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About Oliver

Oliver advises lenders and sponsors on the development and financing of cross-border energy and infrastructure projects across a broad range of industries, many of which are the first of its kind in their sector. He has significant experience advising on multi-sourced project financings involving export credit agencies, multilaterals and development finance institutions. He is also a regular speaker at industry conferences and a lecturer at the TXF/CC Solutions “School of ECA Finance.”

IFLR1000 has identified Oliver as a “Rising Star” or “Highly Regarded” every year since 2013, and he has been ranked by *Chambers UK* each year since 2012, where clients report that Oliver is considered “truly outstanding” and highlight his “knowledge of debt financing” and “drive to get the deal done.” In the 2022 edition of *Chambers UK* clients comment, “Oliver is calm, cool, collected – he knows his stuff, which shows through in tough moments of negotiations.” They also note in *Chambers UK* 2021, that the “technical ability, precision and accuracy of his work combined with his responsiveness makes him a very good lawyer” and he “is very pragmatic, very thorough and commercial.” Oliver is also ranked as a “Next Generation Partner” for Projects, Energy & Natural Resources – Infrastructure in *The Legal 500 United Kingdom* (2018-2022), and was nominated by in-house counsel and peers to appear in *Euromoney’s* 2015, 2016 and 2017 “Rising Stars” Expert Guides. Oliver was recognized by *Law360* as a 2019 MVP for Project Finance and serves on *Law360’s* Project Finance Editorial Advisory Board (2020-2021).

Recent Notable Matters

Power

Eni S.p.A. — £140 million acquisition of a 20 percent interest in the Dogger Bank (C) 1.2 GW offshore wind farm project from Equinor and SSE

Clay Tye Battery Storage Project — Fotowatio Renewable Ventures in connection with the development of a 99 MW/198 MWh utility battery storage project powered by Tesla Megapack lithium-ion batteries in the UK

Dogger Bank (A and B) — Eni S.p.A. in relation to its £405 million acquisition of a 20 percent interest in the project financed 2.4 GW UK offshore wind farm project from Equinor and SSE

Fotowatio Renewable Ventures — development of a 34 MW/ 68 MWh utility scale battery storage project, to be constructed and operated by Tesla in the United Kingdom

Al Kharsaah IPP — Marubeni Corporation and Total Solar in the development, implementation and financing of the 800.15 MW Al Kharsaah Solar PV Independent Power Project in Qatar

REPDO Round 2 IPPs — Marubeni Corporation and Al Jomaih Energy and Water Company consortium as the winning bidder for the Rabigh 300 MW solar PV IPP, tendered under the second round of the Saudi Arabian National Renewable Energy Program

Masrik-1 solar project — representing FRV on the project finance aspects of a 55 MW solar project in Armenia

Facility E IWPP — representing the Marubeni and Kyushu Electric consortium in connection with its bid for an integrated water & power plant in Qatar

Saudi REPDO Round 2 — representing the lenders to the Engie consortium in connection with its bid for solar IPP PV Projects in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Al Ezzel — representing the lenders on the PFI deal of the year award winning refinancing of the Al Ezzel IPP in Bahrain

Benban Solar Park — represented Alcazar Energy Partners on the project finance aspects of its four 50 MW solar projects (AEES1, Delta, Aten and Horus projects) in Round 2 of Egypt's renewable feed-in tariff programme

Jordan battery storage — represented a developer on its bid for the 30 MW Irbid Substation battery storage project

Dumat Al Jandal — acting as lenders' counsel for the Engie consortium's bid for the 400 MW wind project in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Cerro Dominador — representing EIG in connection with the \$800 million project financing of a 100 MW PV solar plant and 110 MW concentrated solar power (CSP) solar plant in Chile, the first project financing of a CSP solar plant in Latin America*

Barakah Nuclear Power Project — representing K-Exim and another export credit agency, HSBC, SCB and various UAE financial institutions in connection with the \$24.4 billion financing of the Barakah 4,800 MW nuclear power plant in the UAE, the first-ever project financing of a nuclear power plant and the largest ever independent power projects (IPP) financing*

Dudgeon Offshore Wind Farm — representing Statkraft in connection with its debt and equity financing arrangements for the £1.3 billion project financing of the 402 MW Dudgeon Offshore Wind Farm*

Oil & Gas

Savannah Energy Plc — financing arrangements in respect of Savannah's acquisition of Exxon and Petronas' entire interests in the Doba oil field in Chad and their shareholding in the Chad-Cameroon Pipeline and Floating, Storage and Offloading vessel for a total consideration of up to \$676 million

