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Sean Darling is a partner in the Global Finance practice, London's Leveraged Finance team and a member of the Firm's Private Capital industry group.

Sean handles complex financing matters for lenders, sponsors, borrowers, and portfolio companies and focuses on leveraged, infrastructure and acquisition financing transactions as well as bespoke structures, with a particular focus on industrially innovative sectors and real assets.

Sean spent one year on secondment to Partner's Group: negotiating, structuring and executing private credit, special situations, infrastructure, co-investment, impact, fund financing, minority and growth equity transactions.

Publications Read More >

"Identifying Data Center Investment Challenges, Opportunities" *Law360*, July 2025

"Expert Q&A: 'The starting grid'" Infra Debt & The Energy Transition report, *Private Debt Investor* (July/August 2025)

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Matters

Representative matters:

Prior to joining Proskauer, Sean’s representative matters include advising:

Digital Infrastructure

- DigitalBridge, Liberty Global and AtlasEdge (the pan European data centre provider) on a €725 million hybrid infrastructure and leverage financing supporting AtlasEdge’s data center developments and acquisition strategy.
- DigitalBridge, Liberty Global and AtlasEdge on AtlasEdge’s €253 million green financing for data center expansion in Lisbon, Portugal.
- Altice in connection with the entry into a €1.9 billion senior secured credit facilities to finance the deployment of fiber-to-the-home (FTTH) internet infrastructure across France.
- A family office on the €500 million acquisition, development and financing of one of the world’s largest data centers and its associated letting to a major international tech company.

Transport

- American Industrial Partners on the financing arrangements in respect of its acquisition of an ownership position in Aker BioMarine's Feed Ingredients segment, and the group’s ongoing capex requirements.
- American Industrial Partners in connection with the syndicated infrastructure financing arrangements supporting its acquisition of Aquaship.
- American Industrial Partners in connection with the syndicated infrastructure financing arrangements supporting its acquisition of Intership.
- American Industrial Partners in connection with the syndicated infrastructure financing arrangements supporting its acquisition of FSV.

Industrials and Energy

- Epiris on its acquisition of Diamorph AB (publ), a supplier of advanced material solutions.

- Arrival, the electric vehicle manufacturer, on navigating their distressed situation, including putting in place unique and innovative secured bridge financing and concurrent convertible bond exchange, a first in the European market, and subsequent strategic sale transaction.
- The lender on the potential debt restructuring of a European energy producer's transition (fossil fuel to biodiesel) financing arrangements.
- A multinational corporate in relation to a potential debt to equity convertible investment in a European sustainable energy supplier.
- Loxam the European market leader in the rental of construction equipment and tools on its €795 million financing of its all-cash offer for Lavendon plc, a UK-listed company regulated by the UK Takeover Code.
- Alpha Capital Partners on the €350 million leveraged buyout of European insulation business Ipcom.

Social Infrastructure and Healthcare

- Partners Group on its financing aspects of the joint venture with Host Student Housing to build up a £1 billion UK purpose-built student accommodation (PBSA) and co-living platform and on the joint venture's first acquisition of a four-asset seed portfolio.
- EQT on the financing arrangements in connection with its $1 billion investment in Lumenis including a dividend recapitalization transaction in connection with the sale of Lumenis's surgical equipment business.
- Silverfleet Capital on the acquisition of CARE Fertility, the UK's leading fertility services provider.
- Athyrium on its convertible loan note investment in uMotif, the patient data capture and decentralized clinical trials platform.

Other Selected Deals

- The initial purchasers on the offering of $1.6 billion aggregate principal amount of senior secured second lien notes by First Quantum Minerals.
- The BidFair group on the financing for its $3.7 billion acquisition of Sotheby's.

- Blue Earth Capital in relation to its debt investments in Africa, South America and Asia.
- Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken in connection with a €1.8 billion super-senior revolving facility and SEK 2 billion senior secured revolving facility refinancing for Intrum AB (publ).
- UPC Holding and its subsidiaries on a successful debt buyback transaction pursuant to a modified Dutch auction process, comprising a concurrent solicitation of offers in respect of outstanding senior notes, senior secured notes and senior secured term loans ~€855 million.
- In relation to a potential rescue financing supported by material real estate assets in the hospitality sector.
- A series of bespoke holdco financings.
- A PIK holdco financing for a European private debt fund.
- A leading provider of on demand, multimedia and multi-platform digital content on its convertible loan note investment in an award-winning producer of digital content for children.
- A family office in respect of a rescuing financing for a growth business in the prop tech space.
- The Brazilian Development Bank in its first Green Bond offering $1 billion.
- Spanish gaming group Codere on the issuance of €865 million high-yield bonds and €95 million super senior revolving credit facility.
- TAG Group Limited on the financing aspects of the £275 million reorganization of the shareholding in McLaren Group.

Practices

Corporate/Transactional, Digital Infrastructure, Global Finance, Private Credit, Syndicated Leveraged Finance and Capital Markets

Industries

Asset Management, Private Capital, Private Equity, Real Assets, Real Estate

Education

University of Law, London, LPC

University of Oxford, Lincoln College, M.Sc.

Trinity College Dublin, LL.B.

Admissions & Qualifications

Admitted as a solicitor in England and Wales

Awards & Recognition

Winner of “Banking & Finance Team of the Year” at the 2024 British Legal Awards for the syndicated infrastructure financing of American Industrial Partners’ double acquisition of AquaShip and Intership

Winner of “High Yield Deal of the Year” at the IFLR Americas Awards 2025 for representing the initial purchasers on the offering of $1.6 billion aggregate principal amount of senior secured second lien notes by First Quantum Minerals

Shortlisted for “Finance Team of the Year” at The Lawyer 2024 Awards in recognition of AtlasEdge's hybrid infrastructure and leverage financing

Shortlisted for "Loan Deal of the Year" at IFLR Europe 2024 for AtlasEdge's hybrid infrastructure and leverage financing