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Gabriel Opris is an associate in the Abu Dhabi office of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher. He is a member of the Projects and Infrastructure Practice Group.

Gabriel focuses primarily on the representation of clients in energy and infrastructure project finance and development transactions. Gabriel has extensive experience acting for sponsors, borrowers and lenders in a range of project finance and development, acquisition finance, leveraged finance, restructuring and insolvency transactions in both developed jurisdictions and emerging markets.

Gabriel received his LLB from the University of York and his LPC from the University of Law. Gabriel is admitted as a solicitor in England and Wales.

Select Transactions – Energy, Mining, Utilities:*

- Lenders on the restructuring of an onshore windfarm project in Sweden.
- Borrower on the restructuring of an LNG energy project in the Middle East.
- Borrowers on the restructuring of a mining project in Madagascar.
- Borrower on the financing of a titanium and rare metals mining project in Mozambique.
- Centerra Gold on the international arbitration of its dispute with the Government of Kyrgyzstan and related proceedings in the US and Canada relating to the Kumtor gold mine project in Kyrgyzstan and the subsequent settlement and divestment.
- The Baku-Tbilisi-Ceyhan Pipeline Company in the refinancing of its term loan facility.
- Golden Triangle Polymers Company, a joint venture between Chevron Phillips Chemical Company and QatarEnergy, in the project financing of an \$8.5 billion integrated polymers facility in Orange, Texas.
- The sponsors and the borrowers on the financing of the Rovuma LNG project.
- Suez on its public takeover by Veolia Environnement and the sale (spin-off) of the "New Suez", a group of €7 billion of revenue and 35,000 employees, to a consortium of investors.
- Lenders on the financing of Udokan copper development and mining facility in Russia.
- Project on the \$2.3 billion project financing of Neart Na Gaoithe offshore wind farm in Scotland.
- Export credit agencies and lenders on the \$19 billion Yamal LNG project financing in the Arctic region of Russia.



Capabilities

Projects
Energy and Infrastructure
Finance
Infrastructure
Oil and Gas
Power and Renewables

Credentials

Education

University of Law - 2017 Masters in Law, Business and Management

University of Law - 2017 Legal Practice Course

University of York - 2016 Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)

Admissions

England & Wales - Solicitor
New York Bar

- Transneft on confidential advice with regards to the Eastern Siberia–Pacific Ocean Oil Pipeline from Russia to China.
- Lenders to the Eurasian Resources Group on the financing of its corporate facilities.
- A consortium of infrastructure sponsors on the acquisition of an interest in a gas pipeline project between Algeria and Europe.
- Macquarie and Swisslife refinancing on the €591.2 million refinancing of Società Gasdotti Italia S.p.A., comprising bank facilities and the European Investment Bank debt.
- Macquarie on an inventory monetisation of gasoline and diesel owned by Circle K in Sweden.

Select Transactions – Finance and Restructuring:*

- Fidera on the debt restructuring of Aggregate Group and the Part 26A UK Restructuring Plan.
- The RCF lenders in connection with the multi-creditor class partially consensual and partially non-consensual restructuring of the Telepizza Group by virtue of one of the first Restructuring Plans in Spain.
- Ad hoc group of bondholders in connection with the European Top Soho restructuring.
- The RCF Lenders, and Barclays Bank PLC as lender and sole bookrunner to Cineworld Group plc during its restructuring which involved \$450 million priority senior secured rescue facility and a second-out elevated term loan.
- The junior creditors in the contested proceedings to restructure Virgin Active using a Part 26A Plan.
- The lenders to CarTrawler in relation to its debt restructuring due to being heavily affected by COVID-19.
- The bondholders to Distribuidora Internacional de Alimentació in relation to a liability management transaction in respect of €300 million unsecured notes.
- FTX Chapter 11 US Bankruptcy process.
- Garrett Motion Inc. in its agreement with KPS Capital Partners, LP to purchase its business for \$2.1 billion and the commencement of a voluntary Chapter 11 cases with the United States Bankruptcy Court to implement the purchase.

**Includes representations prior to association with Gibson Dunn.*

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