

2026 Africa Annual Review



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Introduction

Welcome to our 2026 Africa Annual Review. Now in its seventh year, Africa Annual Review highlights the innovative work that White & Case team have been working on in the last twelve months.

As Africa's business and legal landscape continues to evolve, we remain committed to helping our clients seize opportunities and navigate complexity with confidence. We advise a diverse client base in the region that includes multinational corporations, financial institutions, private equity firms, and sovereign entities.

Our global Africa practice brings together over 150 lawyers with deep regional insight and international reach. We continue to demonstrate the strength of our practice through the ongoing market recognition of several of our partners.

To highlight a few matters we have been involved with this year, we have advised the lenders on the bifurcated stapled financings for Shell's onshore and shallow water assets in Nigeria acquired by Renaissance Africa Energy, a consortium of five Nigerian oil and gas companies.

Our Capital Markets team have continued our innovative and groundbreaking work on sovereign transactions this year including the representation of the Republic of Zambia on its US\$13 billion sovereign debt restructuring.

Our Project Development and Finance team represented the International Finance Corporation and Development Finance Corporation on the Mpatamanga Hydropower Project in Malawi, which is positioned to play a transformative role in the nation's energy and economic development.

The Dispute Resolution team also led on various significant deals in the region including our continued representation of the Federal Republic of Nigeria in an ICSID arbitration brought by the Korean National Oil

Corporation (KNOC) and its two 75 percent-owned Nigerian subsidiaries, KNOC Nigeria West Oil Company Limited and KNOC Nigerian East Oil Company Limited.

Our Africa practice is anchored by our continentally based offices in Johannesburg and Cairo, both of which delivered standout performances over the past year. Each office advised on landmark transactions within their respective jurisdictions, underscoring their strength and market reputation. A few matters include our Johannesburg office's representation of International Resources Holding on the acquisition of 56 percent of the shares in Alphamin Resources Corp from Tremont Master Holdings. Our Cairo office also represented Energean Oil & Gas plc on its acquisition of Edison Exploration & Production S.p.A. (Edison E&P) for US\$750 million, with additional contingent consideration of US\$100 million payable following first gas from the Cassiopea development offshore Italy.

Following on a year of progress and growth, we remain committed to supporting our clients with opportunities and challenges across Africa. We remain focused on another year of collaboration, growth and lasting value.



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Introduction to our Africa Practice

White & Case lawyers have guided clients doing business in Africa for more than 50 years. As one of the longest standing law firms with significant presence on the continent, we work with both international clients investing in Africa and Africa-based clients on some of the 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.

In the last 12 months we have represented clients on the some of the largest and most complex transactions and disputes in Africa. In the last year alone, we have represented clients on their investments in Mozambique, Nigeria, Egypt, Guinea, Ghana, amongst many others.

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 and 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 last 18 months...

More than
2,100
of our lawyers across
8 practices have been involved
with matters in Africa

150
of our lawyers have worked
for more than 1,000 hours on
Africa matters

38
of our lawyers are based
in Johannesburg including
19 partners

Our Africa Practice

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

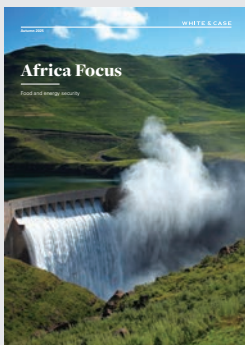
- Financial institutions
- Infrastructure, transport, logistics
- Mining and metals
- Oil and gas
- Power
- Sovereigns

Our latest thought leadership

- European Deforestation Regulation: Implications for Africa's food security
- Securing Africa's future: Building resilient food and energy systems
- Food security and sustainable financing in Africa: Risks, hurdles and the pathway forward
- Food security in Africa: Tackling the water infrastructure crisis through legal and financial strategies
- Interview with Africa Infrastructure Investment Managers (AIIM)
- Proposed overhaul of South Africa mining law regime
- Antitrust Enforcement is on the rise in Africa
- AI Watch: Global regulatory tracker - Kenya
- AI Watch: Global regulatory tracker - Nigeria
- Unpacking the South African Climate Change Act
- AI Watch: Global regulatory tracker - African Union
- AI Watch: Global regulatory tracker - South Africa

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Band 1: Capital Markets
Band 1: Dispute Resolution
Band 1: Projects & Energy: Oil & Gas
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Band 1: Projects & Energy
Band 1: Corporate M&A and Private Equity
Band 2: Projects & Energy: Power

Chambers Africa-wide, 2026

Band 2: Projects & Energy
Band 2: Corporate/M&A
Band 2: Banking & Finance

Chambers Global Egypt, 2026

Tier 1: Algeria - Foreign Expert
Tier 1: Ghana - Foreign Expert
Tier 1: Morocco - Foreign Expert
Tier 2: Mozambique - Foreign Expert

The Legal 500 EMEA, 2025

International Law Firm of the Year
Team of the Year: Capital Markets

IFLR Africa Awards 2024

Africa-wide Projects & Energy Law Firm of the Year

Chambers Global Africa Awards, 2024

Debt Capital Markets Legal Adviser of the Year

Global Banking & Markets Deal of the Year: Republic of Côte d'Ivoire

Sovereign, Supra & Agency Bond Deal of the Year: Republic of Côte d'Ivoire

Quasi-Sovereign/GRE Bond Deal of the Year: Africa Finance Corporation

Corporate Bond Deal of the Year: Sibanye-Stillwater

Debut Corporate Bond Deal of the Year: Africell

Syndicated Loan Deal of the Year: Bank of Industry

Corporate Syndicated Loan Deal of the Year: IHS Towers

Natural Resources Finance Deal of the Year: Nigeria National Petroleum Company Limited

Sukuk Deal of the Year: South Africa National Treasury

East Africa Deal of the Year: Republic of Kenya

Global Banking & Markets Africa Awards, 2025

Snapshot of our recent West Africa matters



Joint lead managers and dealer managers

Côte d'Ivoire

Capital Markets

Representation of BNP PARIBAS, Citigroup Global Markets Limited, Deutsche Bank AG, London Branch, J.P. Morgan Securities plc, Société Générale and Standard Chartered Bank, as joint lead managers and dealer managers, on the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire's US\$2.1 billion dual tranche 144A/Reg S bond offering and on the Republic's tender offer to purchase two series of its existing bonds.



Banque Ouest Africaine de Développement

Côte d'Ivoire

Capital Markets

Representation of BNP PARIBAS, HSBC Bank plc, J.P. Morgan Securities plc, SMBC Bank International plc and Société Générale, as joint lead managers and placement agents, on the 144A/Reg S offering by Banque Ouest Africaine de Développement (BOAD) of US\$500 million hybrid sustainable 8.2 percent notes due 2055, with a five-year non-call period.



Africell Global Holdings

The Gambia

Capital Markets

Representation of African mobile services provider Africell Global Holdings Limited (Africell) on the refinancing of its existing capital structure with a debut issuance of US\$300 million senior secured bonds and the introduction of a US\$30 million revolving credit facility.

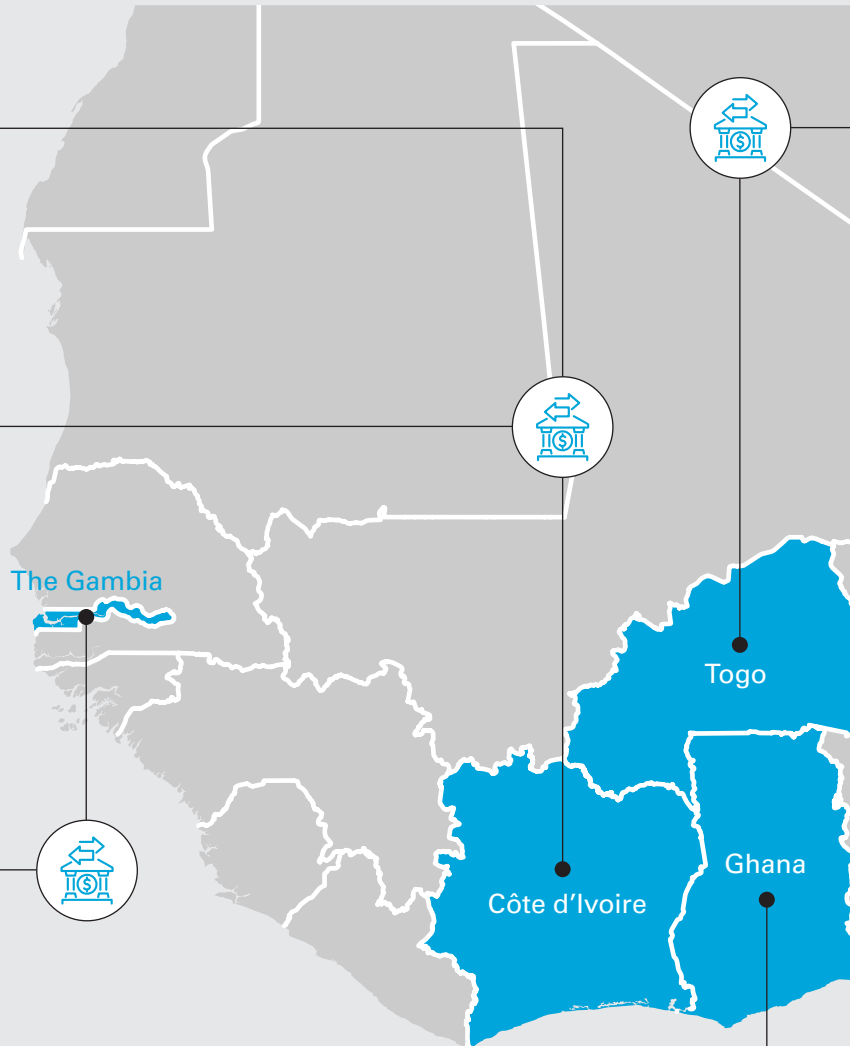


Ministry of Finance Ghana

Ghana, UK

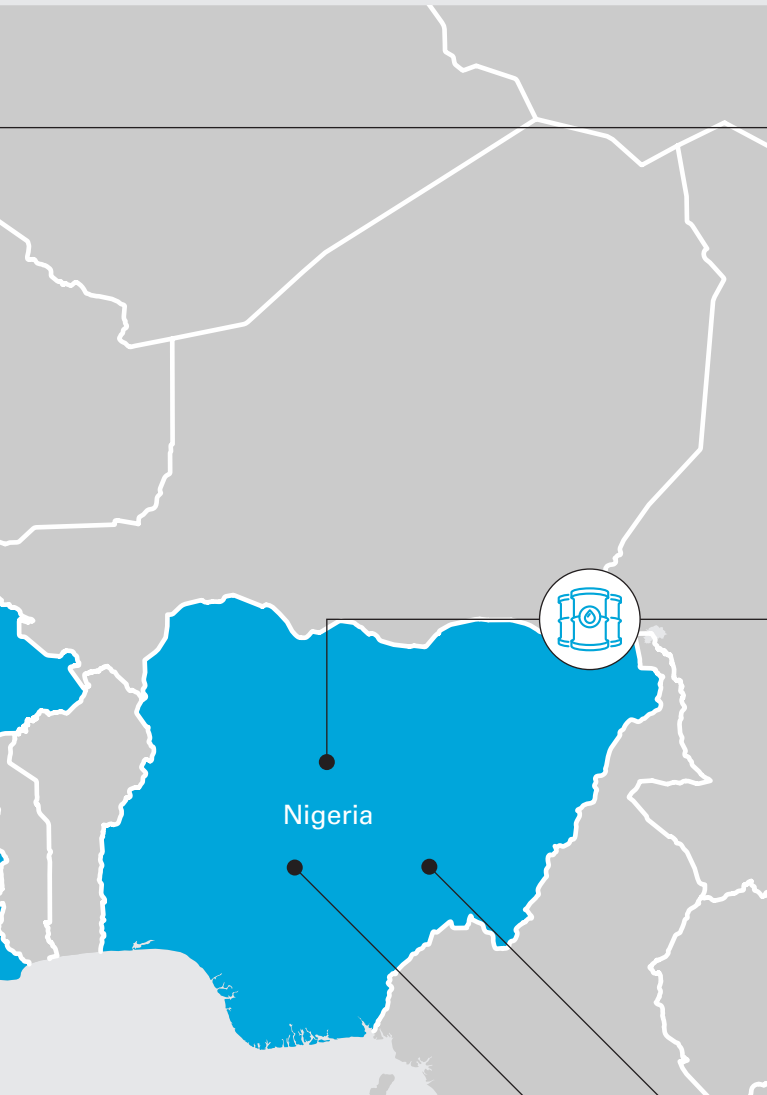
Project Development and Finance

Representation of the Ministry of Finance and Electricity Company of Ghana on the comprehensive renegotiation and restructuring of power purchase agreements with key independent power producers, including in connection with Ghana's ongoing engagement with the IMF, by way of refinancing, tariff sculpting and adjustment, term extensions and deferrals, rationalisation of back-up fuel arrangements, transition to use of indigenous natural gas on a tolling model, settlement of claims and restructuring of tariff arrears.



