



Sustainable Finance & Investment

Mission statement

Our global Sustainable Finance & Investment group brings together a multidisciplinary global team that provides clients with best-in-market support. We help our clients stay ahead in this rapidly evolving sector, from a transactional and regulatory perspective, by delivering regulatory advice, products and solutions to assist them in both overcoming challenges and exploiting the vast range of opportunities in this area.

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The Issue

Our clients, and the products and services they offer, play a vital role in delivering key climate and sustainable development goals and policies such as those set out in the Paris Agreement, the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, the UN Sustainable Development Goals and national net zero commitments. The role of our lawyers towards these goals is two-fold: supporting our clients with innovative legal advice on transactions and also contributing to the development of the sector.

What we do

Our clients operate across jurisdictions and cultures. We enable them to navigate a volatile and evolving regulatory landscape which is informed by political headwinds. Be that in regulatory compliance or structuring innovative solutions for financial products. We understand that sustainable finance is not a discrete topic and we consider developments in other areas, such as digital, to give truly innovative advice.

We help our clients to understand the ever-growing number of voluntary and mandatory disclosure regimes which apply to their businesses and products. Our clients value targeted regulatory horizon-scanning and clear explanation of how new regulatory developments affect them. We help our clients with regulatory scoping exercises and jurisdictional comparisons. Combined with our practical experience in regulatory compliance and interoperability across a number of jurisdictions we also aid clients in drafting voluntary and mandatory sustainability disclosures. Clients use our online tools to stay up to date with developments.

Our key services include:

- Advising on ESG investment and sustainability policies, ESG strategy, reporting and disclosure and ensuring alignment with corporate strategy and business operations
- Advising on the rapidly changing regulatory environment for sustainable finance and investment (including EU SFDR, Taxonomy Regulation, CSRD, UK SDR and other ESG legislation from other jurisdictions)

Our impact

- Enel Group on its US\$2 billion sustainability-linked Yankee 144A bonds.
- Ferrovie dello Stato Italiane on its €3.5 billion sustainability-linked revolving credit facility.
- Asset managers, PE, infrastructure and real estate fund managers on the implementation of the SFDR and EU Taxonomy and drafted pre-contractual and periodic annexes and entity-level disclosures and helping clients to uplift their funds to Articles 8 and 9 under SFDR.
- Clients across multiple sectors on the scope, applicability and implementation of the CSRD and EU Taxonomy, including various U.S. listed and headquartered global companies.
- The Central America Bottling Corp. on its inaugural US\$1.1 billion sustainability-linked bond offering.
- Enpal on Securitization of Solar Loan Receivables of up to €356 million for first German residential solar ABS.
- UK asset managers on the FCA's SDR and investment labels regime, anti-greenwashing rule and TCFD product and entity reporting rules.
- Various clients on the CSRD ESRS requirements, including on the legal aspects of reporting, double materiality assessments and value chain considerations, including drafting the disclosures.
- Bayerische Landesbank as arranger, ABN AMRO Bank, DZ Bank, Natixis and UniCredit on the world's first placement of a Blue Social Bond of Deutsche Kreditbank for the refinancing of the municipal water supply and sanitation business in Germany.
- A leading French investment bank on its ESG structured products programme including regulatory requirements and risk management under MiFID II.
- The Carbon Trust on the establishment of their Green bond and Climate bond third-party verification business.
- Affinity Water in relation to various sustainability-linked loans at different levels in their structure which includes KPIs developed to align to key UK water sector sustainability strategy.



Useful links

- Our Sustainable Finance & Investment offering
- Sustainable Finance & Investment Thought Leadership
- Global Vision, our online guide to ESG laws and regulation

- Establishing sustainable investment funds, including Article 8 and Article 9 funds, impact funds and hybrid transactions
- Working with trade associations and organisations (with the Loan Markets Association, Borsa Italiana, ISDA, TheCityUK, GBBC Digital Finance, ELFA, UN Global Compact and others) to develop market guidance and advising on ESG market practices and standards, voluntary codes and goals
- ESG due diligence and disclosure advice in the context of debt offerings, client and/or investment portfolio strategy analysis and acquisitions and disposals
- Working across Hogan Lovells finance practices and sectors on sustainable finance transactions including green, social, blue and sustainability-linked loans and bonds, ESG fund finance, ESG securitisation, ESG derivatives, ESG trade finance, blended finance, natural capital investment structures and impact finance and investments
- Connecting clients, organisations, foundations and enterprises across our network and raising awareness of issues and opportunities
- Advising on risk, potential disputes and legal issues including greenwashing, misrepresentation and advertising, regulatory enforcement, class actions, director's duties and competition-related matters.