

Skadden's Moscow office opened in 1992 and focuses primarily on corporate and capital markets transactions, complemented by a range of regulatory practices. Our clients rely on our team to provide innovative and creative solutions on matters spanning a wide range of industries, including fintech, technology and software; financial services and banking; food and beverage; retail and consumer goods; energy and natural resources; pharmaceuticals; automotive and industrial; and communications, media and entertainment.

Skadden is recognized as one of the leading law firms in Russia. We are ranked in the top tiers for Russia corporate, M&A and capital markets in *The Legal 500: EMEA*, *IFLR1000*, *Chambers Europe* and *Chambers Global*. Additionally, Skadden's Russia practice has recently received top honors from the legal and business press in, including:

- Moscow attorneys listed in *Best Lawyers in Russia 2021*
- Most Innovative Law Firm of the Year: Russia by *International Financial Law Review 2019*
- Firm of the Year in the Capital Markets and Corporate Law categories by *Best Lawyers in Russia 2018*
- Firm of the Year in the Mergers & Acquisitions category, *Best Lawyers in Russia 2017*

Mergers and Acquisitions

Skadden has one of the most successful mergers and acquisitions practices in the region. We have significant cross-border M&A capabilities and experience in structuring and executing complex transactions, involving both public and private mergers and acquisitions. Our attorneys have advised on some of the largest and highest-profile deals in Russia in recent years, achieving our clients' goals in the most contentious and difficult situations. *Chambers Global*, *Chambers Europe*, *The Legal 500 EMEA* and *IFLR1000* rank Skadden's Russia/CIS practice in the top tier for Corporate/M&A, and we regularly appear at the top of M&A by value deal tables for Russia/CIS transactions.

Capital Markets

Skadden is the only firm listed in *Chambers Europe* with four Tier 1-ranked lawyers covering Russian, English and U.S. law for Russian capital markets. The firm is a leader in providing high-quality legal advice to Russian corporate and investment banking clients on the full range of capital markets transactions, including IPOs, international and Moscow Exchange listings, Eurobond offerings, American depositary receipt and global depositary receipt programs, and SPAC and de-SPAC transactions. We have been listed as one of the leading capital markets groups in Russia and the CIS for many years by *Chambers Europe*, *Chambers Global*, *The Legal 500 EMEA* and *IFLR1000*.

Private Equity

Skadden's Russia practice advises private equity firms on the structuring and execution of large, cross-border and domestic private equity transactions, including the purchase and sale of portfolio companies. With our breadth of experience globally, we are able to combine leading transactional experience with sophisticated financing techniques in a range of matters, including leveraged buyouts and recapitalizations.

Regulatory, Investigations and Compliance

Skadden has one of the preeminent regulatory, government enforcement and white collar crime practices in the world. Our depth of knowledge enables us to conduct fact-finding and analysis in connection with some of the most complex cross-border transactions and investigations involving almost every country in which our clients conduct business. Skadden's ability to draw on the wide-ranging legal experience of our global team of attorneys allows us to advise on all types of Russian legal issues, including with respect to anti-bribery, corruption, anti-money laundering, trade controls and sanctions, as well as rules imposing localization requirements that have been adopted in Russia in recent years. In particular, we have extensive experience assisting our clients with various matters relating to the applicable Russian regulatory approvals, antitrust and foreign investment control approvals in Russia. We have supported and assisted our clients through all stages of the regulatory approval process and, since 2007, we have helped secure dozens of anti-monopoly and foreign investment control clearances in Russia for our clients. We also have a diverse breadth of experience assisting multinational companies with the development and implementation of compliance programs, including for Russian subsidiaries, and supporting Russian clients in connection with foreign governmental investigations. Furthermore, our lawyers also advise clients on emerging rules and regulations in Russia relating to data protection, including in connection with personal data collection and retention.

Dispute Resolution

Skadden provides a comprehensive, international dispute management service for Russian clients and entities doing business in the country. In collaboration with our Moscow-based lawyers, our European International Litigation and Arbitration Group is highly experienced in handling both litigation and arbitration proceedings involving Russian parties and Russian assets, including in LCIA and ICC arbitrations, and bilateral investment treaty claims, as well as in coordinating multijurisdictional proceedings in Russia and around the world.

Corporate Restructuring

Our European restructuring practice has extensive experience advising debtors, creditors and other interested parties on all aspects of distressed corporate situations in Russia, offering organizations exceptional client service in the most complicated matters. Our Moscow-based lawyers support the firm's Corporate Restructuring Group in connection with in- and out-of-court restructurings (including Chapter 11 bankruptcies and scheme of arrangements), financial recapitalizations and business reorganizations.

Cross-Border Transactions

The Moscow team works closely with lawyers in Skadden's European offices, in particular the M&A, banking and capital markets teams, to advise many Russian clients on complex, cross-border transactions, such as the acquisition and related financing of assets throughout Europe. This level of collaboration differentiates us from our competition, allowing for comprehensive representation of U.K.-listed companies, using complex, English law certain funds debt facilities.