Premier Oil Sea Lion Development — representing Premier Oil and its joint venture partners in connection with the proposed project financing of the Sea Lion offshore oil field development in the North Falkland basin

New Age Etinde Project — representing New Age (as operator) in connection with the development and proposed project financing of the Etinde gas export project in Cameroon

Anglo Tunisian Oil & Gas Limited — acquisition of Medco Tunisia, a seven asset upstream oil and gas business in Tunisia, including the associated acquisition financing

Vitol participation in OCTP oil and gas field — Representing IFC, UK Export Finance and eight commercial banks in connection with the \$1.5 billion financing of Vitol's participation in the development of Ghana's Offshore Cape Three Points (OCTP) oil and gas field. This multi-sourced quasi project and reserve-based lending (RBL) financing also included a Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA) covered facility and benefited from complex World Bank support arrangements in relation to the gas offtake. The project's overall cost of approximately \$7 billion represents the largest foreign direct investment in Ghana's history, and UKEF's largest direct loan to date.*

Isramco's participation in Tamar gas field — representing the Lenders and hedge counterparties in connection with the \$1.25 billion hybrid RBL bridge and term Dollar/Shekel loan facilities to Isramco for its participation in the development of the Israeli offshore Tamar gas field*

Reliance Industries Limited — representing various export credit agencies and lenders in connection with RIL's ECA financing programme for the expansion of its Jamnagar petrochemicals project and the development of its Reliance Jio 4G project*

Infrastructure

Mantos Blancos Copper Mine — representing Anglo Pacific Group in connection with its acquisition of a NSR Royalty over all copper produced at the Mantos Blancos copper mine in Chile

Al Wakra Sewage Treatment Plant — representing an international consortium in respect of its bid for a sewage treatment plant in Qatar

Seabras 1 — representing the project company on its \$500 million BpiFrance supported financing of a subsea fibre optic cable system between the commercial and financial centers of Brazil (Sao Paulo) and the US (NY)

O3b Networks Limited – Representing the project company on the \$1.7 billion financing for the satellite operator O3b Networks Limited. This award winning multi-sourced financing structure brought together one ECA (BpiFrance), 4 commercial lenders, 7 development finance institutions (AfDB, IFC, FMO, DEG, EAIIF, Proparco and DBSA) and nine equity investors.*

Reliance Jio 4G Telecom – representing the lenders (including K-Exim and K-Sure) on multiple award winning financings for Reliance Jio 4G Telecom to finance goods and services for 4G infrastructure in India*

* Work completed prior to Bracewell

Publications and Speeches

“United Kingdom: Renewable Energy 2022,” *International Comparative Legal Guide*, September 2021.

[“Square Pegs and Round Holes,”](#) *Project Finance International*, October 2020.

“United Kingdom: Renewable Energy Laws and Regulations 2021,” *International Comparative Legal Guide*, September 2020.

Education

Nottingham Law School, LPC, GDL
2004

University of Newcastle Upon Tyne, Bachelor of Arts
2001 – *hons*

Noteworthy

Chambers Global, UK: Projects, 2022

Chambers UK, Projects, 2021 - 2022; Up and Coming, 2019 - 2020; Associate to Watch, 2012 – 2018

The Legal 500 United Kingdom, Projects, Energy & Natural Resources - Infrastructure, 2018 - 2022 (Next Generation Partner, 2018 - 2022); Projects, Energy and Natural Resources – Power (including Electricity,

Nuclear and Renewables), 2020 - 2022; Projects, Energy and Natural Resources – Oil & Gas, 2020 - 2021; Finance – Emerging Markets, 2020 - 2021; Finance – Bank Lending: Investment Grade Debt and Syndicated Loans, 2020

Euromoney Institutional Investor PLC, *IFLR1000 Financial & Corporate Guide*, Highly Regarded: Banking, 2019 - 2022; Project Finance, 2019 - 2022; Rising Star: 2013 – 2018

Portfolio Media, Inc., *Law360*, MVP of the Year: Project Finance, 2019

Euromoney Institutional Investor PLC, “*Rising Stars Expert Guide*”, Rising Star, 2015 – 2017

Euromoney Institutional Investor PLC, IFLR European Awards, Rising Star, Project Finance, 2014

Finance Monthly, Deal Maker of the Year, 2016; Game Changers Awards, 2018

Affiliations

Law360, Project Finance Editorial Advisory Board, 2020 - 2022

Bar Admissions

Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales