

FACTSHEET

Banking and Finance

Capitalizing on Dedicated Expert Advice





Schellenberg Wittmer, with its strong presence in the two main financial centers of Switzerland, Zurich and Geneva, is regarded as one of the top banking and finance law firms in Switzerland.

Our specialists advise you on all legal aspects related to finance transactions and the structuring of financial products. They are also skilled in supporting you on such Swiss financial regulatory matters as licensing and enforcement proceedings before the Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority (FINMA).

You will find our Banking and Finance Group recommended in Chambers, IFLR 1000, Legal 500 and PLC Which Lawyer, Who's Who Legal, Expert Guides (The Legal Media Group), with many of our specialists singled out for recommendation.

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Experience & Expertise

We regularly act on behalf of Swiss and foreign banks and other financial institutions across a broad range of regulatory matters. We advise on the establishment and licensing of Swiss banks and securities dealers, Swiss subsidiaries, branches and representative offices of foreign banks and securities dealers, financial services regulation and prudential rules, domestic and cross-border banking, internet banking, brokerage and stock exchange activities as well as on mergers and acquisitions of financial institutions.

Our services extend to such areas as anti-money laundering regulations, compliance, insider dealing and market abuse, international and administrative assistance, market conduct and disclosure requirements. In several cases, members of our team have been appointed by FINMA to act as agents in enforcement proceedings.

On the transactional side, we advise lenders, arrangers, security agents and borrowers on various finance transactions and the (re-)structuring thereof. Among them are syndicated loan facilities and acquisition finance, structured finance transactions (such as Tier 1 transactions, factoring, asset-backed securities or ISDA-based transactions), including the documentation of security packages.

We also assist on all legal and regulatory aspects relating to (convertible) bond and note issues in the Swiss market, including their listing at the SIX Swiss Exchange, where several members of our team are admitted as recognized representatives of issuers.

In the area of investment law, we provide advice on the structuring, licensing and distribution of Swiss and foreign collective investment schemes. They include traditional funds, hedge funds, private equity funds and real estate funds. We also offer expertise in establishing and licensing funds, fund management and asset management companies. In addition, we advise financial intermediaries on all legal aspects relating to the issuance and offering of structured products such as equity-linked certificates, reverse convertibles or principle protected notes, and we assist issuers of derivatives and structured products in listing proceedings before the SIX Swiss Exchange.

Skills & Resources

Our Banking and Finance Group is composed of approximately 20 qualified Swiss lawyers who understand, in depth, the regulatory environment of financial intermediaries and the international finance markets. Many of us gained in-house experience while working for Swiss or international banks; others served in Anglo-American law firms. Our experience and expertise, together with the size of our team, enable us to provide state-of-the-art, yet pragmatic advice concerning finance transactions and regulatory issues of every type, even on short notice.

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