Structured Products and Derivatives

Katten's Structured Products and Derivatives practice routinely advises clients, including major financial investment banks, commercial banks, alternative capital providers, companies and private equity funds. Our practice spans the full range of structural, legal and documentary considerations that arise in structured products and derivatives transactions across all major asset classes. At the forefront of derivative product and structuring innovation, we are currently working with several major investment banks on the development of their crypto-derivatives platforms.

At the forefront of market knowledge and legal innovation

Having worked on some of the most high-profile leveraged, mergers and acquisitions (M&A) and infrastructure transactions in the Asian, European, UK, US and Latin American markets, we bring strong market intelligence and structuring guidance to any transaction. Our team is one of the leading go-to, full-service, deal-contingent derivatives practices in the market. Not only do we advise on the derivatives aspects of the transaction, but we also provide counsel on regulatory, antitrust and other deal-closing conditions in infrastructure/projects and M&A corporate transactions through a deal-contingent lens. This allows clients to take a holistic view of transactions and to properly assess risk and deal with certainty within the context of a derivatives instrument.

Our team also advises clients on structured products and transactions in respect of bespoke and esoteric financing solutions, drawing on our experience working across different practice areas and disciplines with some of the major investment banks and, in particular, on credit-linked notes and loan facilities, risk participation, syndicated risk transfer solutions and fund-level financing tools.

High-volume transactional insight

With respect to International Swaps and Derivatives Association (ISDA) and Global Master Repurchase Agreement (GMRA) transactions alone, our team has worked on more than 250 transactions this past year for our investment banking clients. This deal volume and knowledge of market terms enable us to achieve the best results for clients and ensure a high level of deal certainty.

Our team seeks to ensure that any risks are addressed from the outset or, where this is not possible, that any particular risks are identified and

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minimized. Where a dispute nevertheless arises, we assist clients not only with any litigation but also with managing their exposure to troubled institutions, offering innovative strategies and practical solutions.

Our services

- Fixed-income, FX and commodities
- Deal-contingent instruments
- Fund and holdco funding
- Repos and securities lending
- Integral derivative transactions forming part of an M&A, infrastructure project, leveraged or high-yield transaction
- Repackaging transactions
- Margin stock loans
- Bespoke financing solutions
- Sustainability and ESG-linked derivatives and financing
- Securitizations

Recognitions

Recognized or listed in the following:

- *Best Law Firms*
  - Securitization and Structured Finance Law
    - National, 2012–2026
    - New York, 2014–2026
    - Washington, DC, 2025–2026
  - Derivatives and Futures Law
    - National, 2011–2024
    - Chicago, 2011–2024
    - New York, 2020–2021
- *Chambers Global*
  - Capital Markets: Securitisation
    - ABS, USA, 2022–2026
    - RMBS, USA, 2022–2026
    - USA, 2013–2022
  - Derivatives, USA, 2015–2025
- *Chambers USA*

- Capital Markets: Securitization
  - ABS, Nationwide, 2021–2026
  - RMBS, Nationwide, 2021–2026
  - Nationwide, 2012–2020
- Derivatives
  - Nationwide, 2014–2026

- *IFLR1000*
  - Capital markets: Structured Finance and Securitisation
    - United States, 2021
  - Capital markets : Derivatives
    - United States, 2021
- *The Legal 500 United States*
  - Structured Finance: Securitization, 2011–2026
- *The Legal 500 United Kingdom*
  - Derivatives and Structured Products, 2016–2027
    Hospitality and Leisure, 2012–2027