

Katia Merlini

Partner

Paris

Biography

Passionate in conciliating law and finance from the early stages of her education, Katia Merlini is Partner with the International Debt Capital Markets team focusing on derivatives, structured debt issuances and synthetic securitisation transactions. She acts for financial institutions as well as corporates, whether they are based in France or elsewhere in Europe and the world.

Katia has more than 15 years' experience in derivatives and capital markets from Simmons & Simmons and prior to that Clifford Chance. She advises French and other European banks (including Crédit Agricole CIB, Société Générale and Edmond de Rothschild France), asset managers and insurance companies, focusing on complex derivative products (including commodity, equity, credit, fund and index linked swaps) and structured notes, certificates and warrants with embedded derivatives. Katia regularly gives training seminars in respect of derivatives, securities lending and repurchase transactions to French financial institutions, including in conjunction with reputable training institutions such as First Finance, Development Institute International or EFE.

Representative experience

Advising a leading French bank in relation to the



Phone

+33 1 53 67 38 38

Fax

+33 1 53 67 47 48

Email

katia.merlini@hoganlovells.com

Languages

English
French

Practices

Capital Markets
Insurance
Investment Funds
Pensions

collateral documentation for its derivative transactions in compliance with EMIR margin requirements.

Advising a leading French insurance company in relation to the negotiation of OTC derivative transactions and relating clearing arrangements.

Advising the bank affiliate of a leading international automotive group in relation to the negotiation of its clearing arrangements for OTC derivatives.

Advising a leading French bank in relation to the structuring and issuance of structured negotiable MTNs (medium term notes) referencing an underlying basket of commodity linked warrants.

Advising Crédit Agricole Corporate & Investment Bank in relation to its structured EMTN and certificates issuance programmes.

Advising Edmond de Rothschild (France) in relation to its €750m structured EMTN issuance programme.

Awards and rankings

- Katia Merlini 'deserves praise for her judgement, poise, ability to remain calm under pressure and high delivery standards', *Legal 500 EMEA France*, 2019
- Capital Markets: Debt Capital Markets, *Legal 500 EMEA*, 2019
- Derivatives and Structured Finance, Next Generation, *Legal 500 EMEA*, 2019
- Katia Merlini is recognized as a Leading lawyer - Highly regarded in IFLR1000 Guide to the World's Leading Financial Law Firms, *IFLR 1000*, 2019 & 2020
- Derivatives and Structured Finance, Next Generation, *Legal 500 EMEA*, 2018
- Katia is "proactive" and delivers precise and straight to the point advice ("un conseil précis et qui va droit au but") on derivatives., *Legal 500 Paris*, 2012 - 2013

Industries

Energy and Natural Resources
Financial Institutions
Insurance

Areas of focus

Capital Markets and Tax
Commodities Trading
Derivatives and Structured Products
Hedge Funds
Insurance and Reinsurance
Arrangements and Finance
Raising Debt Capital

Education and admissions

Education

DEA de droit des affaires: Banking, Corporate, Finance, and Securities Law, Université Paris I, 1999

Diplôme d'Etudes Comptables et Financières (DECF), 1999

Maîtrise en droit des affaires : Banking, Corporate, Finance, and Securities Law, Université Paris V, Descartes, 1998

Finance, General, Toulouse Business School, 1996

Latest thinking and events

- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Brexit and derivatives: France issues measures in case of no deal
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Developments in financial services arbitration: Revision of the ISDA arbitration guide *International Arbitration Alert*
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Summary of key EU and U.S. regulatory developments relating to securitization transactions *Brochure*
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Summary of key EU and U.S. regulatory developments relating to derivatives
- Publications
 - Modernisation of bond issuance
- Press Releases
 - RMBS Securitisation: Hogan Lovells advises Crédit Agricole

Bar admissions and qualifications

Paris

Accolades

Katia Merlini is recognized as a Leading lawyer - Highly regarded in IFLR1000 Guide to the World's Leading Financial Law Firms.

IFLR 1000 2019

Katia is 'proactive' and delivers a precise and straight to the point advice ('un conseil précis et qui va droit au but') on derivatives

Legal 500 Paris 2012/2013