Key:

- Dispute Resolution
- Debt Finance
- Capital Markets
- Private Equity
- Corporate/M&A
- Project Development and Finance



● **BNP PARIBAS, HSBC Bank plc, J.P. Morgan Securities plc, SMBC Bank International plc and Société Générale**

Togo
Capital Markets

Representation of the joint lead managers and placement agents (see above), on the 144A/Reg S offering by Banque Ouest Africaine de Développement (BOAD) of US\$500 million hybrid sustainable 8.2 percent notes due 2055, with a five-year non-call period.

● **Shell's onshore and shallow water assets in Nigeria**

Nigeria
Project Development and Finance

Representation of the lenders on the bifurcated stapled financings for Shell's onshore and shallow water assets in Nigeria acquired by Renaissance Africa Energy, a consortium of five Nigerian oil and gas companies.

● **Federal Republic of Nigeria**

Nigeria
Disputes

Ongoing representation of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (Nigeria) in an ICSID arbitration brought by the Korean National Oil Corporation (KNOC) and its two 75 percent owned Nigerian subsidiaries, KNOC Nigeria West Oil Company Limited and KNOC Nigerian East Oil Company Limited, against Nigeria alleging that Nigeria had breached its obligations under the Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Korea and the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria for the Reciprocal Promotion and Protection of Investment, and claiming USD 748.8 million in damages.

● **IHS Holding Limited**

Nigeria
Capital Markets

Representation of IHS Holding Limited on the issuance of a US\$1.2 billion (in aggregate) high yield bonds.

● **Federal Republic of Nigeria**

Nigeria
Disputes

Representation of the Federal Republic of Nigeria in two ICC arbitrations brought by Nigerian energy company Sunrise Power and Transmission Company.

Sovereigns

The pre-eminent law firm for sovereign debt and sovereign-related advisory work, including sovereign debt restructurings. No other law firm globally is as involved in this growing area, as sovereigns increasingly face fiscal challenges in the fallout from the global pandemic. Specifically in Africa, we have advised on more sovereign bond offerings by Africa sovereigns than any other law firm.

We have an unrivalled track record and the broadest client base of any firm.

Our vast experience of representations of both sovereigns and their counterparts is what sets us apart from other firms and affords our clients insight into the most effective strategy for each scenario.

Select representative matters

Joint lead managers and dealer managers

Representation of BNP PARIBAS, Citigroup Global Markets Limited, Deutsche Bank AG, London Branch, J.P. Morgan Securities plc, Société Générale and Standard Chartered Bank, as joint lead managers and dealer managers, on the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire's US\$2.1 billion dual tranche 144A/Reg S bond offering and on the Republic's tender offer to purchase two series of its existing bonds.

Bank of America Merrill Lynch – Ghana Exchange

Representation of Merrill Lynch International and Standard Chartered Bank, as dealer managers, in connection with the Republic of Ghana's Eurobonds exchange offer and consent solicitation.

The completion of the exchange offer and consent solicitation was a critical component of Ghana's debt restructuring process under its programme with the International Monetary Fund. The transaction involved the exchange of 15 series of existing Eurobonds due between 2023 and 2061 in the aggregate amount of approximately US\$15 million tendered for either or a combination of two menus of new series of Eurobonds of the Republic due between 2026 and 2037.

Banque Ouest Africaine de Développement

Representation of BNP PARIBAS, HSBC Bank plc, J.P. Morgan Securities plc, SMBC Bank International plc and Société Générale, as joint lead managers and placement agents, on the 144A/Reg S offering by Banque Ouest Africaine de Développement (BOAD) of US\$500 million hybrid sustainable 8.2 percent notes due 2055, with a five-year non-call period.

Federal Republic of Nigeria

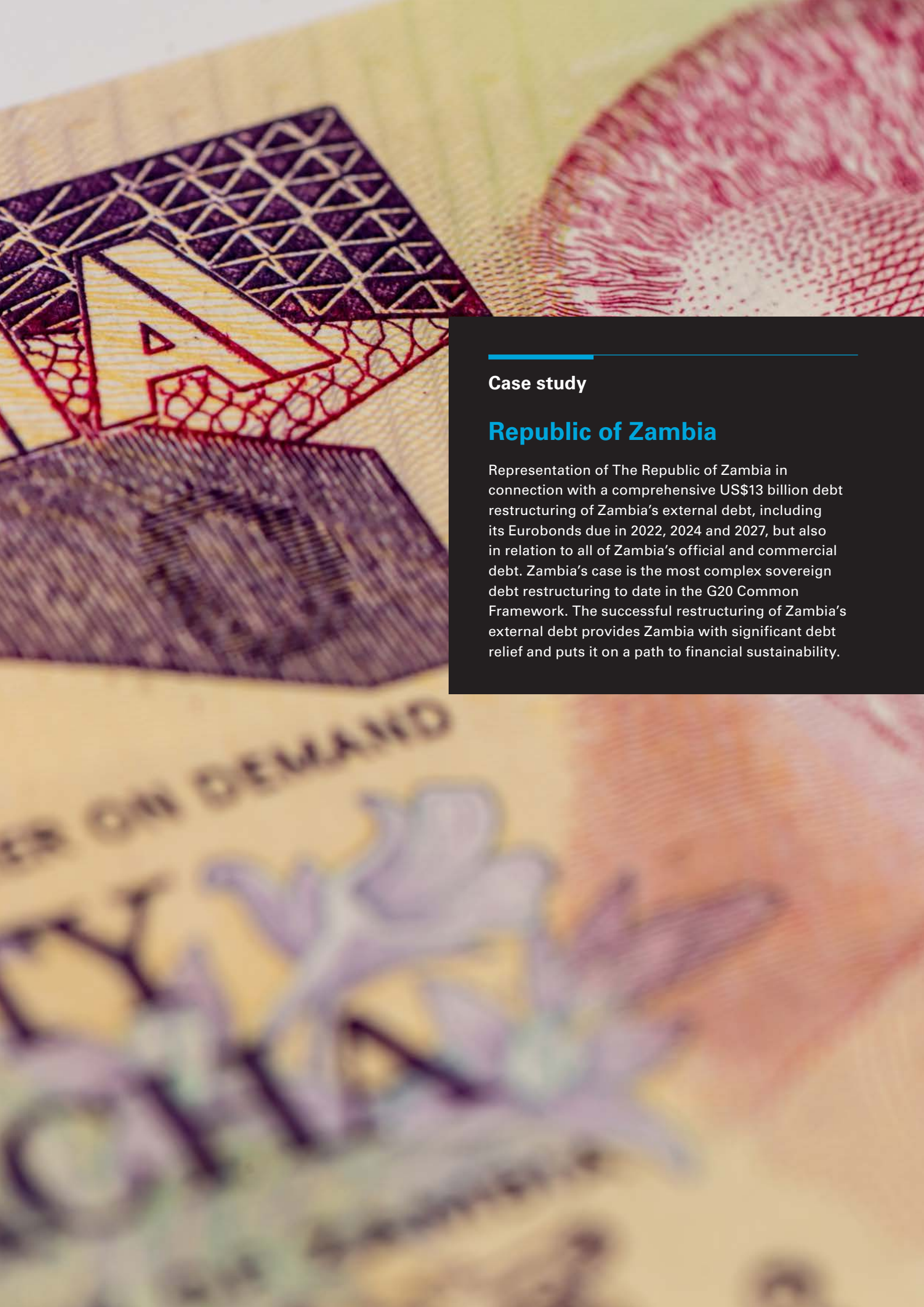
Representation of The Federal Republic of Nigeria on the offering of US\$1,247,465,000 8.6308 percent notes due 2036 and US\$1.1 billion 9.1297 percent notes due 2046 under its GMTN programme.

Republic of Angola

Representation of a banking syndicate in connection with issuance of US\$1.75 billion senior notes by the Republic of Angola.

Republic of Kenya

Representation of The Republic of Kenya (acting through The National Treasury and Economic Planning) on its issuance of US\$1.5 billion amortising notes and the buyback of its US\$900 million notes.

