

Skadden advises private equity sponsors and their investment funds and portfolio companies at all stages of the investment cycle, including fund formation, management incentive plans, financings and refinancings, bolt-on investments, management change, recaps, and corporate restructurings and exits, such as IPOs. Skadden also supports portfolio companies on legal issues that typically arise under private equity ownership and leveraged structures, including issues relating to real estate, intellectual property, information technology, employment, litigation, compliance and finance.

Skadden has been ranked as a leading law firm for private equity by *IFLR1000 2020* and in the top tier for leveraged buyouts and private equity law by *U.S. News — Best Lawyers Best Law Firms 2021*. Our attorneys repeatedly have been listed as Leading Lawyers for private equity by *Chambers Global*, *Chambers USA*, *Chambers Europe* and *Chambers UK*.

## **Mergers and Acquisitions**

For many years, Skadden's private equity clients have benefited from our experience in strategic and financial sponsor-led M&A, including with related antitrust, tax, restructuring, capital markets, employment and regulatory issues. Our global practice represents private equity sponsors and other transaction participants in all of our major offices in the Americas, Asia Pacific and Europe. We also have advised numerous target companies, boards of directors and special committees in leveraged buyout transactions.

## **Leveraged Finance**

Our banking and capital markets practices advise private equity sponsors and portfolio companies worldwide on all types of financings, including integrated bank and bond financings, bridge financings and refinancings. Our attorneys are located in major financial centers on five continents and offer our clients in North America, Asia, Australia, Europe and South America with an in-depth understanding of the global markets. Our perspective on leveraged financing structures is enhanced by our extensive experience representing

lenders and underwriters of all types, including bank and nonbank lenders, and providing or arranging bank and bond financing in private equity transactions.

Our finance-related capabilities are enhanced by our leading corporate restructuring practice, which has extensive experience in the special issues private equity sponsors and their portfolio companies face in workouts, bankruptcies and similar situations.

## **Fund Formation and Sponsor Representations**

With more than two decades of in-depth experience representing the sponsors and investors in private equity funds, Skadden provides advice on the formation and ongoing operations of funds and the companies organized to sponsor and manage them. We have structured numerous U.S. and offshore private equity funds and funds of funds (including merchant banking, mezzanine and venture capital funds) involving a variety of structures and jurisdictions.

We work extensively on every category of private equity funds, including hedge funds, leveraged buyout or merchant banking funds, venture capital funds, real estate funds, including REITs, and hybrid funds that meld attributes usually linked either to traditional venture capital or buyout funds or to hedge funds.

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## Industries

We have advised on matters across a wide variety of industry sectors, including:

- Aerospace and Defense
- Agriculture
- Automotive/Transportation and Infrastructure
- Construction and Engineering
- Consulting and Professional Services
- Consumer Goods and Services
- Energy/Oil & Gas/Utilities
- Financial Services
- Fintech
- Food, Beverage and Tobacco
- Health Care and Life Sciences
- Industrial Machinery
- Insurance and Reinsurance
- Internet Services
- Materials
- Media, Entertainment and Telecom
- Metals and Mining
- Office Services and Supplies
- Real Estate
- Software and Technology

## Our Clients

Among others, we have represented:

- Apax Partners
- Apollo Advisors
- ArcLight Capital Partners
- Ardian
- Bain Capital
- Black Diamond Capital Management
- The Blackstone Group
- Calera Partners
- The Carlyle Group
- Castle Harlan
- Clayton, Dubilier & Rice
- Colony Capital
- Doughty Hanson & Co.
- Fortress Investment Group
- Fox Paine & Company
- Further Global Capital Management
- Halder Beteiligungsberatung
- HgCapital
- JLL Partners
- Kelso & Company
- Morgan Stanley Private Equity
- MTS Health Investors
- NorWest Equity Partners
- Oaktree Capital Management
- OceanSound Partners
- OMERS
- Pacific Equity Partners
- Pamplona Capital Management
- Permira
- Pine Brook Partners
- PSP Investments
- Quadriga Capital
- Resolution Capital
- Sculptor (formerly Och-Ziff Capital Management)
- Silver Lake Partners
- Silver Point Capital
- Stone Point Capital
- TA Associates
- Thomas H. Lee Company
- TPG
- Trimaran Capital Partners
- York Capital
- Veritas Capital
- Vulcan Inc.
- Wendel
- WL Ross & Co.