

Michel Quéré

Partner

Paris

Biography

Recognized as a leader in his field, Michel is best known for advising banks and non-bank lenders on corporate and acquisition finance transactions, as well as advising borrowers and sponsors particularly in real estate transactions.

While he enjoys working on complex cross-border deals, which require working in a team with lawyers in other jurisdictions and practice groups, Michel is also skilled in debt restructuring and finance transactions.

Thanks to his long-standing experience in an ever-changing financing market, Michel is often solicited by clients to assist in building solutions to resolve complex issues. For Michel, a "good contract" is a contract that both parties will be happy to perform together. He believes in the importance of being open, frank and fair during the negotiations and precise when drafting the agreement.

With a dual French / English legal education, Michel is able to understand and explain the differences that sometimes can be obstacles to a smooth cross-border transaction and to solve the problems before they arise.

Michel is regularly ranked by the major legal publications as one of the top banking and structured finance lawyers in France. He was very pleased to have been named "Lawyer of the year" in banking in France,



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Languages

English
French

Practices

Business Restructuring and
Insolvency

Banking Transactional

Leveraged and Acquisition Finance

Real Estate Finance

Industries

Financial Institutions

Insurance

by "Best Lawyers" in 2012. Esteemed by clients for being good in negotiations and available, Michel is also applauded for his pragmatic approach.

Representative experience

Advising arranger and bonds subscribers in connection with €50m senior bonds financing relating to acquisition of Ciprés VIE by TA Associates (Ares).

Advising lenders in connection with \$3.8bn Bridge Loan Facility Agreement in favor of Capgemini regarding financing acquisition of IGate by Capgemini (Morgan Stanley).

Advising Constellation Hotels Grand France SA as borrower for €166m Term Loan Facility Agreement in relation to financing acquisition of Intercontinental hotel in Paris.

Advising ICG as bond subscriber regarding €41.5m bond issue (plus possible €12.5m issue); agreement for Ionisos Bidco SAS regarding financing acquisition of Financière Ionisos SAS.

Advising the lenders in connection with a €40m Euro PP Credit Facility in favour of La Maison Bleue.

Advising the lenders in connection with a total of €85m term and revolving credit facilities for the benefit of LPCR Group.

Advising Ares as bond subscriber in connection with the financing of the acquisition of IP Santé by a consortium led by HLD.

Advising the lenders in connection with a Multicurrency Revolving Facility Agreement in favour of Air France KLM and Société Air France.

Advising the lenders in connection with a Multicurrency Revolving Facility and a Schuldschein facility in favour of Virbac.

Real Estate

Areas of focus

Hotels and Leisure

Loan Portfolio and Distressed Debt Transactions

Education and admissions

Education

B.A., University of Kent, 1982

Maîtrise en Droit, Université Paris, 1979

Memberships

ANJB (Association Nationale des Juristes de Banque)

Accolades

Key partner Michel Quéré receives warm client feedback: 'He's very good in negotiations and is very available.'

Chambers Europe 2014

The managing partner of a well-known financial services group in France, working with the banking department says the service received was "excellent" and "efficient"

Awards and rankings

by IFLR 1000, 2016

- Banking & Finance: Transactions, *Legal 500 EMEA*, 2018-2019
- Banking & Finance (France), *Chambers Global*, 2018-2019
- Michel Quéré: Band 2 in Banking and Finance, *Chambers Europe*, 2018
- Quere_M - Key partner Michel Quere receives warm client, *Chambers Global 2014 (Band 2)*, 2014
- Quere_M - Key transactional highlights include Michel, *IFLR 1000 2016 (Band 3)*, 2016
- Quere_M - Michel Quere is ranked as a leading Partner, *INFLR 1000 2014 (Leading Lawyer)*, 2014

Latest thinking and events

- Press Releases
 - Hogan Lovells advises the banks on the financing of the acquisition of GrandVision by EssilorLuxottica
- ■ Paris Brexit Seminar
- Publications
 - Alternative lenders in France: current issues and opportunities *Lev Fin Spin*
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Info Finance Express n° 4 - Février 2011
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Info Finance Express n°3 - Décembre 2010
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Info Finance Express n°2 - Novembre 2010