

# **Prokopis Dimitriadis**



Prokopis Dimitriadis heads our Banking & Finance and Capital Markets practices and is also a leading member of our M&A, Litigation & Dispute Resolution, and Real Estate practices where he has established a reputation for developing practical solutions that get the deal done.

He has wide-ranging experience in advising on and executing major transactions involving funds, institutional investors and large corporates – from both the buy and sell side – and in structuring complex financing arrangements for domestic and international clients. Prokopis has first-class drafting skills in English and is accustomed to working on projects where finance documentation is written under Greek and English law.

Prokopis is listed in Chambers Europe for Banking Finance, Dispute Resolution and Insolvency/Restructuring.

In addition to his transactional and financial work, Prokopis is skilled in international commercial arbitration under the ICC rules. He has also extensive knowledge of domestic arbitration rules under the Greek Code of Civil Procedure. He is currently the legal counsel of ICC Hellas, the Greek chapter of the ICC.

## **Banking & Finance**

Prokopis is the head of our Banking & Finance practice, which itself is one of Athens's leaders in advising domestic and international clients in all aspects of financing in Greece. He is well-known and widely respected within the Greek financial sector as a technical expert and a pragmatic solution-driven adviser. He has been listed by Chambers and Partners for Banking-Finance for many years.

Prokopis has played a leading role in many major acquisition finance transactions as well as advising on complicated secured transactions, securitizations, structured finance, credit facilities, revolving loans, derivatives, project finance, issuance of subordinated debt, high-yield and other forms of bonds and debt restructuring. The firm has carved out a reputation for strength in NPLs and Prokopis has been central to this drive, advising clients on both the buy and sell side. He has also played a key role in the firm's activity in renewable energy, including wind and photovoltaic parks.

He has also advised both corporates and credit institutions on matters relating to debt and finance, such as issuance of convertible bonds, MIFID and capital adequacy requirements.

### **Notable Banking & Finance cases**

- Advised **EBRD** on making a convertible loan of €25m to Greek financial conglomerate, Viva Wallet.
- Advised **EBRD** on the financing of a Greek listed pharmaceutical company for €20m.
- Advised EBRD on the financing of a Greek agricultural chemical manufacturer for €5m.
- Advised EBRD as the seller of its shares in the listed company European Alliance.
- Lenders Counsel to EBRD for the €30m financing of CVC acquisition of a major Hospital in the Athens metropolitan area.
- Lender's counsel to **EBRD** for a loan note to a Greek corporate.
- Advising on the participation of EBRD in the largest equity raising by a Greek company this year the €700m increase of capital by Lamda Development for the construction of the Hellinikon Project.
- Advising **EBRD** in the financing of Papoutsanis S.A. a leading cosmetics maker in Greece.
- Advising EBRD on its equity participation in the newly established Energy Exchange that will be the new
  regulator of a new capital markets organization consisting of ADMIE, LAGIE, Athens Stock Exchange
  (ATHEX) and the Cyprus Stock Exchange that will be established for the first time in Greece for the trading
  of energy.

#### Lenders' Counsel Infrastructure

- Advised the four Greek systemic banks (NBG, Piraeus, Eurobank and Alpha) on bond financing of €505m to DESFA, the natural gas transmission-system operator in Greece, for corporate purposes.
- Advised the lenders of Eldorado Gold and its subsidiary Hellenic Gold on a €700m financing to support its mining activities in Greece.
- Advised the four Greek systemic banks (NBG, Piraeus, Eurobank and Alpha) on the €270m financing of Aegean Airlines.
- Advised Piraeus Bank on the €35m project financing for the construction of seven photovoltaic parks with a total estimated capacity of 24MW.
- Advised **Piraeus Bank** on financing the €88.8m acquisition of solar and wind parks with a total nominal capacity of 67.3MW.
- Advising the consortium of lenders (NBG, Piraeus and Alpha) providing acquisition finance to **Avi Alliance** (a subsidiary of Canadian fund PSP), which is participating to the public tender for the acquisition of a 30% stake at Athens International Airport for a financing that would exceed €1 billion.
- Lenders' counsel on the bidding by **Terna and Egis for Egnatia Odos S.A.** a major toll road in the North of Greece tendered by the HRADF as part of the privatization program of the Greek State estimated at a value of €700m.
- Lenders' counsel to National Bank of Greece for the refinancing of a wind-farm project.
- Lenders' counsel to **National Bank of Greece** to advise on the acquisition of a 12MW photovoltaic park in Greece.
- Lenders' counsel to National Bank of Greece for the refinancing of a Quest Pylos Energy S.A.
- Advising on the National Bank of Greece Business Seeds program for investing in start-ups, a key part of
  its activities to support the Greek economy.
- Advising the four major **Systemic Greek banks** (NBG, Piraeus, Eurobank and Alpha) in all aspects of the issue of a syndicated bond loan amounting to €35m for Terna Magnesite.
- Advising on a €130m syndicated corporate bond loan to GEK Terna led by Piraeus Bank as mandated lead arranger.

