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Philip Bowden is co-head of the Global Finance practice, head of London's Leveraged Finance team and a member of the Firm's Private Capital industry group.

Philip has extensive experience representing commercial and investment banks, private credit funds and corporate borrowers across a range of debt products, specialising in leveraged acquisition finance, structured finance and investment grade event driven acquisition financings.

Philip is ranked by both *Chambers* and The *Legal 500* and is recognized as a Leading Individual for Acquisition Finance in The Legal 500, having described him as "very impressive." "Philip Bowden is exceptional: he's a very good and senior lawyer." - *Chambers UK*, 2024.

Prior to joining Proskauer, Philip served as Private Capital Sector Lead, and was the former Co-Head of the Global Banking Practice for 8 years at another prominent global law firm.

Matters

Recent Representations

Prior to joining Proskauer, Philip's representative matters include advising:

- The private credit lenders on the refinancing of the unitranche facilities provided to IRIS Software, a business critical software solutions and services provider.
- The lenders on the holdco financing in connection with KKR's investment in Soderberg & Partners, one of the Nordic region's leading financial advisers and brokers of insurance and financial services.
- The lenders in relation to the bank and HY bond financings to Emeria (formerly Foncia), a global leader in the real estate services market.
- The lenders in relation to the bank and HY bond financings to Techem, the German metering company.
- The lenders in relation to the bank and HY bond financings to Upfield, the owner of the Flora spreads business.
- The private credit lenders on the credit facility financing to Access Group, a leading enterprise resource planning business.
- The MLAs underwriting the incremental facility to be used in connection with a dividend recap related to the acquisition by Partners Group of a stake in Breitling, a Switzerland-based luxury watch manufacturer.
- The lenders on the financing in connection with the public takeover by Brookfield of Befimmo SA, a Belgian real estate investment and real estate operator.
- The lender on the financing in connection with KKR's acquisition of The Citation Group, a leading provider of subscription-based HR and Employment law, Health & Safety and ISO services to SMEs.
- The MLAs on the refinancing in connection with BC Partners' acquisition of Synthon, a global leader in the development of complex generics.
- The underwriters in connection with the acquisition financing of TenCate Grass, the world's leading manufacturer and distributor of artificial turf components.

- The lenders on the covenant amendments and maturity extension in respect of Altice France S.A.'s existing 2025/2026 TLBs and the conversion of the same into new EUR/USD loans due August 2028.
- The lenders on the financing of the acquisition by Blackstone of Crown Resorts Limited.
- The private credit lenders to HG Capital's acquisition of Sovos Compliance, a US based provider of regulatory tax compliance software
- The private credit lenders to the acquisition by Litera (a HG Capital portfolio company) of Kira Systems, a machine learning contract review and analysis software platform.
- The mandated lead arrangers on the senior secured loan financings in respect of the proposed joint venture between Virgin Media and O2 UK, both leading telecommunications companies.
- VMO2 on the infrastructure financing loan facilities provided by a syndicated of lenders to fund the build out of VMO2's UK network.
- The Bank of Nova Scotia as facility agent and the bookrunners in relation to the various financings provided to UPC Broadband Holding B.V, Liberty Global's Dutch cable business, Telenet, Liberty Global's Belgian cable business and Vodafone Ziggo, the Dutch joint venture between Vodafone Group Plc and Liberty Global Plc.
- The lenders, in relation to the financing of the acquisition by Apax of RFS Holland Holding B.V., the Dutch parent company of online retailers Wehkamp, Fonq.nl and Create2fi
- The bookrunners in connection with the financing package for the acquisition by BVI Medical, Inc., a TPG portfolio company, of PhysIOL Group SA, an innovative ophthalmology company specialized in the research, development and manufacture of intraocular lenses, phaco equipment and surgical consumables.

Practices

Corporate/Transactional, Infrastructure Debt, Asset-Based Lending, Financial Restructuring and Special Situations, Sports, Media & Entertainment Finance, Syndicated Leveraged Finance and Capital Markets, Global Finance, Mergers & Acquisitions, Private Credit, Hybrid Capital

Industries

Private Capital, Real Assets, Private Equity

Education

The University of Sydney, LL.B.

Admissions & Qualifications

Admitted as solicitor, New South Wales, Australia
Admitted as a solicitor in England and Wales

Awards & Recognition

Chambers UK: Banking & Finance: Big-Ticket 2024-2025
The Legal 500 United Kingdom: Finance: Acquisition Finance (Leading Individual, 2026-2027), 2024-2025
The Legal 500 United States: Commercial Lending: Advice to Bank Lenders 2025
Chambers Global: Banking & Finance 2025
Chambers Europe: Banking & Finance 2025
Financial News: Fifty Most Influential Lawyers 2025