

Global Finance Practice



King & Spalding’s global finance practice brings together more than 100 finance lawyers located in offices across the United States, Europe, the Middle East and Asia to represent lenders, arrangers, investors, funds, borrowers, issuers, underwriters and financial sponsors across the full range of debt and equity financings. Over the past three years, we closed approximately 600 finance transactions for our clients, amounting to \$165 billion in aggregate financing. We provide clients worldwide with expertise in leveraged finance, capital markets, structured finance, project finance, Islamic finance, real estate capital markets, financial restructuring, and tax and regulatory matters—areas for which the firm and our lawyers are rated among the best in the world. Our aim is to provide targeted, multidisciplinary expertise across offices in an efficient and commercially savvy manner.

“King & Spalding is a world-class firm with massive global capabilities, as well as a culture of local expertise, which makes it seem a lot more intimate.”

A Top-Tier Practice Globally

In addition to being recognized consistently by *Chambers Global*, *Chambers USA* and *The Legal 500*, King & Spalding’s global finance practice has a number of distinctions, including the following:

- *Chambers USA 2016*

- King & Spalding was again recognized by *IFLR1000* as one of the world’s leading law firms advising on financial and corporate matters, earning four rankings in the publication’s 2016 guide.
- In 2016, *Law360* named King & Spalding Firm of the Year and the Life Sciences & FDA Practice Group of the Year.
- In *Chambers Global 2016*, King & Spalding is ranked among the top firms for energy and project finance globally, as well as in regions and countries including Asia-Pacific, Latin America, the Middle East, Russia, Singapore and the United States.
- *Thomson Reuters Loan Pricing Corporation* ranked King & Spalding’s Global Finance Practice in the top 10 by number of deals for its representation of U.S. lenders in syndicated loan transactions, syndicated leveraged loan transactions and M&A transactions.
- Both *JUVE* and *Kanzleien in Deutschland* have recognized King & Spalding’s real estate practice as one of the best in Germany.
- *Legal 500 Deutschland* and *Legal 500 EMEA* recognized King & Spalding as a top firm in both Banking & Finance and Restructuring & Insolvency.
- King & Spalding’s Islamic finance practice is consistently ranked among the top four in the world by *Chambers Global*.

Representative Clients

- Bank of America, N.A.
- Capital One Healthcare
- Citibank, N.A.
- Credit Suisse
- Goldman Sachs Specialty Lending Group, L.P.
- GSO Capital Partners
- HD Supply, Inc.
- ING Capital LLC
- IVG Immobilien AG
- Lone Star Funds
- Morgan Stanley
- Münchener Hypothekenbank
- Regions Bank
- Rock-Tenn Company
- Royal Bank of Scotland
- Sberbank
- SunTrust Bank and SunTrust Robinson Humphrey, Inc.
- United Parcel Service
- Vnesheconombank (VEB)
- Warba Bank K.S.C.C.
- Wells Fargo Bank and Wells Fargo Securities, LLC



Representative Areas of Focus

- **Leveraged Finance.** We represent borrowers, funds, investors and lenders in a number of secured and unsecured lending transactions. These include a wide array of credit facilities, including acquisition finance, syndicated loans, revolving credit facilities, second lien loans, subordinated debt and other mezzanine financings. We recently closed a hybrid U.S. \$/€ revolving credit facility for a leading aviation services company arranged by our client, a large multi-strategy credit fund.
- **Capital Markets.** Our team has led transactions for issuers, sellers and underwriters across virtually all industry sectors, with a particular focus on energy, financial institutions, healthcare/life sciences, industrials, real estate, retail and telecommunications. In addition to our capital raising transactions, we are active in a range of equity and liability management transactions such as share repurchases, exchange offers, tender offers and consent solicitations. We recently represented the largest over-the-road transporter of light-vehicles in the U.S. and Canada in connection with a series of \$184 million de-leveraging transactions in an initiative to build a healthier balance sheet.
- **Specialty Finance.** We offer a wide variety of experience in asset-based lending and specialty finance transactions, including asset-based loans, specialty credit facilities and securitizations, project and other structured financings, private note placements, interest rate swaps, currency swaps and other hedge transactions and derivatives, credit-enhanced transactions, and tax exempt financings. Our specialty finance team has substantial industry experience in the communications, wireless, energy, transportation and franchising sectors, among others, including whole-business securitizations and structured financings of distressed and illiquid assets. Our team recently structured and closed a \$2.4 billion “whole business” securitization of franchise receivables and intellectual property of Taco Bell Corp.
- **Project Finance.** We offer extensive experience in power generation, liquid natural gas terminaling, gas storage, and other industrial and transportation facilities throughout the United States, Canada, Latin America, the Middle East and Asia. Our clients have included lenders, underwriters, developers, sponsors, equity participants, construction contractors, financial guarantors and governments in power projects financed on a nonrecourse basis. Our client, a large Indian power company, recently arranged a \$300 million financing of a hydropower project in the former Soviet Republic of Georgia.
- **Islamic Finance.** We have been successful in developing the legal architecture needed by our clients to break new ground in this specialized field. Our clients include Islamic and conventional financial institutions, issuers, underwriters, venture capital and private equity funds, fund sponsors, and family investment companies. We work closely with the leading Shari’ah scholars to develop innovative investment and financing structures that comply with the principles of Islamic Shari’ah and that are practical and efficient. We recently advised a large European bank as the sole arranger in a \$190 million, five-year, Shari’ah-compliant credit receivable synthetic securitization by the largest retail mall operator in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.
- **Real Estate Finance.** We represent lenders, investors, funds and borrowers in various real estate finance transactions. These transactions feature a wide array of credit facilities on both a syndicated and single lender basis, including the following: acquisition financings, construction loans, subordinated debt and other mezzanine financings, project and other structured financings, private placements of debt securities, collateralized mortgage-backed securities, REIT financings, and sale-leaseback transactions. Our real estate team led a recent large €-denominated joint venture financing of a prominent German mixed-use shopping, hotel and office property.
- **Financial Restructuring.** Our practice provides valuable knowledge, in-depth experience and industry expertise to all facets of corporate reorganizations, in-court and out-of-court debt restructurings, bankruptcy and insolvency litigation, and distressed M&A transactions. We are regularly retained in large bankruptcy matters and workouts to represent institutional lenders and other secured creditors. Our practice and experience cover a broad spectrum of the market, with particular emphasis on healthcare, energy, retail, real estate, media, telecommunications, manufacturing and Islamic finance.

Unsecured and Secured Debt

Revolving Credit Facilities

Capital Markets (Debt & Equity)

Real Estate and Project Finance

Restructuring



Investment Grade

High Yield

Term Loans

Acquisition Finance

Islamic Finance

Specialty Finance & Securitization

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