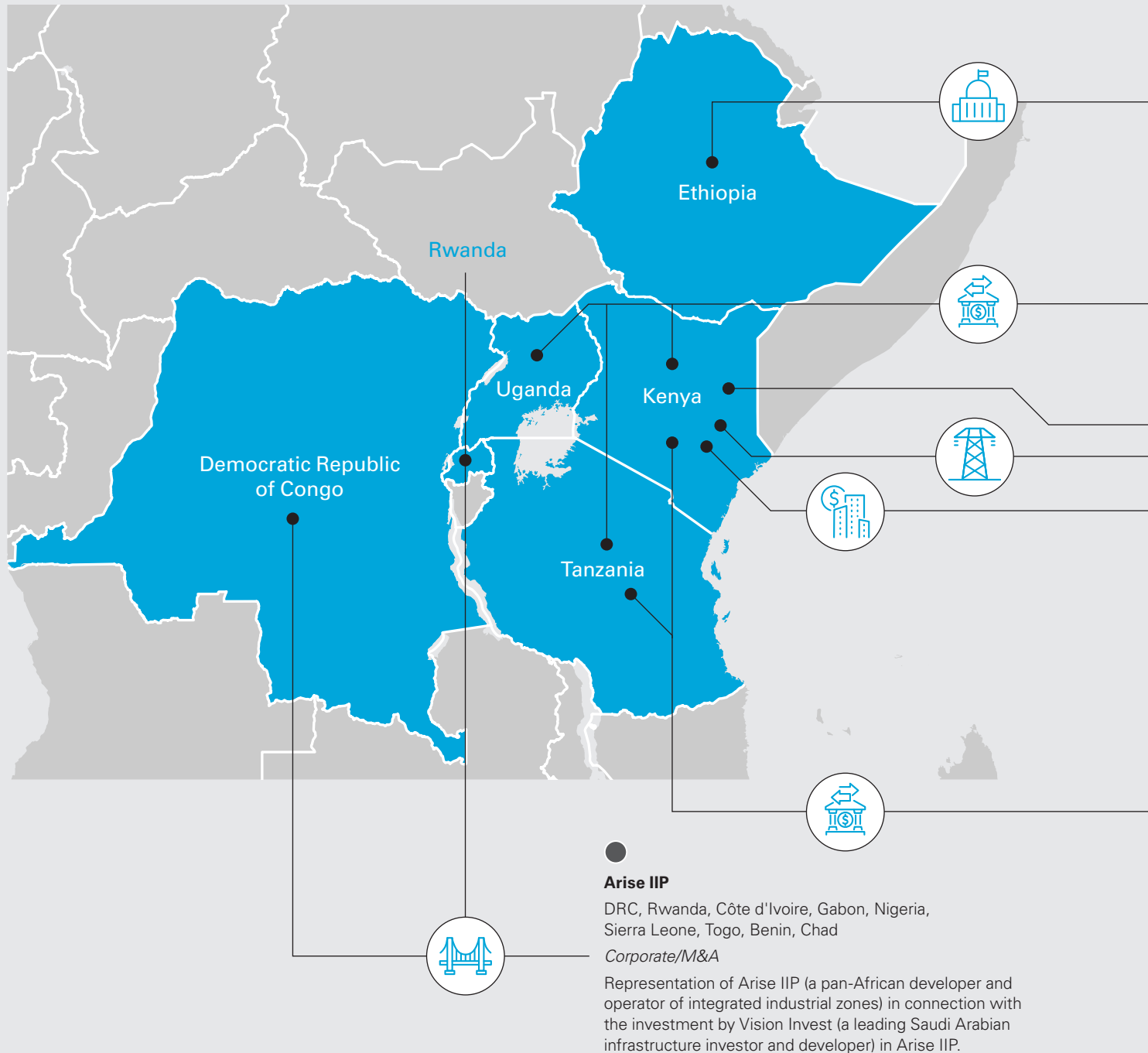


Case study

Republic of Zambia

Representation of The Republic of Zambia in connection with a comprehensive US\$13 billion debt restructuring of Zambia's external debt, including its Eurobonds due in 2022, 2024 and 2027, but also in relation to all of Zambia's official and commercial debt. Zambia's case is the most complex sovereign debt restructuring to date in the G20 Common Framework. The successful restructuring of Zambia's external debt provides Zambia with significant debt relief and puts it on a path to financial sustainability.

Snapshot of our recent East Africa matters



Key:

- Dispute Resolution
- Debt Finance
- Capital Markets
- Private Equity
- Corporate/M&A
- Project Development and Finance



The Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia

Ethiopia

Capital Markets

Representation of Ethiopia on the restructuring of its capital markets debt under the G20 Common Framework.



The Standard Bank of South Africa

Mauritius, Ghana, Uganda, Togo, Kenya, Nigeria and Tanzania

Debt Finance

Representation of the Standard Bank of South Africa Limited on funding to Netis Holding Limited. The facility will be used to refinance existing indebtedness of the borrower, and any excess will be used for general corporate purposes of the Borrower.



Alterra and Phatisa

Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, South Africa

Private Equity

Representation of leading private equity firms Alterra and Phatisa on their acquisition of 100 percent of Java House Africa from emerging-market investor Actis for an undisclosed sum. The investment marks a significant milestone in Java House's growth journey, reinforcing its position as a category leader on the continent.



Arch Emerging Markets Partners / CrossBoundary Energy

Kenya, Mauritius

Private Equity

Representation of Arch Emerging Markets Partners and its portfolio company CrossBoundary Energy (CBE) in relation to the USD 40 million investment by Norwegian investment fund, Norfund, for the company to further scale its portfolio of commercial and industrial (C&I) energy assets in several countries in Africa.



Guaranty Trust Holding Company (GTCO)

Tanzania, Kenya, Nigeria, UK, Uganda, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Rwanda, Ghana, the Gambia, Côte d'Ivoire

Capital Markets

Representation of leading sub-Saharan financial services franchise Guaranty Trust Holding Company (GTCO) on its fully marketed offering of shares and on the admission of its ordinary shares to listing in the Equity Shares (International Commercial Companies Secondary Listing) category of the London Stock Exchange (LSE). Nigeria-headquartered GTCO, through its banking subsidiary Guaranty Trust Bank Ltd, was established in 1991 and is one of the largest financial services organisations in Africa by total assets, with a network of banking and non-banking subsidiaries conducting business in 11 countries across Africa and in the UK.



The Carlyle Group

South Africa, Namibia, Botswana, Zambia, Kenya, Nigeria, US

Corporate/M&A

Representation of Carlyle on its sale of shares in Amrod to Oppenheimer Partners Ltd.



Axian Telecom

Kenya, Tanzania, Mauritius, Madagascar, Senegal, UAE, UK

Capital Markets

Representation of the initial purchasers on Axian Telecom's offering of US\$600 million 7.250 percent Senior Notes due 2030. The proceeds of the notes were used to refinance the company's existing debts and for general corporate purposes. White & Case LLP also advised the lenders on US\$200 million (equivalent) credit facilities, consisting of a Term Loan Facility and a Revolving Credit Facility.



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

Guaranty Trust Holding Company

Representation of leading sub-Saharan financial services franchise Guaranty Trust Holding Company (GTCO) on its fully marketed offering of shares and on the admission of its ordinary shares to listing in the Equity Shares (International Commercial Companies Secondary Listing) category of the Official List of the UK Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) and to trading on the Main Market for listed securities of the London Stock Exchange (LSE).

Ecobank Nigeria

Representation of Ecobank Nigeria on the partial tender offer and exit consent solicitation made by EBN Finance Company B.V. on the outstanding US\$300 million senior participation notes.

Barclays Bank PLC and the Standard Bank of South Africa Limited

Representation of Barclays Bank PLC and The Standard Bank of South Africa Limited as mandated lead arrangers and sustainability coordinators on a significant £150 million refinancing of Motus Capital Proprietary Limited, South Africa's largest automotive retailer.

African Export-Import Bank and Africa Finance Corporation

Representation of a syndicate led by African Export-Import Bank and AFC on amendments to their financing arrangements in the multi-source Project Nitro structure for Dangote's oil refinery and fertilizer development in Dangote Industries Free Zone in Lekki, Nigeria to enable up to US\$3 bn working capital financing to Dangote Petroleum Refinery and Petrochemicals Free Zone Enterprise in support of the oil refinery starting operations.

Nedbank Limited, Absa Bank Limited, The Standard Bank of South Africa Limited, and FirstRand Bank Limited, acting through its Rand Merchant Bank vision, and others

Representation of Nedbank Limited, Absa Bank Limited, The Standard Bank of South Africa Limited, and Merchant Bank and other finance parties (including arrangers, bookrunners, lenders, issuing banks and hedge counterparties) on USD400 million multicurrency borrowing base facilities (commodities and trade receivables) for Prax South Africa Proprietary Limited, subsidiary of State Oil Limited (a leading oil refining, storage, distribution and sales conglomerate dealing in crude oil and petroleum products domiciled in the United Kingdom), with State Oil Limited as guarantor.

ABSA Bank Limited

Representation of ABSA on the annual update of their Master Structured Note Programme Update. We originally established this programme and have advised ABSA on the annual update since then. The update involves a review and update of the commercial, legal and regulatory provisions and to ensure alignment with market standards more generally.



Case study

Banque Ouest Africaine de Développement (BOAD)

Representation of BNP PARIBAS, HSBC Bank plc, J.P. Morgan Securities plc, SMBC Bank International plc and Société Générale, as joint lead managers and placement agents, on the 144A/Reg S offering by Banque Ouest Africaine de Développement (BOAD) of US\$500 million hybrid sustainable 8.2 percent notes due 2055, with a five-year non-call period.

The inaugural public hybrid bond issuance enables BOAD to surpass its target of US\$600 million in hybrid bonds and reach 95 percent of its capital increase target to strengthen its equity under the Djoliba Strategic Plan. The funds raised will be allocated to financing or refinancing eligible green and social projects under BOAD's sustainable bond framework, thereby reinforcing its commitment to climate action and social progress in the West African Economic and Monetary Union region.

The transaction generated strong interest from a variety of investors, with the order book reaching a peak of US\$1.9 billion, representing a 3.8 times oversubscription rate.

Hedging mechanism given the Notes are denominated in USD; the proceeds were paid by the banks in EUR after a EUR hedging transaction.

Infrastructure, transportation, logistics

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.

Select representative matters

Africa50

Representation of Africa50 on a Joint Development Agreement with the Government of Zimbabwe with respect to the operation and maintenance of a section of the Harare-Masvingo-Beitbridge Highway under a Concession Agreement.

International Finance Corporation

Representation of International Finance Corporation in relation to International Finance Corporation's USD 250 million unsecured senior loan to support Standard Bank to provide financing to real estate developers and homebuyers of properties that align with global best practices for green construction. The partnership aims to expand green building finance in South Africa, promote sustainable construction, and increase access to affordable and inclusive housing, especially for lower-income households and women.

International Finance Corporation

Representation of International Finance Corporation in relation to International Finance Corporation's USD 200 million loan to Nedbank Bank to further scale lending to green buildings developers in South Africa's residential, commercial, industrial and retail property sectors.

Chirundu Border Post

Representation of the lenders to the Chirundu Border Post Update and modernization project.

Harith InfraCo

Representation of Harith InfraCo Limited on the R6.5 billion (US\$360 million) acquisition of the Pan African Infrastructure Development Fund's (PAIDF) interests in an infrastructure portfolio with significant stakes in assets across six Sub-Saharan African countries. The assets include African energy assets, digital infrastructure assets in South Africa and a stake in one of the country's largest privately owned international airports.

