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Ian advises domestic and international clients on all aspects of restructuring and insolvency matters. He is known for his cross-sector experience advising a variety of stakeholders.

Ian has significant multi-sector experience (including real estate, hospitality, leisure & retail, aviation, sports, financial services, automotive and healthcare).

He has worked extensively on business turnarounds and both creditor and debtor led restructurings. He regularly acts for lenders, distressed investment funds, insolvency practitioners, trade creditors, landlords, directors, sponsors and foreign lawyers.

Ian is a member of the Association of Business Recovery Professionals (R3), the Turnaround Management Association (TMA), INSOL International, INSOL Europe and the American Bankruptcy Institute (ABI). He is listed as a "Next Generation Partner" in The Legal 500 UK 2024 and is ranked in Chambers & Partners UK 2024.



Examples of Ian's experience includes:

Ernst & Young

Advising Ernst & Young in their capacity as administrators of Flybe, Europe's largest domestic airline. Dealing, in particular, with the fleet issues including negotiating with the numerous lessors and financiers in respect of the servicing, maintenance and ultimate return of all leased and financed aircraft and engines.

Project Fürst

Advising the German companies within the Project Fürst group in respect of their parent company, Project Lietzenburger Strasse Holdco S.À R.L's Restructuring Plan pursuant to Part 26A of the Companies Act 2006.

NQ Minerals

Advising administrators of UK listed company on the sale of its subsidiary group operating in the gold mining sector in Australia.

Oil Refinery

Advising international financial institution and potential receivers in respect of potential court receivership application over oil refinery receivables

Off-shore Energy

Advising owner of FPSO chartered to gas field operator in respect of both extending its charter and the impact of the operator's proposed restructuring plan.

Adena Brands

Advising Adena Brands on its pre-pack administration acquisition of the businesses and certain assets of international UK-headquartered high street fashion retailers Monsoon and Accessorize.

European retail and services business

Advising a European retail and services business' board of directors in respect of its trading through the pandemic including directors' duties advice and co-ordinating cross jurisdictional support for the group.

Distressed investment fund

Advising a family office-backed UK distressed investment fund, on a number of debt and equity investments, including urgent bridge financings and acquisitions of distressed businesses in both the healthcare and education sectors.

Toys R Us Inc.

Advising the Official Unsecured Creditors Committee of Toys R Us Inc. as special counsel in respect of the effects of the UK company's company voluntary arrangement (and its subsequent failure) on the US business and its suppliers.