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Partner

Capital markets and financing



Top-class and role model on how to counsel clients during the most stressful and challenging times

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Primary practice

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About Richard Hart

Richard specialises in structured finance transactions, and in particular structured products and derivatives, usually with a cross-border focus.

He acts for financial institutions and end-users, as well as investment managers and sovereign entities. He has a wide experience of complex structured equity transactions, including in emerging markets. Richard has been involved with structuring hedging solutions for a wide variety of financing, including securitisations, leverage buyouts and project financings. Recently, Richard has also been heavily involved in advising on the impact of recent new regulations on the derivatives markets.

Recent work

- Advising HSBC and Barclays as lenders to Global City Theatres on the £470m margin lending transaction which allowed GCT to subscribe for Cineworld's £1.7bn rights issue.
- Advising a major US bank on the monetisation using a variable prepaid forward structure of a strategic stake in a European technology stock.
- Advising a major US bank on one of the first margin financings of a Turkish stock under Turkey's new capital markets law.
- Advising a major US bank on the syndication of its margin financing book, using both funded and unfunded structures to achieve regulatory capital efficiencies.
- Advising Geely on its €3.25bn acquisition of a 8.2% share capital holding and 15.6% voting rights in AB Volvo from Cevian Capital.
- Advising the Nestlé group on all aspects of its hedging arrangements (including for commodities and pension funds), including the worldwide reorganisation of its hedging book to use a centralised treasury entity, and the impact of EMIR and Dodd-Frank.

Qualifications

2017 - present Partner, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer

2011 - 2017 Senior Associate, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer

2006 - 2011 Associate, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer

2004 - 2006 Trainee, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer

2002 - 2004 BBP Law School, London

1998 - 2001 Cambridge University (Christ's College), BA (History)

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