### Lenders' Counsel Corporate / Real Estate / High Yield

- Advised **Eurobank and Piraeus Bank** on a corporate financing of €40m to Elliniki Zimi, one of the largest Greek market vendors of frozen vegetables, dough, and fresh salads, both in Greece and abroad.
- Advised Hines on a €130m investment in developing a large real estate greenfield asset in the Athens

Riviera.

- Advised **Hines**, on its €100m acquisition of five hoters in Crete.
- Advised Hines and Henderson Park on the bank financing for the €171m acquisition of the former Capsis
  property in Crete.
- Advised Hines on the bank refinancing of €21.7m for the operation, management, and exploitation of a retail complex in the center of Athens.
- Advised Brook Lane Capital on the acquisition of a portfolio of 165 real estate assets from Eurobank for €25m.
- Advised Hines and Henderson Park on the bank financing of €87.3m for refinancing purposes and for CAPEX financing of the construction of the Grand Hyatt Hotel at Syggrou Avenue.
- Advised Piraeus Bank on the €117.5m gross book value sale of a non-performing exposures (NPE)
   Greek and Romanian portfolio.
- Lenders' counsel to **Alpha Bank** on the first REO transaction to take place in Greece selling a group of real estate assets to Brooklane Capital for over €90m.
- Advising Alpha Bank for the sale of three major real estate assets against the purchase price of approximately €37m through a share sale-and-purchase transaction sold to Brooklane Capital. This transaction included a large cinema complex in the Athens Metro area.
- Advising Alpha Bank in financing Hines for the development of Academy Gardens a greenfield project in the Athens Metro Area.
- Retained by Alpha Bank to advise on the refinancing of a major construction company.
- Advising Hines on the acquisition of several hotels in Crete through two major shares sale and purchase transactions valued in total at the amount of approximately €150m. PD CL MK
- Advising **Energean Oil and Gas** on a major capital market transaction for the issuance of a High Yield Bond with Citigroup Global Markets for €250m.

### **Non-Performing Loans (NPLs)**

- Advised Piraeus Bank on the sale of a non-performing exposures (NPE) Ukrainian portfolio, amounting to €66m gross book value.
- Advised Piraeus Bank on the €117.5m gross book value sale by the latter of a non-performing exposures (NPE) Greek and Romanian portfolio.
- Advised two Greek systemic banks NBG and Piraeus Bank on the sale of a non-performing exposures (NPE) portfolio of a Greek borrower, amounting to €96 million gross book value.
- Advised Piraeus Bank on the sale of a non-performing exposures (NPE) Serbian portfolio, amounting to € 31.5m gross book value.
- Advised Piraeus Bank on the sale of a non-performing exposures (NPE) Ukrainian portfolio, amounting to €66m gross book value.
- Advised an affiliate of Davidson Kempner Capital Management LP, on the sale of a shipping nonperforming exposures (NPE) portfolio by Piraeus Bank amounting to €400m gross book value.
- Advising Piraeus Bank on the sale of multiple NPL portfolios totaling approximately €700m.
- Advised Piraeus Bank on the sale of €300m of NPLs using the Greek NPL law.
- Advising Davidson Kempner European Partners in acquiring a €800m portfolio of non-performing loans secured on marine and real estate assets originated by Piraeus Bank for €300m under the securitization and NPL Greek law.
- Advised Lone Star funds in the bid for Project Jupiter a secured NPL SME portfolio tendered By Alpha Bank of a value over €1 billion.
- Advising Lone Star, a leading US fund, on the potential acquisition of a €1.6 billion NPL portfolio tendered by Piraeus Bank.
- Advising **Lone Star**, a leading US fund, on the potential acquisition of an NPL portfolio tendered by Alpha Bank. A deal with asset value over €1 billion.
- Advising **Lone Star**, a leading US fund, on the potential acquisition of an NPL portfolio tendered by Piraeus Bank. A deal with asset value over €1billion.