Abu Dhabi Ports Company

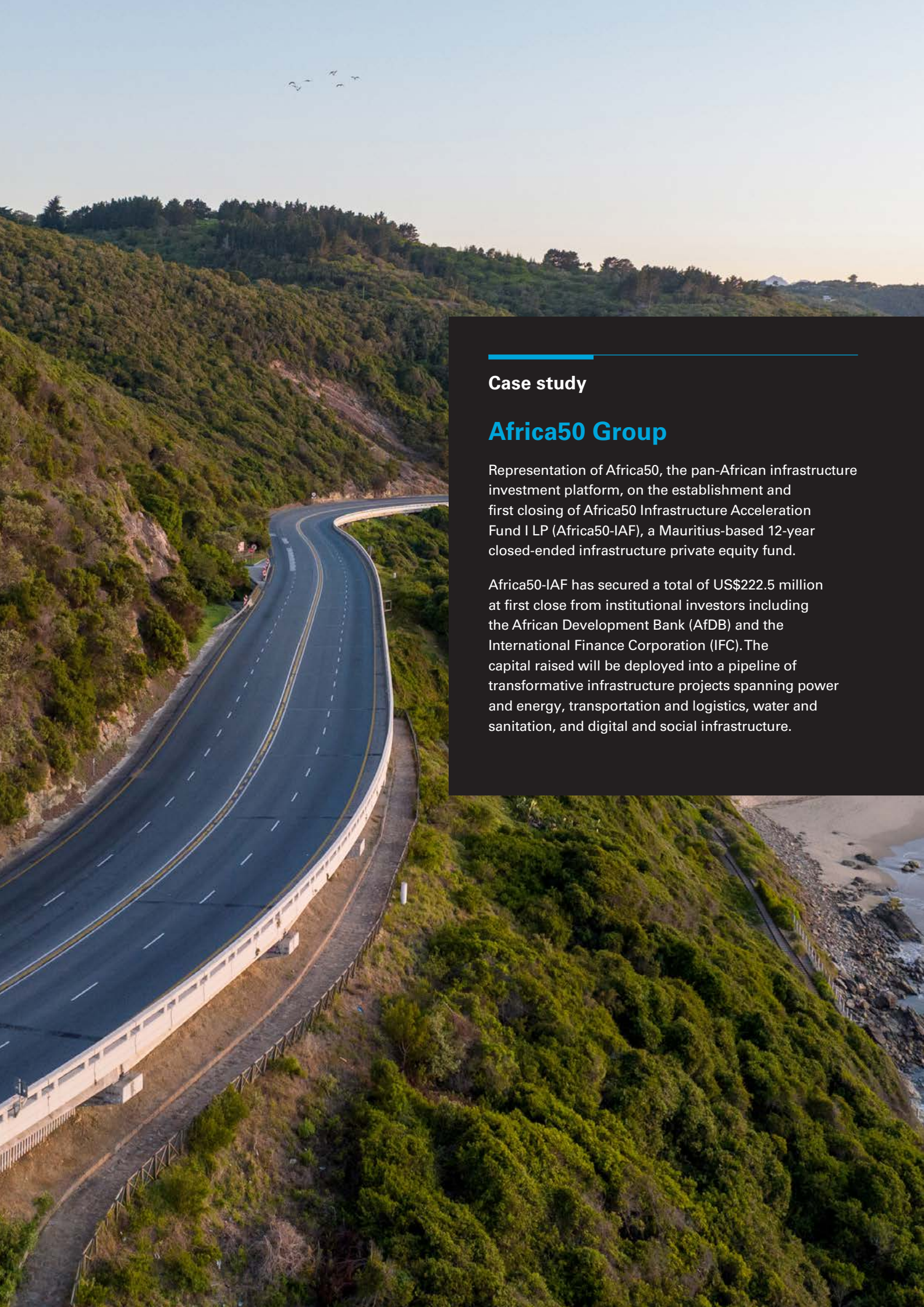
Representation of Abu Dhabi Ports Company PJSC in connection with a project in the Port of Safaga, Egypt.

Arise IIP

Representation of Arise IIP (a pan-African developer and operator of integrated industrial zones) in connection with the investment by Vision Invest (a leading Saudi Arabian infrastructure investor and developer) in Arise IIP.

MSC Mediterranean Shipping Company SA

Representation of MSC Mediterranean Shipping Company SA, one of the world's largest shipping, logistics and ports operators, on the sale of its 30 percent interests in Sifax Offdock Nigeria Limited and Ports and Cargo Handling Services Limited in connection with the settlement of a dispute with Sifax Group of Companies Limited and a number of its subsidiaries.



Case study

Africa50 Group

Representation of Africa50, the pan-African infrastructure investment platform, on the establishment and first closing of Africa50 Infrastructure Acceleration Fund I LP (Africa50-IAF), a Mauritius-based 12-year closed-ended infrastructure private equity fund.

Africa50-IAF has secured a total of US\$222.5 million at first close from institutional investors including the African Development Bank (AfDB) and the International Finance Corporation (IFC). The capital raised will be deployed into a pipeline of transformative infrastructure projects spanning power and energy, transportation and logistics, water and sanitation, and digital and social infrastructure.

Snapshot of our recent Central Africa matters



Ivanhoe Atlantic

Guinea

Project Development and Finance

Representation of Ivanhoe Atlantic in its project development and financing activities for the Nimba Iron Ore Project in Guinea, including government negotiations for the transnational Guinea-Liberia multi-user evacuation corridor (ongoing) and MIGA cover.



Mineral Sand Expansion Project

Sierra Leone

Project Development and Finance

Representation of a client in relation to their proposed involvement in a mineral sand expansion project in Sierra Leone.



Eranove

Gabon

Project Development and Finance

Representation of Eranove and Kekeli (SPV) in the taking-over process of the power plant and pre-litigation with the EPC contractor.



Republic of Gabon

Gabon

Project Development and Finance

Representation of the Republic of Gabon on its pioneering debt-for-nature conversion, which is the first transaction of its kind in Africa. The conversion comprises Gabon's inaugural US\$500 million 15-year Blue Loan and the concurrent tender offer of a portion of its outstanding US\$700 million 6.950 percent Amortizing Notes due 2025, US\$1 billion 6.625 percent Amortising Notes due February 2031 and US\$800 million 7.000 percent Amortising Notes due November 2031 (together the Notes). The Blue Loan was funded by an offer of US\$500 million Amortizing Notes due 2038 issued by Gabon Blue Bond Master Trust Series 2 (the Blue Bonds).

The conversion has allowed Gabon to refinance over US\$442 million of Gabon's Notes and generate an expected US\$125 million in new funding for ocean conservation projects in Gabon aimed at the creation and implementation of a marine spatial plan and management for 30 percent of its ocean. The terms of the Blue Loan include certain conservation milestones including increasing the ocean area under protection, improving management of protected areas, supporting Gabon's sustainable blue economy and strengthening and enforcing regulations for its fishing industry.



Glencore International AG

Democratic Republic of Congo

Project Development and Finance

Representation of Glencore in the sale by way of buyback of Glencore Projects Pty Limited's 43 percent stake in AIM-listed Zanaga Iron Ore Company Limited (AIM: ZIOC) and related termination of (i) the relationship agreement between ZIOC and Glencore; (ii) Glencore's right to board representation at ZIOC; and (iii) Glencore's offtake and marketing rights connected with the Zanaga Iron Ore Project in the Republic of Congo.

Key:

● Dispute Resolution

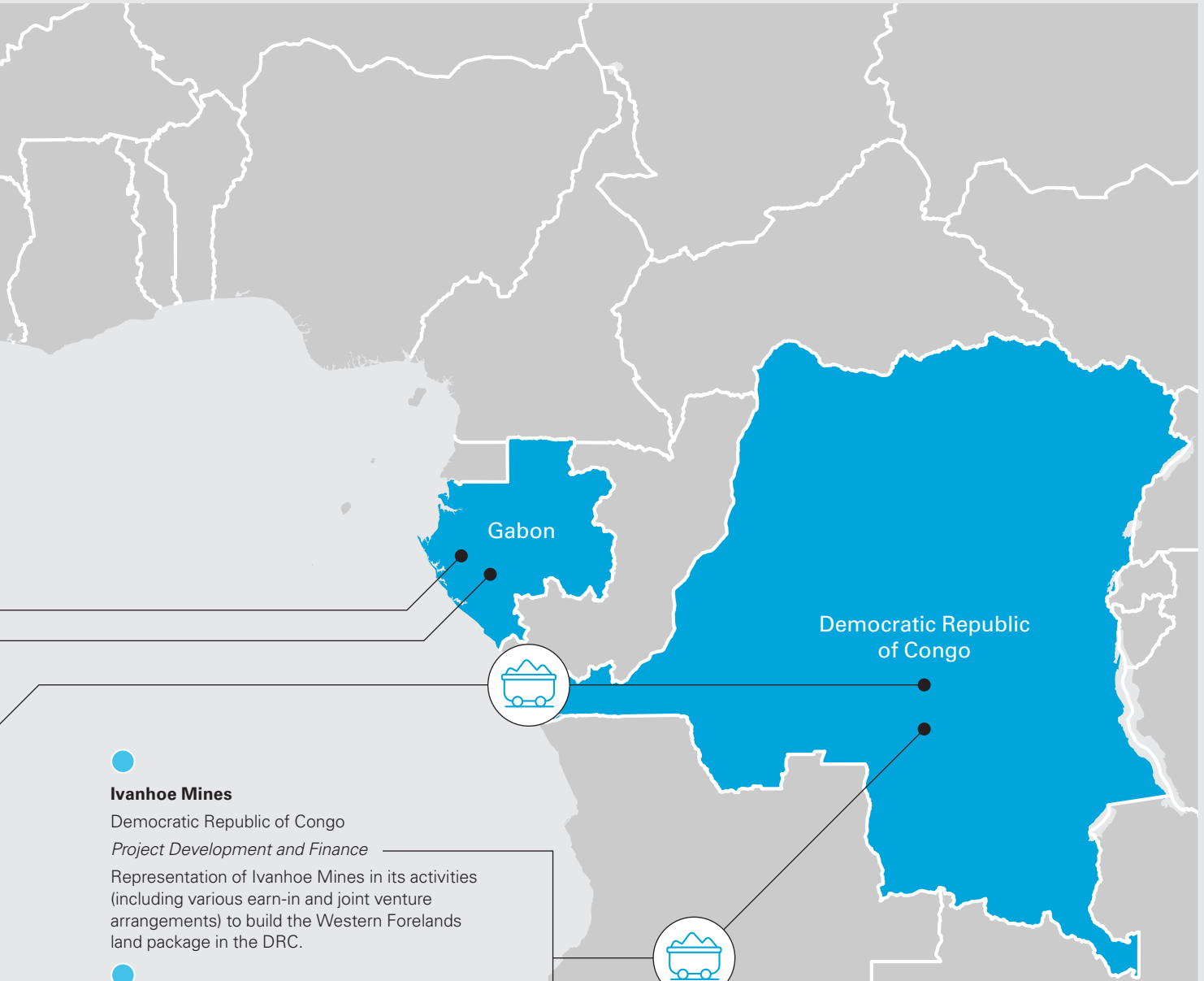
▨ Debt Finance

▨ Capital Markets

▨ Private Equity

● Corporate/M&A

● Project Development and Finance



Ivanhoe Mines

Democratic Republic of Congo

Project Development and Finance

Representation of Ivanhoe Mines in its activities (including various earn-in and joint venture arrangements) to build the Western Forelands land package in the DRC.



Ivanhoe Mines

Democratic Republic of Congo

Project Development and Finance

Representation of Ivanhoe Mines in relation to its joint venture agreement with Gecamines to restart the ultra-high-grade Kipushi Mine, an underground zinc-copper mine in the Central African Copperbelt of the DRC, a century since first opening.

Mining & metals

Our preeminent Mining & Metals Industry Group has in-depth knowledge of the sector and has advised on some of the largest and most high-profile deals across the globe. We know the African legal and political environment and its mining regulatory framework, enabling us to advise clients across the full spectrum of legal services, regardless of where they do business on the African continent.

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

Mauritania Saudi Mining & Steel Company

Representation of Mauritania Saudi Mining & Steel Company on the development and financing of a 10mtpa iron ore mining and processing project in Mauritania.

Ivanhoe Mines

Representation of Ivanhoe Mines on the financing of the Kipushi project, an underground zinc-copper mine in the province of Haut-Katanga in the DRC, and the financing of exploration and development of the company's Western Foreland tenements in the DRC. We also represented Ivanhoe Mines in relation to its joint venture agreement with Gecamines to restart the ultra-high-grade Kipushi Mine.

Lobito Corridor

Representation of a potential investor in the Lobito corridor that runs from the Atlantic port of Lobito, Angola, inland through the DRC and to the Copperbelt region of Zambia.

Compagnie des Bauxites de Guinea

Representation of the lenders to Compagnie des Bauxites de Guinea (CBG), on the multi-user rail corridor expansion for the approximately US\$700 million expansion financing of the CBG bauxite project in Guinea.

