current trends and developments in international commercial and investment arbitration.

**Legal training in Sierra Leone**

In November 2022, a team of lawyers from the White & Case Dubai office visited Sierra Leone under the auspices of the UK Sierra Leone Pro Bono Network. After the extreme challenges of Ebola, shortly followed by the pandemic, the trip was a revival of the Firm’s broader pro bono support for the country’s legal sector. The initiative involved an intensive program of meetings with key stakeholders and partners across organizations and government bodies, including the British High Commission of Sierra Leone, the British Chamber of Commerce, the Law Reform Commission, the Attorney General’s Office and the Ministry of Energy, among others.

The trip was part of a wider initiative to capacity-build and to establish an ongoing relationship and offering of pro bono assistance to stakeholders in the country’s civil service, NGOs and quasi-governmental organizations in order to help promote Sierra Leone’s development goals.
Legal ethics training in Africa

In 2017, White & Case LLP joined Fordham Law School and the Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration (GIMPA) Law School to announce the launch of the African Centre on Law & Ethics (ACLE). The ACLE helps facilitate a growing commitment to legal ethics through research, scholarship and training, and is committed to engaging both the current legal establishment and future legal leaders. For further information, visit: www.whitecase.com/news/white-case-joins-fordham-law-school-and-gimpa-law-school-launch-african-centre-law-ethicsacle.

In July 2022, White & Case received an award at the 5th Anniversary Celebration of the ACLE in recognition of the leadership role it played in establishing the organization.

International Lawyers Program

Each year, the Paris Bar Association gives young lawyers from African, Asian, European and Middle-Eastern civil law countries the opportunity to go to Paris for a two-month program that includes a one-month course at the Paris Bar School, and a one-month internship with the Paris office of a law firm. White & Case has been participating in this program for several years and, in the past five years, has welcomed lawyers from the following countries to the Paris team: Benin, Guinea, Côte d’Ivoire, Senegal and Tunisia.

Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition

White & Case is the global partner of the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition. With more than 3,000 law students participating from more than 100 countries, the Jessup Competition is the largest moot court competition in the world. White & Case is a sponsor of the Jessup national competitions in Egypt and South Africa, among many others. The Firm is also the official sponsor of the White & Case International Rounds held every spring in Washington, DC.

Volunteering & charitable giving

Our offices in Cairo, Egypt and Johannesburg, South Africa have organized various volunteering and charitable giving programs. Examples include:

Fundraising to help frontline workers in Egypt

Working with UNICEF and the Egyptian Ministry of Health, the American Chamber of Commerce in Egypt created a special taskforce comprising representatives from key private sector companies with the goal of mobilizing fundraising support to purchase respiratory ventilators and personal protection equipment for quarantine hospitals. A Cairo partner joined the special taskforce on behalf of the Firm and took a leading role. Through his efforts, the Firm sponsored the purchase of a respiratory ventilator, and he has helped the taskforce raise more than US$8 million to buy essential frontline supplies to help those affected by COVID-19 in Egypt.

Charitable giving supports low-come communities and animal shelters in South Africa

Our Johannesburg office organized a blanket drive that provided for more than 120 children, students and families at Oliver’s Village, which is an educational charity that serves disadvantaged communities. We held a fundraising event and donation drive to support a local animal shelter, at which we also hosted a volunteering day to interact with animals and find out more about the charity’s work.

For more information on our Global Citizenship initiative, please visit www.whitecase.com/citizenship.
White & Case is a global law firm with longstanding offices in the markets that matter today. Our on-the-ground experience, our cross-border integration and our depth of local, US and English-qualified lawyers help our clients work with confidence in any one market or across many.

### Our global footprint

- We are located on 6 continents
- In 30 countries
- In 44 offices

### Where we work

- Clients from 115 countries
- With matters in 196 countries

### Our diversity

- 114 nationalities
- 91 languages spoken

**1st Most Diverse**

Firm on Am Law 50 Diversity Scorecard for eight consecutive years

A survey of the largest and highest-grossing US law firms to determine their percentage of full-time minority lawyers and partners by The American Lawyer

### Project Finance Practice Group of the Year

**Law 360, Practice Group of the Year, 2021**

### Best Law Firm for Equity Capital Markets

**GlobalCapital’s fifth annual Equity Capital Markets Awards, 2020**

### First as issuer advisor for:

- EMEA corporate investment grade bonds (by volume)
- Sub-Sahara Africa bonds (by deal count and volume)
- African bonds (by deal count and volume)

**Bloomberg’s H1 2020 Legal Advisor league tables**

### Middle East North Africa M&A Legal Advisor of the Year

**Mergermarket Europe M&A Awards, 2020**

### Top Ten for Diversity among Am Law 100 Law Firms (8th consecutive year)

**The American Lawyer Diversity Scorecard, 2021**

### Best Law Firm in Africa (8th consecutive year)

**EMEA Finance Africa Banking Awards, 2020**

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