- Advised **Hoist Finance**, **PwC and Qualco** in the formation of a JV and the winning bid on the Single Liquidation Project tendered by the Bank of Greece for the servicing of a €9 billion portfolio of NPLs stemming from 16 bad banks, creating the first NPL platform in Greece.
- Advised Hoist Finance in an effort to acquire two portfolios of NPLs with total value of €2 billion tendered by Eurobank.
- Advising Hoist Finance in the bid process for the acquisition of an NPL portfolio at €1.3 billion tendered by Alpha Bank.
- Retained by **King Street**, a global hedge fund to work on a multimillion-euro transaction involving the acquisition of an NPL portfolio.

### **Acquisition Finance – Asset Finance**

- Advised **Piraeus Bank** on the project financing for the €160m acquisition of renewable assets, with a total estimated capacity of 67.3MW, that were previously owned by Investment Bank of Greece (IBG).
- Advising a consortium of **Glencore** and **Carlyle** in the public tender for the privatization of Hellenic Petroleum, as well as its acquisition financing.
- Advising **Mohegan Gaming & Entertainment** in its participation to the public tender for the concession of a Casino License and the financing of the Hellinikon Integrated Resort Casino. Project tendered out by the Hellenic Ministry of Finance and the Hellenic Gaming Commission. This project is estimated at over €1 billion.
- Advising Hines is its financing of the acquisition and development of a new business complex in Athens.
- Advised **Hines** on €100m bank financing for the acquisition of five hotels in Crete.
- Advised Coller Capital a leading secondary market fund on the acquisition of a majority stake on a listed in the ATHEX REIC for €200m.

### Regulatory & Bankruptcy / Insolvency

- Advising Credit Suisse on the potential impacts of Brexit on the way cross-border financial services are offered.
- Advising Deutsche Bank in the taking of security over listed shares in the Athens Stock Exchange.
- Advising PQH single liquidation platform on regulatory and compliance matters.
- Advising **PQH** on the drafting and execution of SLAs with technological providers and the operation of the single technology platform and the portfolio on-boarding and migration to the STP.
- Advising **PQH**, the single liquidation project run by PWC, Qualco and Hoist Finance, on regulatory matters of banking regulation, specifically focused on NPLs.
- Retained by Hoist Finance to advice on the issuance of an NPL servicing license by the Bank of Greece under Law 4354/2015.
- Our team advised the executive management of a systemic Bank on an ongoing investigation by the SSM (single supervisory mechanism) of the ECB supervision function.
- Retained by Swiss Fund and the bondholders to file for bankruptcy proceedings against Folli Follie Group
  a listed entity with global operations with financing difficulties defaulting on its debt obligations against
  creditors for over €500m.
- Advised Credit Suisse on regulatory issues faced by the Bank due to Brexit and how the bank should continue providing its services in Greece post Brexit.

### M&A

Prokopis plays a leading role in our thriving M&A practice, working with a wide range of corporate and institutional clients on major strategic transactions. He has been a key adviser to DEPA, the public gas corporation, during its

restructuring and privatization, and to a consortium tendering for a €1 billion majority stake in the privatization of Hellenic Petroleum. Prokopis has also acvised on the buy of sell side in numerous NPL transactions.

### Notable M&A cases

#### **Public MA & Privatizations**

- Advising DEPA the **public gas corporation** on the €1 billion restructuring of the group and subsequent privatization by the HRADF. This transaction is the largest restructuring ongoing in Greece in the Energy sector. It is one of the largest reverse mergers under the new corporate transformation law. It is also part of the Greek privatization programme, having been agreed with the EU, ECB and the IMF, and part of the liberalization of the Greek gas market under the unbundling of the gas services.
- Advising DEPA the public gas corporation on the privatization process run by the HRADF for the sale of DEPA Commercial for an estimated €300m – 400m.
- Advising DEPA the **public gas corporation** on the privatization of DEPA Infrastructure through a privatization process run by the HRADF for the sale of the gas grid infrastructure around Greece for an estimated €700m.
- Advising the **HRADF** (Hellenic Republic Asset Development Fund) for the sale of 5% of the Hellenic Telecommunications Organization (OTE) to Deutsche Telecom for €280m as part of the privatization program of the Hellenic Republic.
- Advising a consortium of **Glencore** and **Carlyle Group** on the international public tender for the acquisition of a majority stake and the privatization of Hellenic Petroleum for over €1 billion.
- Advising Davidson Kempner European Partners in relation to an acquisition of a listed company in Greece.
- Retained by Siemens to advise on the privatization of ROSCO, the company that is responsible for the
  maintenance and service of the rolling stock of the Greek railways. This process is run by the Hellenic
  Republic Asset Development Fund.
- Advising Warburg Pincus, a US private-equity firm in an acquisition of a listed company in the Athens Stock Exchange.
- Advised Coller Capital a leading secondary market fund on the acquisition of a majority stake on a listed in the ATHEX REIC for €200m.
- Advised Dolphin Capital on the €150m acquisition and leaseback of a portfolio of 28 state properties. This
  is part of the privatization program of the Greek State run by the Hellenic Republic Asset Development
  Fund.

