

Skadden's Moscow office opened in 1992 and focuses primarily on corporate and finance transactions, 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. Our transactional and regulatory practices cover a variety of industries, including: financial services and banking, natural resources, communications, media and entertainment, retail and consumer goods. Our Moscow lawyers work in conjunction with our other European offices, to provide integrated Russian, English and U.S. law advice.

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*. In the last several years, Skadden's Russia practice has received top honors from the legal and business press:

- 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
- M&A Deal of the Year, Mergers.ru 2014
- M&A Deal of the Year, *IFLR* European Awards 2014
- The Best International Legal Adviser, Mergers.ru 2013
- Global M&A Deal of the Year: Russia, *The American Lawyer* Global Awards 2013
- M&A Firm of the Year for Russia & CIS, *Financial Times/Mergermarket* European Awards 2012
- M&A Team of the Year, *IFLR* European Awards 2012

## 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. Our attorneys have advised on some of the largest and highest-profile deals in Russia in recent years. *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, U.K. and U.S.-law for Russian capital markets. We are a recognized leader in providing legal advice to Russian corporate, state-owned corporate and investment banking clients on the full range of capital markets transactions, including IPOs, foreign listings, high-yield financings, Eurobond offerings, and American Depositary Receipt (ADR) and Global Depositary Receipt (GDR) programs. Our lawyers have played a key role assisting investment banks and others in creating derivative securities and structuring financing 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*, including with tier-1 ranked lawyers covering Russian and U.S. law for Russian capital markets.

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## 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. We combine leading transactional experience with sophisticated financing techniques in relation to a range of matters including leveraged buyouts and recapitalizations.

## Regulatory, Investigations and Compliance

Skadden is ranked as having 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 the most complex cross-border transactions and investigations involving almost every country in which our clients conduct business. Our team of international lawyers is sensitive to all manner 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 in 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 over 50 anti-monopoly and foreign investment control clearances in Russia for our clients. We also have extensive experience assisting multinational companies develop and implement compliance programs and conduct due diligence in connection with their Russian interests, as well as assist 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.

## Corporate Restructuring

Our European restructuring group has extensive experience in advising debtors, creditors and other interested parties on all aspects of distressed corporate situations in Russia. Our group represents troubled companies, their boards, management, owners, creditors and investors, in restructurings in and out of court, financial recapitalizations, business reorganizations and liquidations.

## Energy and Project Finance

Drawing on the experience of the firm's project finance, energy, corporate and banking groups, the Russia practice provides comprehensive assistance on a variety of energy and projects transactions. We represent clients in M&A, corporate financings and petroleum exploration; production and infrastructure investments; utility and petrochemical sector privatizations.

## Dispute Resolution

Skadden provides a comprehensive, international dispute management service for Russian clients and entities doing business in Russia. Our European International Litigation and Arbitration Group is highly experienced in handling both litigation and arbitration involving Russian parties and Russian assets including LCIA and ICC arbitrations, Energy Charter Treaty and Bilateral Investment Treaty claims and in coordinating multi-jurisdictional proceedings in Russia and elsewhere, including the U.S., England, the BVI, Cyprus and the Bahamas.