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Olivier Vermeulen is Office Chair of the Paris office of Paul Hastings and head of the Finance department. With a focus in banking and finance, he has extensive experience in leveraged financing (senior, second lien, mezzanine, unitranche, and SSRCF/high-yield financings), fund financing (EBF and capital call facilities), structured finance (securitization), debt negotiations, and Islamic finance.

Mr. Vermeulen advises both sponsors and borrowers (private equity and infrastructure funds as well as large corporate funds) as well as financial institutions (senior/mezzanine lenders and debt funds).

His strengths in innovation are very clearly demonstrated through the creation of a new product for the French bank finance market in the form of the equity bridge finance facility for European funds.

Mr. Vermeulen joined the firm from another law firm where he was head of the Finance practice. Prior to that, he worked for two other international law firms as counsel and part of the finance team.

Recent Representations

Leveraged Finance Transactions

- Advising Tikehau and Ares Management Ltd on the unitranche financing of the acquisition of the Marlink Group
- Advising Tikehau on the unitranche refinancing of Delpharm's debt
- Advising Eurazeo on the unitranche refinancing of Dessange International's debt
- Advising Idi and Pechel on the financing of the acquisition of Dubbing Brothers (management buy-out)
- Advising Tikehau on the unitranche financing of the acquisition of Pennel & Flipo by IDI and Cabestan Capital
- Advising Colisée Patrimoine on the full senior refinancing of its debt

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Practice Areas

Structured Credit
Alternative Lender and Private Credit
Leveraged Finance
Finance
Corporate
Private Equity
Europe

Admissions

Paris

Education

Cornell Law School, LL.M.

2000

Universite Paris I: Pantheon Sorbonne, DEA 1999

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- Advising CM-CIC on the mezzanine refinancing of ECF's debt
- Advising Idinvest on the acquisition of Homeperf by Parquest Capital
- Advising Tikehau on the unitranche financing of the acquisition of Maesa by its managers and Winch Capital and of P2 by Maesa
- Advising IK Investment Partners on the senior refinancing of the Trigo Group's debt and the financing of the acquisition of the PIC Group
- Advising 21 Centrale Partners on the unitranche and SSRFCF refinancing of Oberthur's debt
- Advising Tikehau on the unitranche financing of the acquisition of Ba&Sh
- Advising Equistone Partners on the refinancing of existing senior and mezzanine debt of Breteche Industries
- Advising Lion Capital on the senior/mezzanine financing of the acquisition and the further high yield/SSRCF refinancing of the Afflelou Group
- Advising Lion Capital on the financing of the acquisition and the further high yield/SSRCF refinancing of the Picard Group
- Advising Finachef on the unitranche financing of the acquisition of the Group Salins du Midi
- Advising Léon de Bruxelles on its senior and mezzanine debt refinancing

Fund Financing

- Advising Astorg Partners on the equity bridge financing made available to Astorg VI managed by Astorg Assets Management
- Advising PAI Partners on the equity bridge financing granted by Lloyds Bank plc to the funds PAI Europe VI-1 FPCI and PAI Europe VI-2 FPCI
- Advising Caceis on the equity bridge financing for Logistics (managed by AEW)

Project Finance

- Advising a private company on the financing of a railway line in Africa
- Advising a private company on the financing of a port development in Africa

Accolades and Recognitions

- Shortlisted for European banking & finance deal of the year, The Lawyer European Awards 2015
- Recognized as an "up & coming" individual, Chambers Global 2015
- Ranked first by deal volume in France in 2014 by Mergermarket and in 2015 by Magazine des Affaires (both for the LBO financing and the Acquisition M&A financing)
- Ranked in the top ten "Most Innovative Firms in Finance" in Europe and received "Highly Commended" status, FT Innovative Lawyers Report 2014
- Rising Team of the Year – 2011, Trophées du Droit awards 2011

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Education

- Cornell Law School, LL.M.
- University of Paris I – Panthéon Sorbonne, DEA (pre-doctoral degree) in French and European Business and Financial Law
- University of Paris I – Panthéon Sorbonne, Master's in Business Law

News

March 09, 2020

Paul Hastings Continues European Expansion with Paris Competition Partner

December 12, 2019

Keensight Capital Acquire Majority Stake in Sogelink

October 14, 2019

Amundi, BPI France, and Socadif Invest in Wifirst

October 10, 2019

Keensight Capital Acquires Majority Stake in Smile

October 01, 2019

Keensight Capital Invests in Geodesial

April 03, 2019

Volcom Management Launches Multi-National Operating Company in Partnership with Authentic Brands Group

March 12, 2019

Olivier Vermeulen Appointed Chair of Paul Hastings' Paris Office

September 26, 2018

Equistone Partners Europe Invests in Wallenborn Transports Group

February 20, 2018

Qualium Investissement Invests in Labelium Group

March 01, 2017

Paul Hastings Named European Law Firm of the Year by Private Debt Investor

January 26, 2017

Paul Hastings Adds Leading Real Estate Partner Jean-Louis Martin and Team to

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Paris Office

January 15, 2016

Paul Hastings Expands in Paris with Addition of Leading Leveraged Finance
Partner Olivier Vermeulen

Rankings & Awards

February 14, 2019

Recognized by Chambers Global 2019