### **Private Equity & Other Financial Investors**

- Advised Piraeus Bank on its carve out and subsequent sale of its card payments and merchant acquiring business to Euronet Worldwide, and the formation of an exclusive long-term sales and distribution partnership for a total of €300m.
- Advised **KKR** on its bid for a 49% stake in HEDNO (Hellenic Electricity Distribution Network Operator) through its participation in a public bidding process.
- Advised **EBRD** on the sale of its shares in the listed company European Alliance.
- Advising Piraeus Bank on the sale of €700m of NPLs collateralized with real estate assets around Greece.
- Advising Piraeus Bank on the sale of €400m of NPLs collateralized with real estate assets in Serbia.
- Advising **Davidson Kempner European Partners** in bidding for a €800m portfolio of NPLs secured on marine and real estate assets originated by Piraeus Bank.
- Advising LoneStar, a leading US fund, on the potential acquisition of a €1 billion NPL portfolio tendered by Alpha Bank.

- Advising LoneStar, a leading US fund, on the potential acquisition of a €1.6 billion NPL portfolio tendered by Piraeus Bank.
- Advised **Fortress** in its effort to acquire the €280m car-rental company AVIS from Piraeus Bank.
- Advising **Hines** on the acquisition of several hotels in Crete through two major share sale-and-purchase transactions valued in total at approximately €70m.
- Advising Hines on the acquisition of two hotels in Ag. Nikolaos Crete through the acquisition of shares
  valued at €20m and subsequent refurbishment and repositioning of the assets for a total project value of
  over €40m.
- Advising **Hines Inc.** on a joint venture with the National Bank of Greece (NBG) to redevelop Athens Heart Mall into a 22,000-square-meter premium-outlet mall, named Gazi Outlets.
- Advising Hines on the acquisition of Academy Gardens, a large plot of land for development in the outskirts of Athens.
- Advising Hines on the acquisition of an office building in the centre of Athens.
- Advised Hines and Henderson Park on the bid for King George, a landmark hotel located in the centre of Athens
- Advised Hines and Henderson Park on the bid for Hilton Athens Hotel, a landmark hotel located in the centre of Athens.
- Advising **Hines** on the acquisition of a large hotel complex owned and operated by a global tour operator.
- Advising **Grivalia REIC** on the potential acquisition of a major real estate asset in Thessaloniki against a purchase price of approximately €50m through a share sale-and-purchase transaction.
- Retained by **Energean Oil and Gas** to advise on the investment by Third Point LLC for €100m.
- Advised **Eurobank** on the competition aspects of its potential merger with National Bank of Greece.
- **Dolphin Capital** and Third Point LLC on the due diligence and acquisition of Credit Agricole Leasing Hellas., a company with approximately €450m of finance lease receivables and nearly 2,000 contracts across Greece as well as 150 properties and 200 employees.

### **Real Estate**

Prokopis has advised both corporate and institutional clients on a wide range of real estate transactions, particularly in the areas of hotels and leisure, and retail and commercial development in Athens.

### **Notable Real Estate cases**

### **Real Estate Investment Companies REICs**

Retained by Grivalia REIC for the €30m acquisition of the Asteria Hotel in the Athens Riviera. This will be
one of the major development assets in the Athens area to be operated by a luxury operator with a total
development budget in excess of €80m.

#### **Real Estate Funds**

- Advised **Texas-based Hines**, the second-largest real estate developer in the world, on its acquisition of five hotels in Crete for €100m.
- Advised **Hines and Henderson Park** on the bank financing for the €171m acquisition of the former Capsis property in Crete.
- Advised **Hines** on the bank financing of €21.7m for refinancing purposes for the operation, management and exploitation of a retail center located in the center of Athens.

