

Alexander Premont

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Biography

Alexander Premont regularly advises financial institutions, alternative credit providers, corporates and private equity sponsors on acquisition/leveraged financings (particularly in the hotel, transportation and insurance industries), asset and insurance financings.

Alexander has a breadth of leverage product knowledge (including European and U.S. Term Loan B (TLB), covenant-lite, PIK, unitranche, super senior structures and pari high-yield bond transactions).

Alexander is also regularly involved in a broad range of asset financings, representing banks, equity investors, lessors, and lessees. Asset sectors include real estate, aircraft, ships, rail, and other big ticket assets.

Additionally, Alexander advises a number of banks and insurance market participants on finance facilities supporting their funds at Lloyd's and other insurance/reinsurance financings. Alexander has developed extensive experience in the regulated area of insurance company financings.

Representative experience

Advising Swissport on its €325M TLB financing for the acquisition of Aerocare, the number one ground handling operator in Australia.

Advising Vacances Bleues Hôtels (a major player in the tourism industry) on the financing of its acquisition of the Humanis hotel portfolio.



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Languages

English

French

Practices

Financial Services

Leveraged and Acquisition Finance

Investment Funds

Banking and Loan Finance

Asset Finance

Transportation

Aviation

Real Estate Finance

Advising HNA on their €660m TLB facility, CHF150m RCF and Rule144A/Reg S offering of €400m SSNs and €290m SNs regarding the CHF2.7bn acquisition of Swissport Group.

Advising Ascot as part of the debt financing and funds at Lloyd's aspects of its \$1.1 billion acquisition by CPPIB from AIG.

Advising ING Bank, Lloyds Bank, and National Australia Bank on using letter of credit facilities to satisfy underwriting obligations of large insurance and reinsurance groups.

Advising BNP Paribas on various debt financings for superyachts and corporate jets for a range of private clients.

Advising UBS on various debt and lease financings for corporate jets for a range of private clients.

Advising HNA on the financing of the acquisition of the Carlson Hotels group.

Advising the Carlyle Group in the financings of the senior facilities for the acquisitions of the B&B Group and the Sermeta Group.

Advising Marubeni Corporation and Innovation Network Corporation of Japan on financing the acquisition of Seajacks International.

Advising institutional investors in connection with private placement financings for SBM Offshore (Marine Money Offshore Deal of the Year 2013).

General advice to a health investment company in relation to the issue of additional obligations in order to acquire a Spanish care home.

Financing for the acquisition of one Airbus A320 for Air Calédonie International.

Representing the French Government and the Hauts de France Region on their emergency €120M funding to the Arc Group (a Group of companies headed by Arc Holdings SAS)

Industries

Insurance

Manufacturing and Industrials

Technology and Telecoms

Private Capital

Transportation and Logistics

Areas of focus

Aviation Finance

Corporate Aircraft and Superyacht Finance

Aviation Litigation

Education and admissions

Education

LL.B. (Hons), Sheffield Hallam University

L.P.C., Inns of Court School of Law, London

Masters, University of Paris XII

Memberships

Franco – British Lawyers Society

Bar admissions and qualifications

Solicitor, England and Wales

Paris

Accolades

Alexander Premont has an

Advising Société Générale and Ingépar re French tax lease financing of two Boeing 787 in favour of Air Tahiti Nui

Financing of EGA Transshipment Systems.

Obtention of waiver of former loan contract and new credit line for Bompard.

Financing of one heavy lifting vessel for a Taiwanese SPV owned by CDWE.

Assisting Akiem in relation to the acquisition of Macquarie European Rail Limited and its portfolio of directly managed assets comprising approximately 150 locomotives in UK and Continental Europe.

Advising Colony Capital in connection with the refinancing of ColNozay SCI's €70 million indebtedness with respect to a 21-building company property known as City of Innovation/Nokia Bell Labs.

Advising TowerBrook Capital Partners on the financing aspects (€120m unitranche bonds issue and €20m revolving credit facility) of its acquisition of the rail unit of the Consolis group.

Advising TDF Infrastructures on its €300m capex term loan facility, in order to finance the capital expenditures plans and other potential M&A activity of the TDF group.

Advising Vivalto Group on the financing aspects (€106m senior bonds program issue and €15m PIK bonds issue) of the capital restructuring of the group Vivalto (leading provider of retirement homes).

Awards and rankings

- Leading individual France, Banking and Finance - Transactional Work, *Legal 500 Paris*, 2023
- 5 years ranked in Band 3, Transportation, Shipping Finance, *Chambers Europe*, 2023
- 4 years ranked in Band 3, Transportation, Aviation Finance, *Chambers Europe*, 2023

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Chambers Europe, France, Transportation, Shipping Finance, 2023

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Legal 500 EMEA 2023

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Chambers, Transportation, Aviation – Shipping Finance, 2022

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- Ranked band 1, Strong reputation, Real Estate Financing, *Décideurs*, 2023
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Latest thinking and events

- Press releases
 - Hogan Lovells advises Kommunalkredit Austria AG on a EUR 65 million development bridge financing for Greencells Group's international green energy portfolio
- Press releases
 - Hogan Lovells advises Aareon on an investment of up to 100 million Euros in Stonal
- Events
 - MIPIM 2024
- Press releases
 - Hogan Lovells advises Verkor on its record financing of more than €2 billion
- Press releases
 - Hogan Lovells advises IDI on the acquisition of a majority stake in Prevost Laboratory Concept
- Press releases
 - Hogan Lovells advises the founders of DriiveMe on acquisition of a stake in its capital by Isai

"Incontournable"

Décideurs, Banque et Finance, France, 2022

"One of the most renowned practices on the market" for financing, Hogan Lovells (Paris) LLP has an excellent track record advising on the financing of individual vessels or portfolios of vessels, of large corporate acquisitions and restructuring matters. Acting for leading international banks in shipping finance as well as for market-leading operators, the firm handles a diverse range of financing work. Practice head Alexander Premont is lauded for his 'in-depth technical knowledge' in asset financing.

Legal 500, France, Shipping Finance, 2022

Recognised as a Leading Individual in France for Shipping Finance: The practice in Paris is one of the most famous and experienced a big boost with the arrival of Alexander Premont a few years ago." "I enjoy working with Alexander Premont for his in-depth technical knowledge of structured, asset and acquisition finance. Alexander makes a point of being involved in all of his files. He listens and is proactive in proposing pragmatic solutions. He is an excellent negotiator who

streamlines exchanges between the parties." "Alexander Premont is closely involved in all aspects of the transaction and has a good knowledge of the market. He works hard to give us the best result."

"Alexander Premont balances the demands of sound legal documentation with the necessary business flexibility. He has a very good knowledge of the specifics of financing, particularly in the maritime sector."

Legal 500, Shipping Finance, 2022