Ivanhoe Mines

Representation (ongoing) of Ivanhoe Mines in connection with US\$450 million project financing, including senior debt, of the Platreef platinum-nickel-palladium-gold-copper-rhodium project in South Africa. The transaction includes Orion Mine Finance US\$300 million streaming facility. A US\$750 million phase 2 financing is underway.

Ivanhoe Atlantic

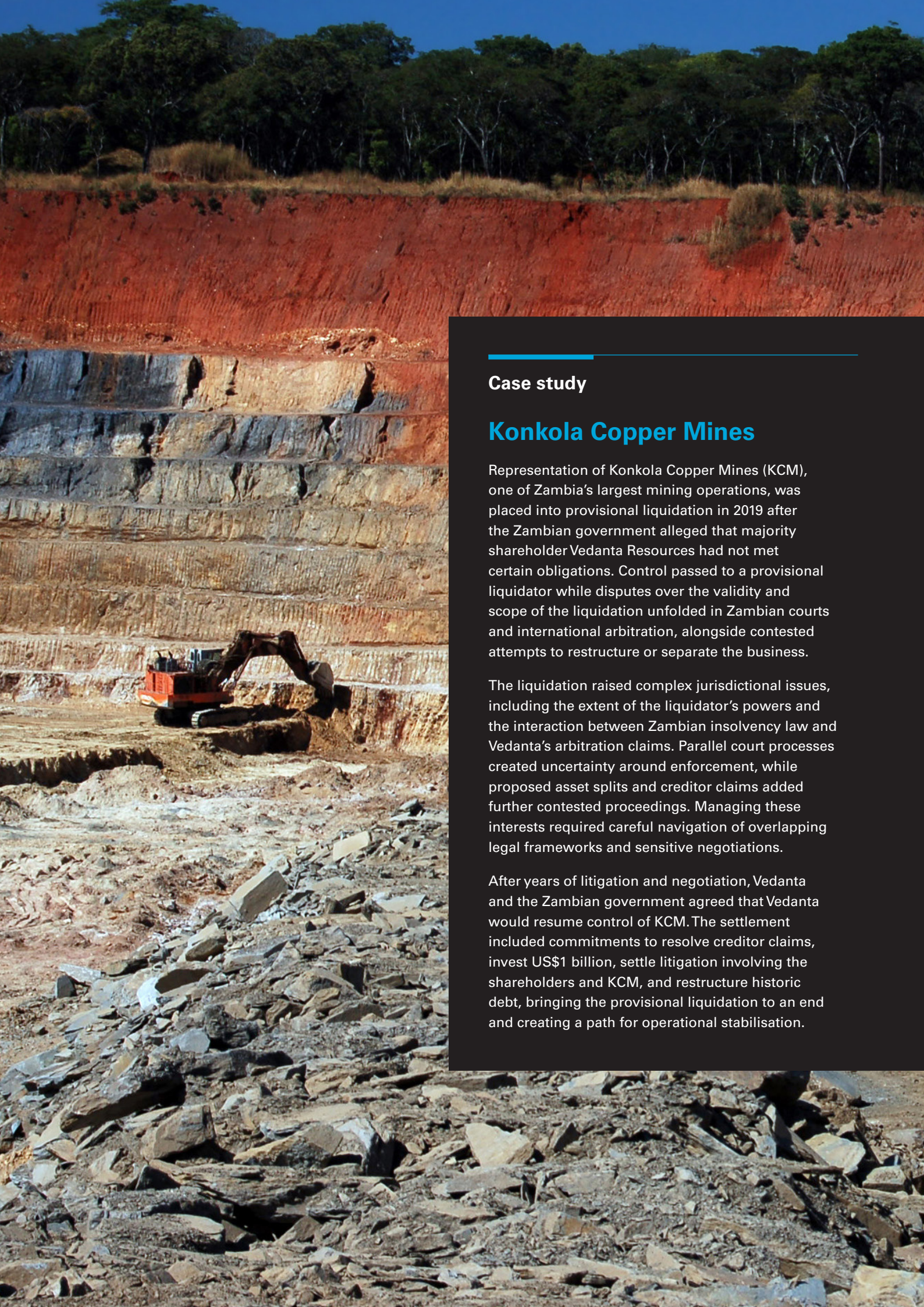
Representation of Ivanhoe Atlantic (formerly HPX) in its acquisition of the Nimba iron ore project in Guinea from BHP, Newmont and Orano; and on ongoing project development and financing activities, including government negotiations for the transnational Guinea-Liberia evacuation corridor and MIGA coverage.

SNIM

Representation of SNIM, a Mauritanian state-owned mining company and one of the largest mining companies in Africa, with respect to the El Aouj iron ore mining project in Mauritania. The project will be constructed, developed and operated together with the Australian company MinRes via a joint venture company, and will include an iron ore processing plant as well as rail and port infrastructure.

International Resources Holding (IRH)

Representation of International Resources Holding (IRH), the mining investment arm of Abu Dhabi's International Holding Company, on its acquisition of 56 percent of the shares in Alphamin Resources Corp. (Alphamin) from Tremont Master Holdings, a subsidiary of US private equity group Denham Capital. Alphamin, dual listed on the Toronto and Johannesburg stock exchanges, is one of the world's largest and highest-grade tin producers, operating the Bisie Mine in the North Kivu province of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.



Case study

Konkola Copper Mines

Representation of Konkola Copper Mines (KCM), one of Zambia's largest mining operations, was placed into provisional liquidation in 2019 after the Zambian government alleged that majority shareholder Vedanta Resources had not met certain obligations. Control passed to a provisional liquidator while disputes over the validity and scope of the liquidation unfolded in Zambian courts and international arbitration, alongside contested attempts to restructure or separate the business.

The liquidation raised complex jurisdictional issues, including the extent of the liquidator's powers and the interaction between Zambian insolvency law and Vedanta's arbitration claims. Parallel court processes created uncertainty around enforcement, while proposed asset splits and creditor claims added further contested proceedings. Managing these interests required careful navigation of overlapping legal frameworks and sensitive negotiations.

After years of litigation and negotiation, Vedanta and the Zambian government agreed that Vedanta would resume control of KCM. The settlement included commitments to resolve creditor claims, invest US\$1 billion, settle litigation involving the shareholders and KCM, and restructure historic debt, bringing the provisional liquidation to an end and creating a path for operational stabilisation.

We have a marquee Oil & Gas Practice. We have unrivalled 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

Blackrose Investco

Representation of Blackrose Investco Ltd, an African development and investment management firm, as sponsors in the US\$1.6 billion project financing of a low carbon natural gas to methanol plant in Nigeria. The plant will have an annual production capacity of 1.8 million tons and will play a significant role in developing the region's green energy transition. Through innovation in design and technology, the project aims to achieve lower CO₂ emissions, lower natural gas consumption and lower excess steam production than conventional plants.

NAIC and OCP

Representation of the sponsors, NSIA Agriculture Investment Company (the "NAIC") and OCP Africa S.A (the "OCP"), in connection with the US\$1.5 billion project financing of an integrated ammonia and di-ammonia phosphate fertiliser production plant in Nigeria. The planned plant will have an annual capacity of 750,000 tonnes of ammonia and 1 million tonnes of phosphate fertiliser. The project is intended to help Nigeria become a major exporter of fertiliser, moving away from its reliance on imports and to monetise its gas.

Nigeria LNG

Representation of the financiers on 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, which signed on the 13 May 2020. The financiers to the transaction included the Export-Import Bank of Korea (KEXIM), Korea Trade Insurance Corporation (KSURE), SACE, African Export-Import Bank, Africa Finance Corporation, and over 16 international commercial banks and 10 Nigerian commercial banks.

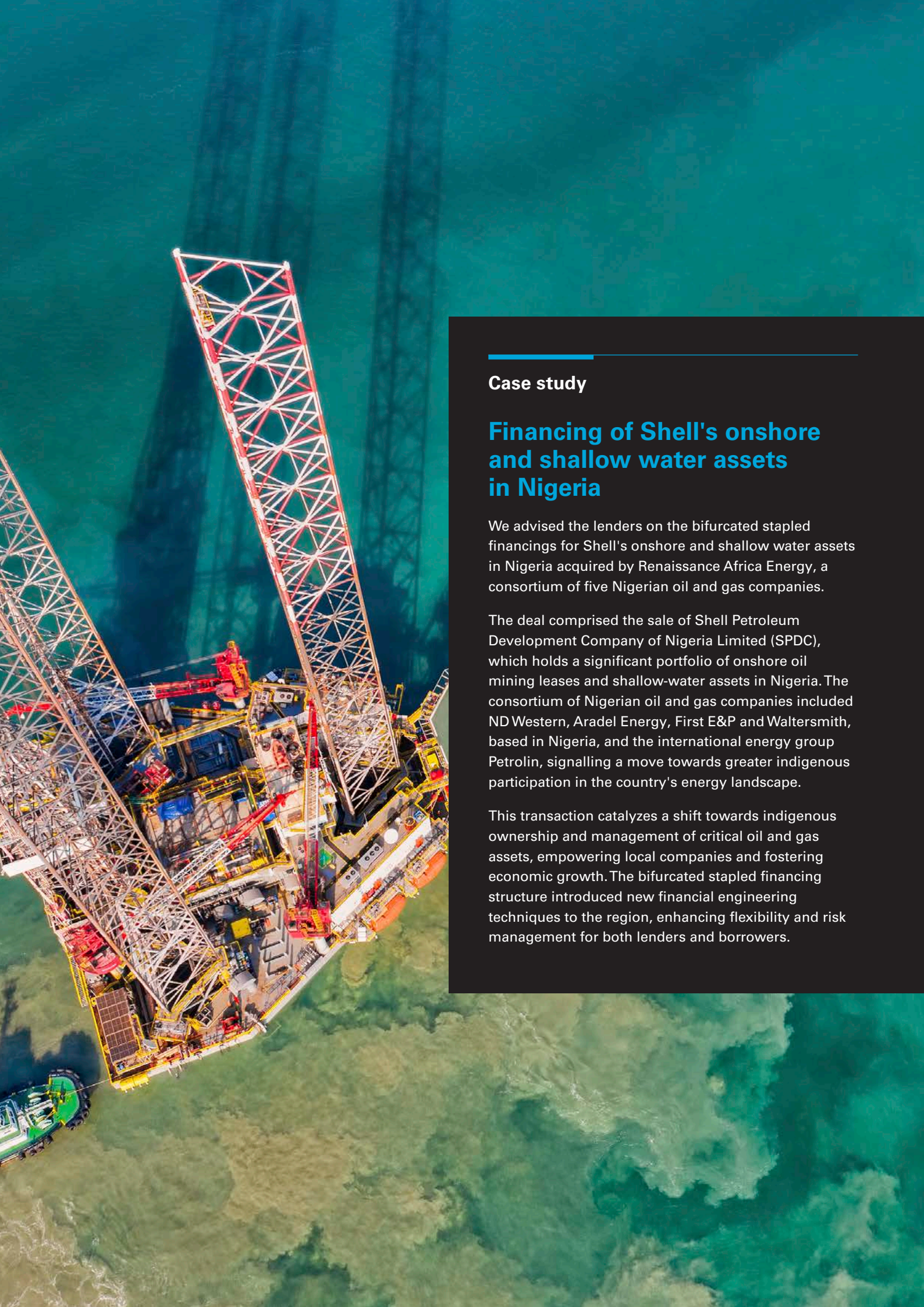
Seplat Energy

Representation of the banks on Seplat Energy's tender offer and high yield bond issuance of US\$650 million senior notes.