- Advised Brook Lane Capital on the €25m acquisition of a pertfelio of 165 real estate assets from Eurobank.
- Advised Hines and Henderson Park on the bank financing of €87.3m for refinancing purposes and for CAPEX financing of the construction of the Grand Hyatt Hotel at Syggrou Avenue.
- Advised Hines on a €130m investment in developing a large real estate greenfield asset in the Athens Riviera.
- Advising **Hines** in several projects in Greece including the successful acquisition of a landmark hotel near the center of Athens for €33m.
- Advising **Hines** on project Cyan for the acquisition of several hotels in Crete through two major share sale-and-purchase transactions valued in total at approximately €70m.
- Advising **Hines** on project Hermes for the acquisition of two hotels in Ag. Nikolaos Crete through and acquisition of shares valued at €20m and subsequent refurbishment and repositioning of the assets for a total project value of over €40m.
- Advising Hines on a joint venture with the National Bank of Greece to redevelop Athens Heart Mall into a 22,000m<sup>2</sup> premium-outlet mall, named Gazi Outlets.
- Advising **Hines** on the acquisition of Academy Gardens, a large plot of land for development in the outskirts of Athens including the construction and leasing out to major retailers.
- Retained by the owners of the **Grand Hyatt** in Athens to advise on the day-to-day operations of the hotel.
- Advising **Hines** on the acquisition of a prominent office building in the center of Athens. (VS23).
- Advising **Hines** on the acquisition of a large hotel complex owned and operated by a global tour operator.
- Advising **Hines** on the acquisition of a large shopping mall in the larger Athens metro area.
- Advising Hines and Henderson Park in the arranging of the real estate acquisition finance of €40m for a new hotel in the Athens area.
- Advised Hines and Henderson park on the bid for King George, a landmark hotel located in the center of Athens.
- Advised **Hines** on the bid for Hilton Athens Hotel, a landmark hotel located in the center of Athens.
- Advising Brooklane Capital on an acquisition of a portfolio of 200 real estate assets from Eurobank for over €100m.
- Advising **Chenavari** on project Zoia for the acquisition of a large number of real estate assets against the purchase price of approximately €57m through multiple share sale-and-purchase transactions.
- Advised **Coller Capital**, a leading secondary market fund, on the acquisition of a majority stake on a listed in the ATHEX REIC for €200m.
- Advised Dolphin Capital on the €150m acquisition and leaseback of a portfolio of 28 state properties. This
  is part of the privatization program of the Greek State run by the Hellenic Republic Asset Development
  Fund.
- **Dolphin Capital** and **Third Point LLC** on the due diligence and acquisition of Credit Agricole Leasing Hellas., a company with approximately €450m of finance lease receivables and nearly 2,000 contracts across Greece, as well as 150 properties and 200 employees.
- Retained by Diamond Resorts Inc. in its acquisition of the leading Greek timesharing company with interests in five-star hotel complexes in Greece.

### Collateralized Non - Performing Loans - REOs

- Advised LoneStar funds in the bid for Project Jupiter, a secured NPL SME portfolio tendered by Alpha Bank with a value over €1 billion.
- Advising LoneStar, a leading US fund, on the potential acquisition of a €1.6 billion NPL portfolio tendered by Piraeus Bank.
- Advising **Davidson Kempner European Partners** in bidding for a €800m portfolio of NPLs secured on marine and real estate assets originated by Piraeus Bank.
- Advising Alpha Bank on the first REO transaction in our jurisdiction the sale of a portfolio of real estate assets to Brooklane Capital for €90m.
- Advising Alpha Bank for the sale of three major real estate assets against the purchase price of

- approximately €37m through a share sale-and-purchase transaction to Brooklane Capital. This transaction included a large cinema complex in the Arthens Metro area.
- Advising Piraeus Bank on the sale of €700m of NPLs collateralized with real estate assets around Greece.
- Advising **Piraeus Bank** on the sale of €400m of NPLs collateralized with real estate assets in Serbia.

