

Helicopter Financing

Helicopter financing shares many key features with conventional aircraft financing but there are a number of important differences that influence both the way in which financings are structured and the identity of the key players in the market.

Our experienced team acts for operators, financiers, borrowers, brokers, and owners on the acquisition, financing, leasing, registration, management, and disposal of helicopters. We are particularly active in the rapidly expanding helicopter leasing market, having worked on transactions involving all of the major helicopter lessors.

Our commercially orientated approach is designed to provide a comprehensive service to clients in a time-critical, complex, and cross-border industry.

Representative experience

Representing Babcock Mission Critical Services Group, one of the world's largest helicopter operators, on a wide range of helicopter operating lease and financing transactions across Europe and Australia.

Advised a high net worth individual on a contract for the purchase of a new Eurocopter VIP helicopter and its importation into the EU through the Isle of Man.

Advised Lombard North Central Plc as lender on a US\$100m term loan facility for Waypoint Leasing, the largest independent global helicopter operator.

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Practices

Asset Finance

Advised a head of state on the acquisition of a new VIP helicopter and its importation into the EU, the appointment of its manager and operator, and on support contracts for the airframe and the engines.

Acting for Societe Generale Equipment Finance on a secured financing of a UK-registered AW169 VIP helicopter.

Advised a Middle Eastern client on the purchase of a batch of Sikorsky helicopters and on temporarily registering them with the UK CAA and deregistering them.

Advised Luxaviation on its acquisition of Starspeed Limited, a UK VIP helicopter operator.

Representing Heli Service International, a German helicopter operator, on its lease of an AW139 helicopter from LCI.