Representation of Seplat Energy Plc, a leading Nigerian energy company listed on the Nigerian and London Stock Exchanges, on the financed acquisition of ExxonMobil Corporation's entire oil and gas assets onshore/shallow waters, Nigeria for a total headline consideration of US\$1.3 billion.

VAALCO Energy Financing

Representation of the Standard Bank of South Africa as mandated lead arranger to VAALCO Energy, an oil & gas company, in respect of an up to US\$200m senior secured reserve-based lending facility supported by VAALCO Energy oil assets in Ivory Coast, Egypt and Gabon and guaranteed by VAALCO affiliates.



Case study

Financing of Shell's onshore and shallow water assets in Nigeria

We advised the lenders on the bifurcated stapled financings for Shell's onshore and shallow water assets in Nigeria acquired by Renaissance Africa Energy, a consortium of five Nigerian oil and gas companies.

The deal comprised the sale of Shell Petroleum Development Company of Nigeria Limited (SPDC), which holds a significant portfolio of onshore oil mining leases and shallow-water assets in Nigeria. The consortium of Nigerian oil and gas companies included ND Western, Aradel Energy, First E&P and Waltersmith, based in Nigeria, and the international energy group Petrolin, signalling a move towards greater indigenous participation in the country's energy landscape.

This transaction catalyzes a shift towards indigenous ownership and management of critical oil and gas assets, empowering local companies and fostering economic growth. The bifurcated stapled financing structure introduced new financial engineering techniques to the region, enhancing flexibility and risk management for both lenders and borrowers.

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

Eranove

Representation of Eranove on a Public-to-Private Partnership agreement to develop a €110 million 42MW hydroelectric dam in Kénié, Mali.

Eranove and FGIS

Representation of Eranove and FGIS in the project financing, design, construction and operation of a 73 MW hydropower project located in Ngoulmendjim and a 15 MW hydropower project located in Dibwangui in the Gabonese Republic.

Group of lenders/ five DFIs

Representation of five DFIs, including IFC and DFC. Our France-based projects and energy team is advising this group of lenders on the development of the 200MW Ruzizi hydropower project in Africa.

Republic of Gabon

Representation of the Republic of Gabon in relation to the financing, design, construction and operation of a 120MW solar power plant.

Ministry of Finance Ghana

Representation of the Ministry of Finance and Electricity Company of Ghana on the comprehensive renegotiation and restructuring of power purchase agreements with key independent power producers, including in connection with Ghana's ongoing engagement with the IMF, by way of refinancing, tariff sculpting and adjustment, term extensions and deferrals, rationalisation of back-up fuel arrangements, transition to use of indigenous natural gas on a tolling model, settlement of claims and restructuring of tariff arrears.

African Development Bank

Representation of the lenders, including African Development Bank (AfDB), British International Investment (BII), European Investment Bank (EIB) and other potential senior lenders in the financing, development, construction, operation and maintenance of (i) a 147 MW hydropower plant on the Ruzizi River which crosses Burundi, DRC and Rwanda (natural border between the 3 countries) and (ii) the connection line.

EDF South Africa

Representation of EDF South Africa which is contemplating participating in the development of a major green ammonia production project in South Africa developed by Hive Hydrogen South Africa. The project covers the whole supply chain, from a decentralized renewable energies production (3.5 GW in solar and wind) and green H2 production facility (1 120 MW) to a downstream derivative process to produce green nh3 (1 MTPA).

Western Power Corporation

Representation of Western Power Corporation, a project company backed by InfraCo Africa, on the development of the Ngonye Falls hydropower project in Zambia. We are advising Western Power Corporation on all aspects of the construction of the dam and hydropower facilities, which are planned to be project financed using a combination of equity investors and development finance institutions.



Case study

Mpatamanga Hydropower Project

White & Case has advised the International Finance Corporation and Development Finance Corporation in relation to the Mpatamanga Hydropower Project in Malawi.

The project consists of two hydroplants and two transmission lines – a 309 MW main power plant and a 52 MW regulating plant downstream of the main river. The regulating dam will have the capacity to mitigate the impact of peaking at the main power plant through water storage during peak hours. The project is expected to contribute to reducing energy shortages and enhancing energy security in Malawi. The facility with its reservoir storage is designed to provide much needed energy during peak demand hours of the day and overall grid stability with its ability to ramp up or down production to meet actual demand.

Hydropower can play a critical role in Africa's renewable energy development. Mpatamanga will deliver electricity to approximately two million people and save 520,000 tons of CO2 emissions per year.

Snapshot of our recent North Africa matters



Acciona Agua, Green of Africa and Afriquia Gaz

Morocco

Project Development and Finance

Representation of the lenders to the consortium composed of Acciona Agua, Green of Africa, and Afriquia Gaz in connection with the tender process, export credit-backed financing, and senior debt facilities for the construction, development, operation, and maintenance of the Casablanca Water Desalination Plant.



Baladna QPSC

Algeria, Qatar

Debt Finance

Representation of the client in relation to the establishment of the largest dairy farm in Algeria.

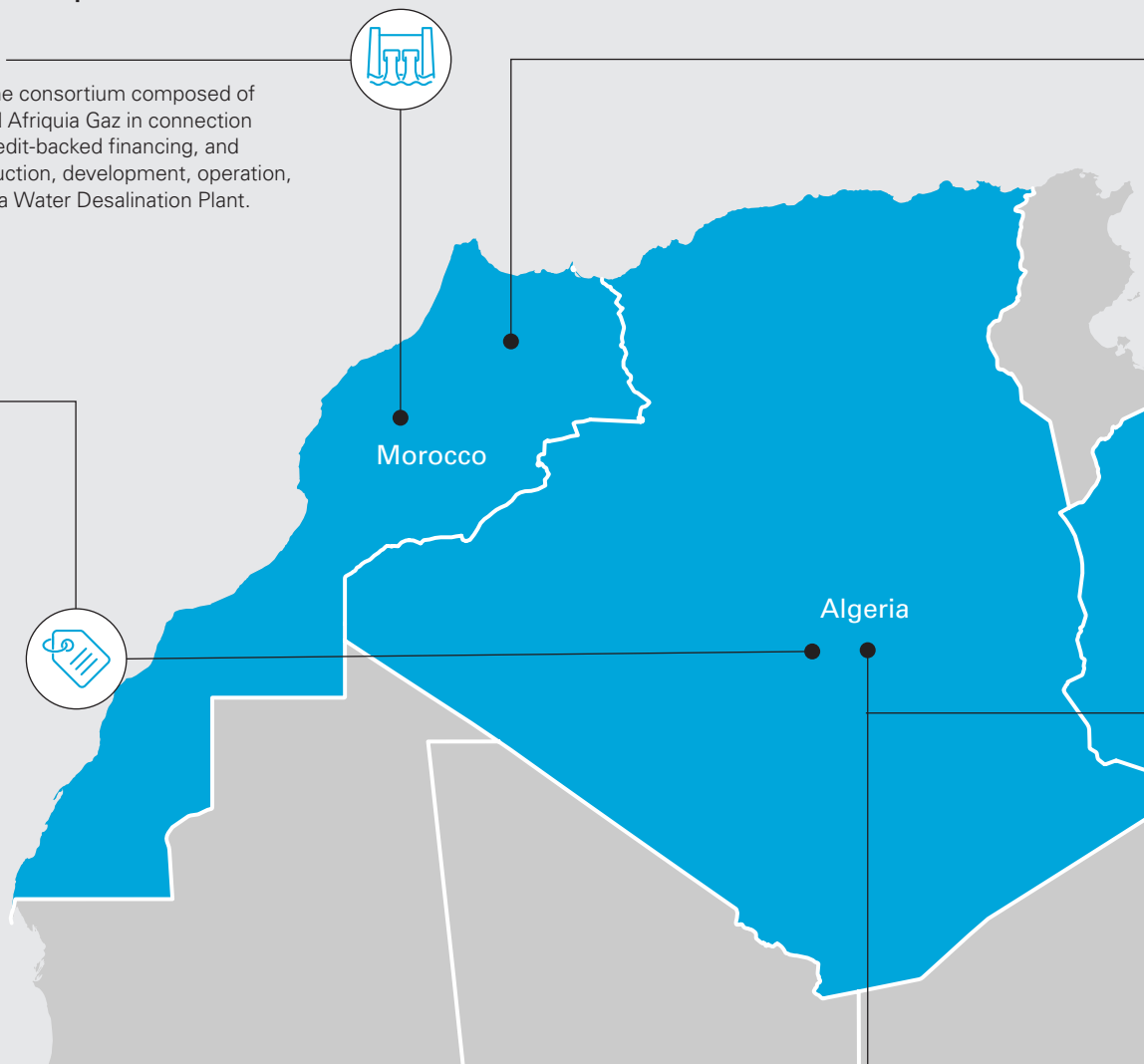


Orascom Construction

Algeria and Egypt

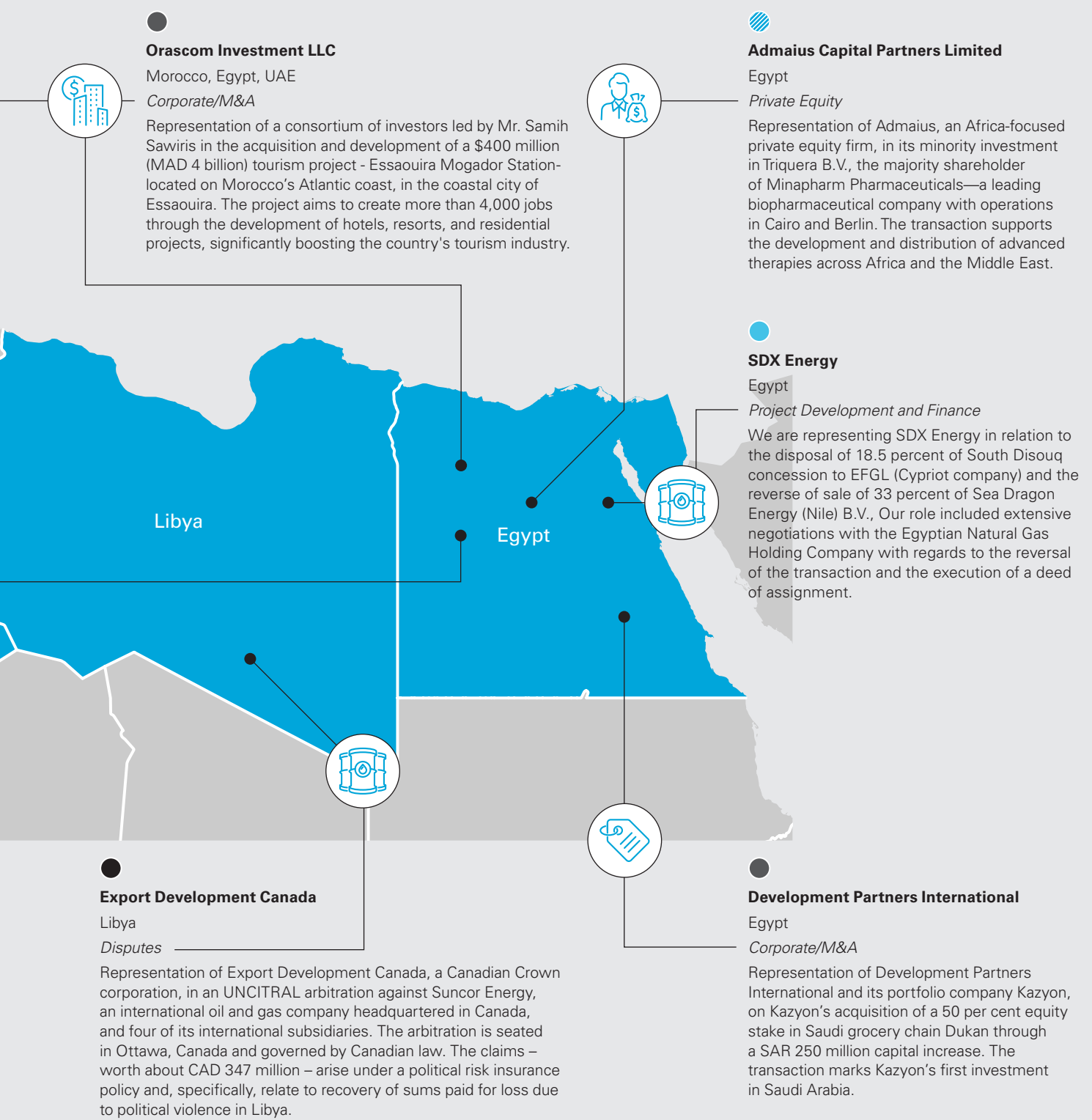
Corporate/M&A

Representation of Orascom Construction on the sale of its stake in its construction chemicals business to MBCC Group.