## **Dispute Resolution**

### **Notable Dispute Resolution cases**

- Advising Energean Oil and Gas on several litigation cases in the oil and gas sector against both the Greek State and other competitors, focusing especially on drilling and exploration rights stemming from oil and gas concession agreements.
- Advising Kavala Oil on litigation case against Hellenic Grid Operator (ADMIE) regarding multimillion-euro claims.
- Advising **Kavala Oil** in defense of a number of lawsuits by its minority shareholders regarding the annulment of its general shareholders' meetings.
- Representing HRADF in a multimillion-euro civil claim against COSCO stemming from the privatization of the Port of Piraeus.

#### Arbitration

- Successfully advised (zero award) **Piraeus Bank** in a €100m ICC arbitration against the Hellenic Financial Stability Fund (HFSF), which is a state bailout vehicle backed by the EU's single supervisory mechanism (SSM).
- Representing Leidos(former SAIC) in the Supreme court in a litigation matter on annulment of an ICC arbitration award.
- Won a significant ICC case for **Leidos** (former SAIC) in a multimillion-euro claim against the Greek State for the security of the Olympic Games of Athens 2004.
- Representing the largest banking institution in Greece in an ICC/ad hoc arbitration for €90m.
- Represented the Dubai authority for construction works in the recognition and enforcement of the award in Greece regarding a sewage project in Dubai.
- Successfully represented **Credit Agricole** in a major banking arbitration dispute under the ICC rules of international arbitration for claims of €200m. Co-counsel in this matter with Clifford Chance in Paris.
- Represented the **Bolton Group** in a €50m ICC arbitration against the Greek State arising out of the privatization of Athens Papermill S.A.
- Represented The construction joint venture on the Ionia Odos road concession agreement in an ICC arbitration against the Greek State in relation to all claims arising out of a design and construction agreement for the construction of a motorway in western Greece with a value of approximately €1 billion.
- Represented The construction joint venture on the E-65 road concession agreement in an ICC arbitration against the Greek State in relation to all claims arising out of a design and construction agreement for the construction of a motorway (E65) in Central Greece with a value of approximately €1 billion.
- Retained by **Slaughter and May** to advise on a highly complex corporate litigation matter involving a transaction with a series of buy-outs and divestments totaling over €1.5 billion and a possible €1.5 billion-plus claim against members of a Board of Directors of a Greek company for claims of breach of fiduciary duty.
- Represented Stet Hellas S.A., one of the first mobile telecommunications companies in Greece, and as

subsidiary of Telecom Italia in an ICC arbitration brought against its exclusive distributor claiming amounts up to €150m.

## **Capital Markets**

### **Notable Capital Markets cases**

- Advised Alpha Bank on the merging of two large listed companies in a hybrid deal; a combination of a
  public offering and a merger.
- Acted as special counsel in Greece to the initial purchasers of senior secured notes issued by United [J.P. Morgan AG, Citigroup Global Markets Europe AG, Crédit Agricole Corporate and Investment Bank, Credit Suisse Bank (Europe), S.A., KKR Capital Markets (Ireland) Limited, Morgan Stanley Europe SE.] for the acquisition by United of Wind Hellas, the third-largest mobile operator in Greece, for €980m.
- Advised an affiliate of **Davidson Kempner Capital Management LP** on the sale of a shipping non-performing exposures (NPE) portfolio by Piraeus Bank amounting to €400m gross book value.
- Advised **EBRD** on making a €25m convertible loan to Greek financial conglomerate, Viva Wallet.
- Advised EBRD on the financing of a Greek-listed pharmaceutical company for €20m.
- Advised EBRD on the financing of a Greek agri-chemical manufacturing company for €5m.
- Advised **Piraeus Bank** on financing of the €88.8m acquisition of solar and wind parks with a total nominal capacity of 67.3 MW by a funded corporate group active in the renewable energy sector.
- Advised **Piraeus Bank** on the sale of a non-performing exposures (NPE) Ukrainian portfolio, with a gross book value of €66m.
- Advised Hines on a €130m investment in developing a large greenfield real estate asset in the Athens Biviera
- Advised Hines and Henderson Park on bank financing of €87.3m for refinancing purposes and for CAPEX financing of the construction of the Grand Hyatt Hotel at Syggrou Avenue.
- Advised Texas-based Hines, the second-largest real estate developer in the world, on its €100m acquisition of five hotels in Crete.
- Advised Piraeus Bank, on the €117.5m gross book value sale of a non-performing exposures (NPE)
  Greek and Romanian portfolio.
- Advising the **HRADF** (Hellenic Republic Asset Development Fund) for the sale of 5% of the Hellenic Telecommunications Organization (OTE) to Deutsche Telecom for €280m, as part of the privatization program of the Hellenic Republic.
- Advising on the participation of **EBRD** in the largest equity raising by a Greek company in 2020 the €700m increase of capital by Lamda Development for the construction of the Hellinikon Project.
- Advising EBRD on its equity participation in the newly established Energy Exchange that will be the new
  regulator of a new capital markets organization consisting of ADMIE, LAGIE, Athens Stock Exchange
  (ATHEX) and the Cyprus Stock Exchange.
- Advising Piraeus Bank on internal governance, audit committee, loan restructuring issues.
- Advising Brig REIC in its increase of share capital for €25m.
- Advising a consortium of Glencore and Carlyle Group on the international public tender for the acquisition
  of a majority stake and the privatization of listed entity Hellenic Petroleum for a transaction of a value of
  over €1 billion.
- Advising a **Davidson Kempner** in the acquisition of a €800m nominal value portfolio of non-performing loans secured on marine and real estate assets originated by Piraeus Bank using a combination of securitization and sub-participations.
- Advising Davidson Kempner European Partners in relation to an acquisition of a listed company in

