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Finance



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#### Education

LL.B., Macquarie University, Sydney, 1997  
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#### Bar Admissions

Solicitor, England & Wales  
Solicitor of the Supreme Court of New South Wales (Australia)

Pete Coulton is head of Skadden's European finance practice. He has over 20 years of experience advising private equity sponsors, corporate borrowers, banks and financial institutions on a wide range of cross-border financing transactions across all tiers of the capital structure, with a focus on leveraged and acquisition finance, infrastructure finance, general corporate finance, fund finance and restructurings.

Mr. Coulton has repeatedly been recognised in leading legal directories, including *Chambers*, *IFLR1000*, *The Legal 500* and *Who's Who Legal – Banking*.

Representative transactions include:

- **Adevinta ASA** in connection with the financing of its \$9.2 billion acquisition of eBay's classifieds business
- **the special committee of independent directors of Adevinta ASA** in connection with the \$13.2 billion bid to acquire Adevinta by a consortium led by funds advised by Permira and Blackstone, as well as General Atlantic and TCV
- **Agroberries** on its investment in BerryWorld's EMEA and Asia-Pacific businesses
- **Arrow Global** in connection with various financings for its first pan-European NPL Fund, the Arrow Credit Opportunities Fund
- **BillerudKorsnäs AB** in connection with the financing of its acquisition of Verso Corporation
- **BlackRock** on various transactions, including its acquisitions of:
  - Preqin at an enterprise value of \$2.55 billion
  - Viridium as part of a consortium of investors at an enterprise value of €3.5 billion
- **Blue Owl Digital Infrastructure Advisors:**
  - in connection with the financing of its acquisition of Safe Host SA, a leader in the Swiss data centre market
  - on several financings for the construction and fit-out of data centres across Italy, Switzerland and the Nordic region
- **Castik Capital** on numerous financings, including in connection with its acquisitions of:
  - ipan and Delegate
  - Element Logic
  - AddSecure
  - TBAuctions
- **Central Group** and **SIGNA Group** on the financing of their £4 billion acquisition of the Selfridges Group (including the iconic department store on Oxford Street in London)
- **Citibank Europe plc** as mandated lead arranger of the \$1.2 billion term loan facility for Qatar Aluminium Limited, the joint venture vehicle of Qatar Petroleum and Norsk Hydro ASA

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- the **Ferrero family office** and related investment vehicles in connection with the financing of its acquisitions of:
  - Ferrara Candy Company
  - Nestlé's U.S. confectionary assets and related intellectual property
  - Kelsen Group AS from Campbell Soup Company
  - Fox's Biscuits Limited
- the **Ferrero family office** and related investment vehicles in connection with a €1.5 billion margin loan facility
- **F.I.L.A. – Fabbrica Italiana Lapis ed Affini SpA** in connection with the financing of its acquisitions of:
  - Daler-Rowney
  - the ARCHES fine arts business
- **Global Auto Holdings Limited** in connection with its £465 million acquisition of Lookers plc
- **Healthpeak Properties Inc.** (formerly HCP, Inc.) in connection with various financings, including the senior debt facilities for Formation Capital's acquisition of the NHP Group
- **H.I.G. Capital** on numerous financings, including in connection with its acquisitions of:
  - DX (Group) plc
  - heating and plumbing division of Travis Perkins PLC
  - SHPEP Limited, trading under the Plumbworld brand
  - the France Workwear business of Rentokil Initial

## - **JAB Holding Company:**

- and its subsidiary Acorn Holdings B.V. in connection with the financing of its \$2.4 billion acquisition of shares in JDE Peet's N.V. (Netherlands) from Mondelez International, Inc.
- in connection with over €12 billion of credit facilities for JAB and its investment vehicles and portfolio companies

## - **JDE Peet's N.V.** in the €6.5 billion refinancing of its existing indebtedness

- **SDC Capital Partners LLC** in connection with several data centre financings in Germany
- **Silver Lake Partners** in numerous financings, including in connection with its acquisitions of:

- Grupo BC, a leader in banking and property outsourcing services
- Silae SAS, a cloud-based payroll and HR software specialist, as well as its subsequent leveraged recapitalisation
- Groupe Meilleurtaux, a leading French online and mobile financial services provider

## - **V Sports S.C.S.** in connection with its investment in Aston Villa Football Club