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Office updates

Cairo

Our local presence and deep knowledge give clients a distinct advantage. While our Cairo office anchors our presence in Egypt, every client engagement draws on the Firm's full strength. Clients benefit from access to a global team of lawyers across all relevant legal areas, including project development and finance, banking, capital markets, corporate, mergers and acquisitions, international trade and dispute resolution.

Select representative matters

Energiean Oil & Gas plc

Representation of Energiean Oil & Gas plc on its acquisition of Edison Exploration & Production S.p.A. (Edison E&P) for US\$750 million, with additional contingent consideration of US\$100 million payable following first gas from the Cassiopea development (expected 2022), offshore Italy.

The deal will make Energiean the largest independent gas-focused E&P in the Mediterranean as it looks to take advantage of gas's positioning as a cleaner "bridging fuel" amid a global shift away from more carbon intensive energy sources.

Chevron

Representation of Chevron on its oil and gas acquisition and development matters in Egypt, including in relation to leasing available blocks, joint operating agreements, farm in/outs and regulatory matters.

HSBC

Representation of the lenders in relation to multipurpose facility of US\$200 million financing to Cheiron Finance Limited to refinance their existing facility and working capital needs in relation to their E&P activities in Egypt.

Egyptian Ethylene and Derivatives Company (Ethydco)

Representation of Ethydco in relation to a facility of US\$200 million to finance the construction of a polybutadiene unit in Alexandria Egypt as well as the restructuring of a US\$1.25 billion syndicated facility.

Sixth of October for Real Estate and Development (SODIC)

Representation of SODIC in relation to EGP 2.5 billion facility from AAIB and other banks to finance Villette project in New Cairo.

Qatari Diar

Representation of Qatari Diar on a US\$29.7 billion investment in a strategic partnership with the Egyptian government's New Urban Communities Authority (NUCA) to develop the Alam El Roum project in North Coast, Egypt.

Admaius Capital Partners Limited

Representation of Admaius, an Africa-focused private equity firm, in its minority investment in Triquera B.V., the majority shareholder of Minapharm Pharmaceuticals—a leading biopharmaceutical company with operations in Cairo and Berlin. The transaction supports the development and distribution of advanced therapies across Africa and the Middle East.

Orascom Financial Holdings

Representation of Orascom Financial Holdings' major shareholder, on an entire share swap mandatory tender offer with B Investment, being the first-of-its-kind on EGX.

Saudi Arabian Oil Company (Saudi Aramco)

Representation of Saudi Aramco on its SAR 111.0 billion/US\$29.4 billion initial public offering, which is the world's largest initial public offering to date. Saudi Aramco is the world's largest integrated oil and gas company. The offering was significantly oversubscribed and at listing Saudi Aramco's valuation was US\$1.7 trillion.

The underwriting syndicate consisted of 25 underwriters, led by Citi, Credit Suisse, Goldman Sachs, HSBC, J.P. Morgan, Bank of America, Morgan Stanley, NCB Capital and Samba Capital as Joint Global Coordinators for the offering.



Band 1: Projects & Energy

Chambers Global, Egypt 2025

Tier 1: Banking & Finance

The Legal 500 EMEA, Egypt 2025

Capital Markets Firm of the Year

The Legal 500 MENA Awards 2025

“Everything is handled to perfection. They work by your side and ensure you are protected. The team understands the risks of everything, and they have never failed us.”

*Chambers Global,
Projects & Energy, Egypt 2025*

“The Firm is up-to-date on current banking and finance developments, and has a practical approach to banking and finance documentation. Clients have free access to their knowledge bank and benefit from their customer-centric approach.”

*The Legal 500 EMEA,
Banking & Finance, Egypt 2025*

Snapshot of our recent Southern Africa matters



Republic of Zambia

Zambia

Capital Markets

Representation of the Republic of Zambia in connection with a comprehensive debt restructuring of Zambia's external debt, including its Eurobonds due in 2022, 2024 and 2027, but also in relation to all of Zambia's official and commercial debt.



Republic of Angola

Angola, UK

Capital Markets

Representation of a banking syndicate in connection with the issuance of US\$1.75 billion senior notes by the Republic of Angola under its Global Medium Term Note programme.



Hungarian Export-Import Bank PLC

Angola, Hungary

Project Development and Finance

Representation of Hungarian Export-Import Bank Plc (Exim Bank) in connection with the contractor for the development, production and supply of the Angolan Electronic Passport and its system between Any Security Printing Company Plc. as supplier and ministry of interior of Angola, as buyer.



Etu Energias (Oil & Gas)

Angola

Project Development and Finance

Representation of Etu Energias in connection with the divestment of an interest in Block B14/23 ZIC in Angola to Azule Energy.



African Export-Import Bank (Oil & Gas)

Angola

Project Development and Finance

Representation of the lenders in relation to the US\$2.6bn project financing for the construction and delivery of the Amufert Fertilizer plant in Angola, one of the most significant fertilizer projects currently in development.



Eskom Holdings

South Africa

Capital Markets

Representation of Eskom Holdings in connection with the unbundling of its business and the impact on its US\$32 billion of debt.