Greece.

- Advising **LoneStar**, a leading US fund, on the potential even \$1 billion acquisition of an NPL portfolio tendered by Alpha Bank.
- Advising **Lone Star**, a leading US fund, on the acquisition of a portfolio of NPLs, collateralized with real estate assets, tendered by Piraeus Bank for a value of €1.6 billion.
- Advised Coller Capital, a leading secondary market fund, on the acquisition of a majority stake on a listed in the ATHEX REIC for €200m.
- Advising Alpha Bank for the sale of three major real estate assets against the purchase price of approximately €37m through a share sale-and-purchase transaction sold to Brooklane Capital. This transaction included a large cinema complex in the Athens Metro area.
- Advising **Alpha Bank** in financing Hines for the development of Academy Gardens, a greenfield project in the Athens Metro Area.
- Advising **Hines** on the acquisition of several hotels in Crete through two major share sale-and-purchase transactions valued in total at approximately €150m.
- Advising Warburg Pincus, a US private equity firm, in an acquisition of a listed company on the Athens Stock Exchange.

# **Project Finance & Development**

### **Notable Project Finance & Development cases**

### **Project Finance**

Advising Mohegan Gaming & Entertainment on the international public tender for the concession of a
Casino License and the development of the Hellinikon Integrated Casino Resort, a seminal project for
Greece with a total value exceeding €1 billion.

#### Major Concession Projects – Lenders & Sponsors work

- Advised Waterfall Capital Investors LLC on the development and financing of the €140m Advanced Greenhouses with High Efficiency Combined Heat and Power (HECHP) project in central Greece.
- Advising the consortium of lenders (NBG, Piraeus and Alpha) providing acquisition finance to Avi Alliance
  (a subsidiary of Canadian fund PSP), which is participating to the public tender for the acquisition of a 30%
  stake at Athens International Airport.
- Lenders counsel on the bidding by Terna and Egis for Egnatia Odos S.A., a major toll road in the North
  of Greece tendered by the HRADF as part of the privatization program of the Greek State.
- Advising **Egis** and **Meridiam** on the North Crete Axis, a road concession project of €1 billion.
- Advising Avax Marguerite consortium on the North Crete Axis PPP road project of €250m.

#### **PPPs**

- Advising the sponsors on the design, finance, construction, operation, and maintenance of the Ilia Waste Treatment Project.
- Advising a consortium led by J&P Avax in a PPP on project and finance documents for a waste treatment
  project (financing, design, construction, operation, maintenance) on the basis of a concession by the
  Municipality of Ilida.

### **Energy**

- Advised **Invenergy**, a leading privately held global developer and operator of sustainable energy solutions, on the Greek law aspects of entering the Greek energy market.
- Advising a consortium of **Glencore** and **Carlyle Group** on the international public tender for the acquisition of a majority stake and the privatization of Hellenic Petroleum.
- Advised Volterra S.A. on the transaction of a hybrid Greek bond loan of up to €40m to a Greek Special Purpose Vehicle ("SPV") that will build, own and operate the 43MW Lykovouni wind farm in Beotia north of Athens.

#### **Defense Contractors Work**

- Advised Japanese conglomerate Toppan printing Inc. in the public procurement and installation of a
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- LLM, St. John's College, University of Cambridge (2005)
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