

Mergers & Acquisitions Law Firm of the Year - Cyprus

Notable Legal Work

Corporate & M&A assignments of 2011 included:

- Arena Shopping Centre, Zagreb – Acted on behalf of Heitman European Property Partners IV (HEPP IV) regards the acquisition of 50% stake of the state of the art Arena Centre Shopping Centre in Zagreb.
- Adama Acquisition - Acted on behalf of Immofinanz Group, the leading listed Austrian real estate investor in its 100% acquisition of Adama Holdings, the South – East European residential property group. Our office coordinated the transaction and legal teams from Austria, Israel, Ukraine, Romania and Turkey. The transaction involved bond and option holders issues, antimonopoly clearance, employment matters and retained Escrow amounts. Transaction Amount: EURO 45,000,000
- Evrofinanz Mosnarbank – Acted as Cyprus counsels for certain of the Cyprus sellers regards the acquisition of Evrofinanz Mosnarbank by a Venezuela fund. Transaction Amount: USD 416,000,000
- Russian Towers -relating to the joint venture arrangement as to the ordering, construction, commissioning and leasing to customers of more than 250 telecommunication towers on land leased from Russian Railways in the Russian Federation.
- Rossiya Hotel on behalf of Russian private investors in the restructuring of their participation in a Cyprus Holding Company incorporated to build and operate a multifunction building centre in Moscow in the territory of Rossiya Hotel valued USD 1.2 billion
- Matrix Project, India – Acted on behalf of a Mauritius entity regards the acquisition of 100% holding of a Cyprus Company with its primary assets in India through Matrix Developers Private Ltd engaged in the business of township development.

Highlights of 2010 litigation practise involved:

- Timan Oil and Gas - Acted before the Cyprus Courts on behalf of a UK listed company over a corporate dispute and obtained freezing orders against foreign assets worth more than €100 million and the anticipated liquidation procedures of its Cyprus subsidiary.
- Rossiya Hotel - Acted before the LCIA on behalf of Russian investors regards to a dispute over a shareholders' agreement and their participation in a Cyprus holding company incorporated to build and operate a multifunction building centre at the territory previously occupied by Rossiya Hotel in Moscow of an area of 410.000 m², valued \$1.2 billion.
- Goodzone Shopping Centre - Advised a Central European real estate group as to Cyprus Law



issues in relation to proceedings in the LCIA regards a dispute with its partner over the construction and development of «Goodzone» Shopping Center in Moscow, of a project budget of €328 million and an area of 68.000 m².

- EuroPark – Moscow - Acted before the Cyprus Court on behalf of a Russian real estate group regards it's dispute over the ownership rights of «Europark» shopping mater in Moscow, valued \$250 million and related freeing interim injunctions
- Banking and Finance assignment of 2011 included:
 - Wakelin Project - acting as the Cyprus counsel for the lenders Nordea Bank in relation to a loan given to a Cyprus registered company for the financing of the completion of a shopping mall in Moscow, Russia. The deal involved a Cyprus company acting as borrower and several security documents under Cyprus law were executed including mortgages and pledges. Amount of the Loan: USD 100,000,000
 - Transcreditbank Project - Acted as the Cyprus legal counsel for JSC Transcreditbank as lender in relation to a loan given to a Russian based group. The deal involved the Cyprus Company acting as obligor and entering into a pledge agreement for pledging 100% of the share capital of a Netherlands company. Amount of the Loan: EUR 50,000,000
 - Raven Russia, Acted as special counsel in Cyprus for Marfin Popular Bank regards the financing of a logistics centre in Moscow. Amount of the Loan: Euro 30,000,000

Areas of Expertise

- Banking & Finance
- Construction
- Corporate & M&A
- Dispute Resolution

Stelios Amerikanos

Stelios Amerikanos, long standing corporate and banking finance partner at George Yianguo & Co with an excellent reputation in cross border transactions established its own full services commercial firm as from January 2010. The firm was an immediate success with a significant presence in the Cypriot marketplace and is many clients "are guaranteed continues and tailored

support combined with a practical and constructive approach in a business oriented mentality". The firm is a top choice of a number of international law firms and multinationals for corporate, banking finance, tax and litigation issues.

Firm Profile

Stelios Amerikanos & Co is a full services commercial law firm, specialising in corporate and commercial law, anking finance, litigation and tax and financial advisory.

The firm assembled a dynamic team working with cutting edge technology and quickly established an enviable reputation for efficient and competent service and has become a leading niche firm for corporate work.

The firm's clients are guaranteed continuous and tailored support combined with a positive and constructive approach and an ability to solve complex legal and tax problems in a business oriented mentality.

As far as international practice is concerned, the firm has an impressive list of international clientele that includes major financial-banking institutions, investment funds, leading international law firms, multinational corporations and high net worth individuals.

The firm has world-wide contacts with reputable legal and advisory practises and is able to assist clients with all aspects of their cross-boarder transactions.

Members of the firm are very active in various professional associations and take part as speakers in international conferences and seminars while regularly publishing articles and contributions in a variety of matters related to Cyprus Law.

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