Ben Garcia

Partner
New York

Biography

Ben Garcia regularly represents issuers, underwriters, private equity sponsors, placement agents, and investors across a wide range of capital markets, high yield, leveraged finance, structured finance, and project finance transactions in the domestic and international markets.

Ben's broad capital markets background has included a focus on cross-border transactions, in particular in the Latin American and European markets. He has led a number of the most prominent recent transactions in Latin America. He has represented major sponsors and investment banks in project financings in the oil and gas, transportation, and renewables sectors in Mexico, Peru, Chile, and Colombia. He has worked on transactions ranging from investment-grade offerings of debt and equity securities to high-yield and structured bonds throughout Europe and Latin America, as well as sovereign offerings by the Dominican Republic and Guatemala. He is fluent in Spanish and German.

In addition to his extensive capital markets experience, Ben works on merger and acquisition (M&A) transactions, as well as commercial and traditional bank financings. His experience includes representing both leading private equity sponsors and banks in financing leveraged buyouts.

He is recommended for debt, equity, and global capital markets offerings in the *Legal 500 US* and capital markets in the *Legal 500 Latin America* for

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Languages

English
German
Spanish

Practices

Capital Markets

Leveraged and Acquisition Finance

Private Equity

Industries

Financial Institutions

Energy and Natural Resources

Areas of focus

Buy-ins and Buy-outs

international firms. Ben was named a Notable Practitioner in Capital Markets: Debt, Capital Markets: Equity, and M&A categories in the 2019 *IFLR1000* for New York and the United States and a Rising Star in the 2012 edition of the *Legal 500 United Kingdom.* Ben has published a number of articles over the years on topics relating to New York and U.S. federal securities law.

Representative experience

Represented the Central America Bottling Corp. (CBC) in its US$200m 144A/Reg S high yield bond offering and related liability management exercise and bank amendment process.

Represented CBC, CBC Bottling Holdco., and Beliv Holdco in their US$1.1bn 144A/Reg S sustainability-linked notes offering and a liability management exercise relating to notes issued by CBC.

Represented the financial sponsors in the 4(a)(2) private placement of US$138.5m amortizing senior secured senior notes for Project Service, the concession operator of the Connecticut Service Plazas.

Represented Banco Industrial in its US$300m 144A/Reg S offering of Tier II subordinated notes.

Represented financial sponsor in connection with acquisition by Actis of Mexican oil and gas assets from Intergen and related issuance of US$860m secured notes.*

Represented the initial purchasers in several offerings of senior secured notes issued by Aeropuerto Internacional de Tocumen S.A. in Panama City.*

Represented the initial purchasers in the US$650m bond offering for Cerro del Águila S.A., the owner and operator of a hydroelectric power plant in Peru.*

Represented the initial purchasers in the US$317m bond offering for Aeropuertos Dominicanos Siglo XXI (Aerodom) in the Dominican Republic.*

Represented Fideicomiso P.A. Costera in connection with a US$600m Rule 144A bond relating to a toll road in Colombia.*

Carve-outs, Spin-offs, and Split-offs

Convertible Debt Offerings

Cross-border Mergers and Acquisitions

Transaction and Securities Disclosure Support and Due Diligence

Foreign Government Representation

High Yield

Project Finance, DFI and ECA Finance

Raising Debt Capital

Raising Equity Capital

Securities and Financial Regulatory Advice

Education and admissions

Education

J.D., Columbia Law School, 2000

B.A., Harvard University, magna cum laude, 1997

Bar admissions and qualifications

New York

Represented the initial purchasers in a US$379m offering of notes by Celeo Redes Operación Chile S.A., an operator of power transmission systems in Chile.*

Represented the initial purchasers of US$204m in 144A/Regulation S green bonds issued by Peruvian wind-energy producer Energía Eólica S.A.*

Represented the initial purchasers in connection with the issue of high yield 10.87 percent senior notes due 2024 by EIG Investors Corp.*

Represented the initial purchasers in connection with the issue of high yield 6.5 percent senior notes due 2023 by Sterigenics-Nordion Holdings LLC.*

*Matter handled prior to joining Hogan Lovells.

Awards and rankings

- Finance: Capital Markets: Debt Offerings, Recommended, *Legal 500 US*, 2021-2022
- Finance: Capital Markets: Global Offerings, Recommended, *Legal 500 US*, 2022
- International Firms: Capital Markets, Recommended, *Legal 500 Latin America*, 2022
- Capital Markets: Equity (New York and United States), Notable Practitioner, *IFLR1000*, 2019
- M&A (New York and United States), Notable Practitioner, *IFLR1000*, 2019
- Wind Deal of the Year: 144A/Regulation S Green Bonds issued by Energía Eólica S.A. (Latin America), *IJGlobal*, 2014
- Rising Star, *Legal 500 UK*, 2012

Latest thinking and events

- Press Releases
  - Hogan Lovells advises Bundesrepublik Deutschland – Finanzagentur GmbH on the sale of a block of shares constituting its remaining shareholding in Deutsche Lufthansa AG
- Press Releases
  - Hogan Lovells advises Bundesrepublik Deutschland

– Finanzagentur GmbH on the sale of part of its shareholding in Deutsche Lufthansa AG

- Press Releases
  - Hogan Lovells advises Deutsche Bank Aktiengesellschaft on third scrip dividend of LEG Immobilien SE
- Press Releases
  - Hogan Lovells advises Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA on its first scrip dividend
- Press Releases
  - Hogan Lovells advises Commerzbank AG on scrip dividend of Vonovia SE
- Sponsorships and Speaking Engagements
  - IJLATAM 2022