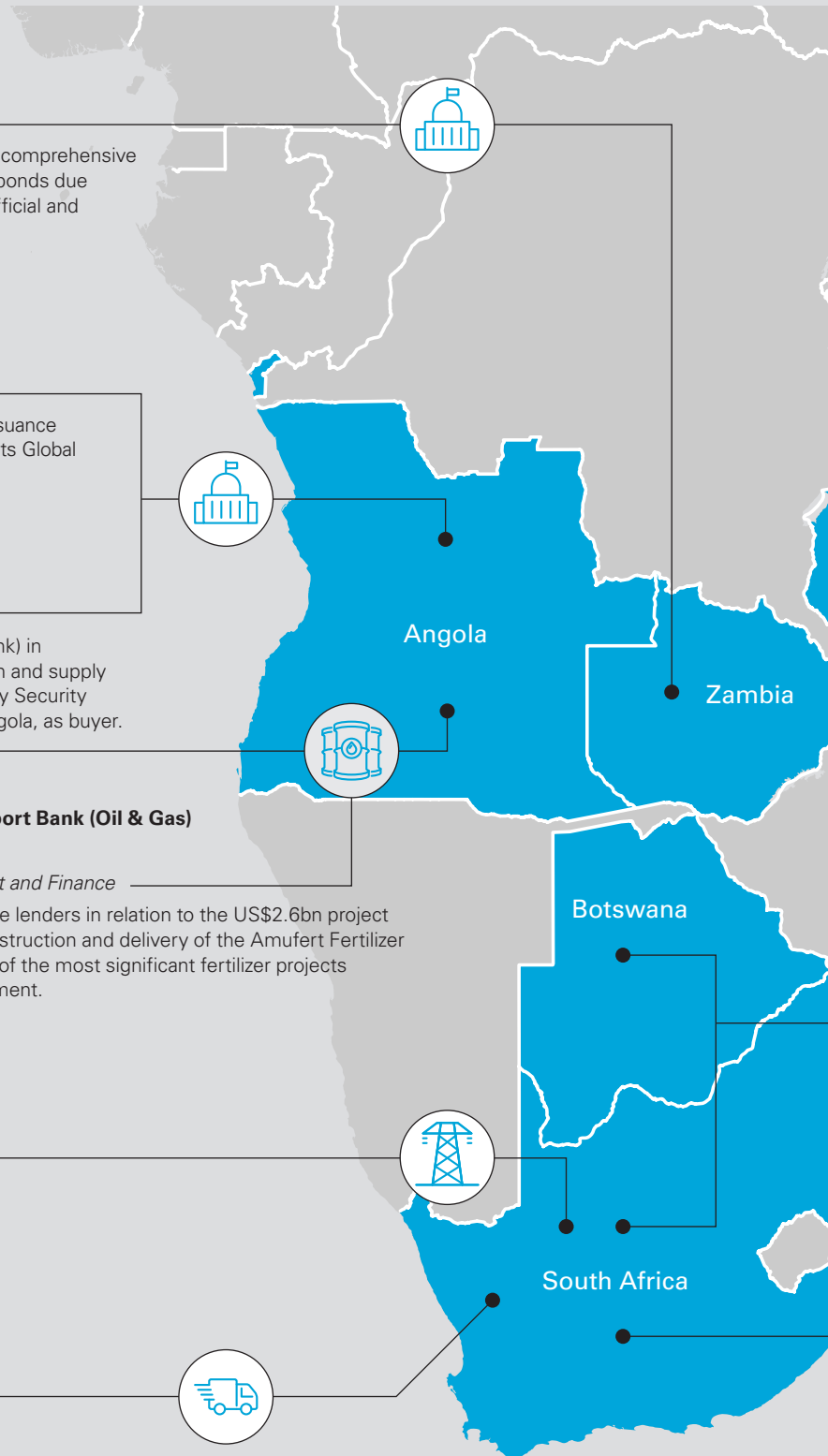


The Bidvest Group

South Africa

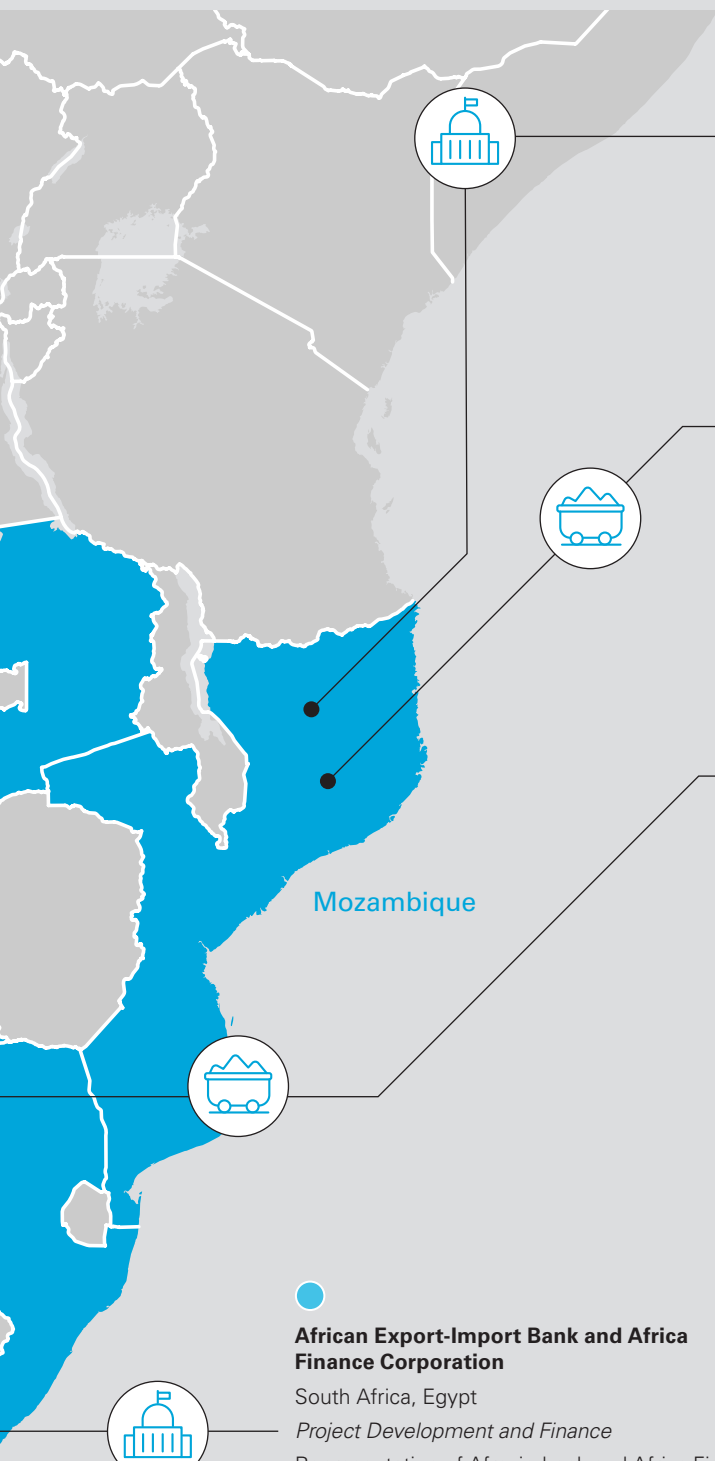
Capital Markets

Representation of The Bidvest Group (UK) Plc, as Issuer, and The Bidvest Group Limited, as Guarantor, on the issuance of US\$500 million 6.200 percent Senior Notes due 2032, in conjunction with a cash tender offer in respect of the Issuer's existing Notes due 2026.



Key:

- Dispute Resolution
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Republic of Mozambique

Mozambique

Dispute Resolution

Representation of the Republic of Mozambique as global coordinating counsel in dealing with the consequences of the "Tuna Bond scandal" which saw US\$2 billion borrowed on the strength of English-law governed sovereign guarantees procured by bribery and corruption.



Lenders to Kenmare Resources

Mozambique

Project Development and Finance

Representation of the lenders on a US\$200 million refinancing to Kenmare Resources in relation to the Moma Titanium Minerals mine in Mozambique. The transaction refinanced a 2019 facility, introduced new lenders, released local security, and restructured offshore security arrangements in Mauritius, Ireland, and England & Wales.



Curpic Canyon

Botswana and South Africa

Corporate/M&A

Representation of Curpic Canyon as the sellers of an indirect interest in the Khoemacau copper mine to MMG Limited. The Khoemacau copper mine is home to one of Africa's largest copper deposits. MMG is listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange.



The Mauritius Commercial Bank

Mauritius, Mozambique, Türkiye, Japan

Project Development and Finance

Representation of The Mauritius Commercial Bank Limited in its financing of the expansion and conversion of the fuel source of a 60-80 MW power ship project in Mozambique and associated FSRU.



Axian Telecom

Mauritius

Capital Markets

Representation of the initial purchasers on Axian Telecom's offering of US\$600 million 7.250 percent Senior Notes due 2030 and the lenders on US\$200 million (equivalent) credit facilities, consisting of a Term Loan Facility and a Revolving Credit Facility.



African Export-Import Bank and Africa Finance Corporation

South Africa, Egypt

Project Development and Finance

Representation of Afreximbank and Africa Finance Corporation on the Nyanza titanium dioxide facility project financing. This is a \$1.2 bn financing and once the project reaches project completion, it will be the only TI02 production facility in Africa.



Johannesburg

Over the past year, the Firm's Johannesburg office continues to strengthen its position in the South African market further. We are market leaders in the areas of corporate M&A, private equity, capital markets, bank finance, climate change and regulatory. From an industry perspective, we have unparalleled experience in mining & metals, oil & gas (including LNG and petrochemicals), power, infrastructure and construction.

Select representative matters

The Standard Bank of South Africa

Representation of The Standard Bank of South Africa Limited, FirstRand Bank Limited and RMB International (Mauritius) Ltd as lenders on the provision of term loan and capital expenditure facilities to Bandwidth and Cloud Services Group Holdings as borrower for the purpose of refinancing the borrower's existing indebtedness, the borrower group's general corporate purposes and the capital expenditure requirements.

J.P. Morgan and Citi Bank

Representation of J.P. Morgan Securities Plc, Citi Bank, N.A., London Branch and J.P. Morgan SE as global coordinators, initial mandated lead arrangers, bookrunners and agent (as applicable) with the provision of USD1,250,000,000 loan facilities to Harmony Gold (Australia) Pty Ltd and Harmony Gold Mining Company Limited for the acquisition of shares in MAC Copper Limited.

Harith Infraco Limited

Representation of Harith InfraCo Limited on the R6.5 billion (US\$360 million) acquisition of the Pan African Infrastructure Development Fund's (PAIDF) interests in an infrastructure portfolio with significant stakes in assets across six Sub-Saharan African countries. The assets include African energy assets, digital infrastructure assets in South Africa and a stake in one of the country's largest privately owned international airports.

International Resources Holding

Representation of International Resources Holding, on the acquisition of 56 percent of the shares in Alphamin Resources Corp from Tremont Master Holdings. The deal marks another important milestone in IRH's strategy of acquiring high-quality, long-life mining assets across the globe with strong growth potential and further strengthens its position as a key player in the global industrial metals sector. This follows our role advising IRH on its landmark government-to-government acquisition of Mopani Copper Mines in Zambia last year. IRH is continuing to expand aggressively, and we are delighted to have been instructed on their next wave of contemplated transactions.

Alterra and Phatisa

Representation of leading private equity firms Alterra and Phatisa on their acquisition of 100 percent of Java House Africa from emerging-market investor Actis for an undisclosed sum. The investment marks a significant milestone in Java House's growth journey, reinforcing its position as a category leader on the continent.

Oracle Corporation South Africa

Representation of Oracle Corporation South Africa (Pty) Ltd (Oracle) in relation to a presidential mandated investigation conducted by the Special Investigating Unit (SIU).

The Energy Intensive Users Group of Southern Africa NPC

Representation of the Energy Intensive Users Group (EIUG) in respect of its proposed intervention in the ongoing litigation between the South African Local Government Association (SALGA) and Eskom Holdings Limited (Eskom), and others, in the Pretoria High Court (the Proceedings).



**Catalyst Private Equity Deal of the Year:
Harith InfraCo**

DealMakers Annual Awards, 2024

**“The team has good cross-
border abilities and experience
in the financial markets.”**

*The Legal 500 EMEA, South Africa,
Banking & Finance, 2025*

**“Highly experienced, responsive
and commercial.”**

*The Legal 500 EMEA, South Africa,
Dispute Resolution, 2025*

**“Their quality of engagement with
the team is second to none.”**

*The Legal 500 EMEA, South
Africa, Corporate/M&A, 2025*

Responsible Business

Responsible Business 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 recognise the importance of our natural environment.

All of our Responsible Business 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 Responsible Business 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 more than 4,000 hours of pro bono related to or in Africa.

Examples include:

International Senior Lawyers Project (ISLP)

White & Case and the International Senior Lawyers Project (ISLP) have worked together for many years on pro-bono matters spanning continents, practice areas, and sectors. ISLP highlighted several examples of this global impact, noting that our arbitration practitioners have delivered extensive support to law reform and capacity-building initiatives in Ethiopia, Haiti, and Kenya including projects for the Nairobi Centre for International Arbitration, Kenya's Office of the Attorney General, the Ethiopian Ministry of Justice, the East Africa Law Society Women Lawyers Forum, and the Chambre de Conciliation et d'Arbitrage d'Haiti. Through this work, particularly recent efforts across East Africa, the Firm has helped local legal communities shape the future of commercial arbitration and international dispute resolution.

Global Pro Bono Week

We continued our legal ethics work in Africa by organizing a conference of law school deans from 11 African countries to discuss the importance of incorporating legal ethics into law school curricula.

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:

Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)

White & Case co-led a two-day, hands-on training on Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) for Moroccan legal practitioners. The training was convened by the US Department of Commerce's Commercial Law Development Program (CLDP), in partnership with the Casablanca International Mediation and Arbitration Centre (CIMAC) and the US Embassy in Rabat.

The training aimed to build participants' practical knowledge of ADR tools, including disputes clause drafting, oral advocacy and procedural strategy. It also supported the Moroccan government's broader goal of reinforcing institutional capacity for resolving commercial disputes outside of court, contributing to a more efficient, investor-friendly legal climate. By exposing participants to global best practices, the program sought to foster a more predictable dispute resolution environment that supports international commercial activity in Morocco, thereby fostering greater economic opportunities for foreign companies and strengthening the country's reputation as an emerging ADR hub in North Africa.

Africa in the Moot ("AitM")

For the second year, White & Case has proudly partnered with Africa in the Moot ("AitM"), an initiative dedicated to supporting students from Sub-Saharan African universities to participate in the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot.

Founded in 2021, AitM aims to level the playing field by offering financial and logistical support to teams from economically disadvantaged areas. The Firm's support enabled 12 teams from eight Sub-Saharan countries to participate in the 2024 East Africa Pre-Moot in Nairobi, and 16 teams from 11 countries to join in 2025. Notably, the 2025 cohort included first-time participants from Somalia, Namibia, and Zimbabwe

Our engagement with AitM extends beyond financial support. White & Case lawyers led in-person training at the East Africa Pre-Moot in Nairobi, Kenya and contributed to AitM's online educational series hosted by the Arbitration Channel. Six associates—John Dalebroux, Katherine Krudys and Francis Levesque (Washington, DC), Emily Dufner and Sofya Cherkasova (New York), and Clara Petch (Mexico City)—coached AitM teams throughout the 2024–2025 Vis season.

Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition

Qualifying rounds of the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition continued with law students around the world hoping to in the 2025 White & Case Jessup International Rounds in Washington, DC. More than 700 law schools are participated globally, with teams from nearly 100 countries presenting oral and written pleadings to simulate a dispute between states before the International Court of Justice.

The Egyptian national rounds took place on February 21-22 at Shalakany Law Offices in Cairo, with eight teams competing. British University in Egypt won the competition and represented Egypt at the White & Case International Rounds.

Responsible Business (continued)

Volunteering initiatives in South Africa

The Johannesburg office came together in 2025 to participate in two aspiring volunteer initiatives below:

Mandela Day with Ladles of Love

In celebration of Nelson Mandela International Day on 18 July, our Johannesburg office joined Ladles of Love, an organization dedicated to nourishing people in need across South Africa.

Slipper Day for Reach For A Dream

The office also participated in Slipper Day, supporting the Reach For A Dream Foundation - an organization that helps children fighting life-threatening illnesses to realize their dreams.

For more information on our Responsible Business initiative, please visit whitecase.com/responsible-business.



At a glance

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.

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