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Asters

Founded in 1995, Asters is one of the leading law firms in Ukraine.

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The firm's name reflects its status arising from time-tested expertise and an increasingly growing employee base, which expertly handles high-quality projects and clearly earns the appreciation and gratitude of clients. The word "Asters" is derived from the Greek and Latin notion of "stars". That is what we believe our best lawyers are, and that is what our clients certainly are. Currently consisting of eight partners and over 55 lawyers, our partnership has been rejuvenated, and the firm's outlook and future are bright, having great prospects for further growth and strengthening of its leading market positions. The name of the firm is clearly in line with today's international trends and more precisely discloses our mission – *reaching the stars for our clients*.

The Firm Today

Asters is among the most recommended law firms in Ukraine according to such authoritative international reviews as *The Legal 500*, *PLC Which Lawyer?*, *Chambers Global*, and *IFLR1000*.

For the last eight years, the firm has been invariably named among the best law firms in Ukraine in the annual ranking *Top 50 Ukrainian Law Firms* by *Yuridicheskaya Praktika* (Legal Practice), Ukraine's premier legal weekly.

Asters has also been ranked as the No.1 law firm for antitrust and information technologies & communications in Ukraine and recognized as one of the top Ukrainian law firms in banking & finance, capital markets, corporate, medicine and securities by *Ukrainian Law Firms 2011*, a Ukrainian legal market research publication.

The logo for Asters, featuring the word "Asters" in a teal, sans-serif font. The letter 'A' is stylized with a thin, curved line extending from its top left corner.

The firm won the prestigious *2010* and *2007 International Law Office Client Choice Award for Ukraine*. It is the only Ukrainian law firm ever to receive such an accolade from the International Law Office, which chooses the winners based on the survey of more than 1,300 corporate clients worldwide.



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From the moment it was founded and into the present, the firm has focused on assisting clients in navigating the nuances of laws and avoiding costly legal pitfalls that might otherwise arise while doing business in Ukraine. In order to meet our clients' highest standards, we have developed a Western-style legal practice based on a client-oriented approach.

Asters augments its Western approach with an in-depth knowledge of the law, substantial experience, deep understanding of the local operating environment, and state-of-the-art technology. We stand above the competition due to our ability to deliver prompt, efficient and high-quality legal services. We are always responsive to our clients' diverse needs, and we are able to work within tight deadlines.

M&A

Highly recommended in M&A
IFLR1000: The Guide to the World's Best Financial Law Firms 2011

Highly regarded for the biggest deals in the market
THE LEGAL 500: EMEA 2011

Highly recommended in M&A
PLC Which Lawyer? 2011

Acknowledged as No.1 team of attorneys in M&A
Best Lawyers 2010

Highly rated in M&A
Chambers Europe 2011

Our attorneys handle a large number of Ukraine's largest and most complicated M&A transactions. These matters span various sectors of the Ukrainian economy, such as banking, insurance, telecommunications, oil and gas, power, steel, chemical, shipbuilding, media, hi-tech, and other. The package we offer to our clients in this respect encompasses the structuring and implementation of such transactions. This includes such intricate matters as legal due diligence, title transfer advice, tax and currency regulation, antitrust clearance, as well as drafting contracts and supporting documents.

Asters

Aval Bank

Represented *Aval Bank* in the USD 1.028 billion sale to Raiffeisen International Bank-Holding AG.

Swedbank AB

Represented *Swedbank AB* in the USD 735 million acquisition of controlling equity in TAS Kommerzbank and TAS-Investbank, subsequently renamed into JSC Swedbank and JSC Swedbank Invest, establishing of the first Ukrainian banking holding group Swedbank Finance, and merger of its Ukrainian subsidiaries JSC Swedbank and JSC Swedbank Invest.

Telenor

Represented *Telenor* in connection with its USD 24 billion transaction with Alfa Group of Russia involving merger of assets between the Russian mobile telecom operator VimpelCom and the leading Ukrainian telecom operator Kyivstar GSM.

Coca-Cola European Union Group

Represented *Coca-Cola European Union Group* in connection with acquisition of CJSC BAN (Zaporizhzhya non-alcoholic beverages plant), including due diligence of the companies, structuring and documenting the transaction and obtaining regulatory approvals.



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Represented *Boeing Company*, the world's largest aircraft manufacturer, on various aspects of Ukrainian law in connection with acquisition of C-MAP, a leading provider of maritime cartography, which has significant operations in Ukraine.

Boeing Company

Represented *Sopharma*, a leading Bulgarian pharmaceutical company, in the acquisition of a major block of shares in Vitaminy, one of the leading Ukrainian pharmaceutical producers.

Sopharma

Represented *ED & F Man Holdings*, a major global supplier of food, feeds, and biofuels, in connection with the acquisition of sugar production facilities in Ukraine, including due diligence of Ukrainian companies, structuring and documenting the deal, its corporate, antitrust, employment, and tax aspects.

**ED & F Man
Holdings**

Represented *Severstal Group* in the acquisition of Dniprometyz, and a controlling equity in Kryvorizhstal.

Severstal Group

Corporate

Highly regarded in corporate and commercial law
Chambers Global 2011

Highly rated in corporate law
Chambers Europe 2011

One of the Top 5 Ukrainian law firms
Ukrainian Law Firms 2011

Highly recommended in corporate law
PLC Which Lawyer? 2011

Our attorneys often advise an increasing number of foreign clients on a wide spectrum of corporate matters. We are experts in such areas of Ukrainian corporate law as establishing new legal entities, as well as liquidating, reorganising or restructuring legal entities. We also advise on the intricacies of corporate governance under Ukrainian law. Legal support with respect to establishing new entities consists of, inter alia, drafting foundation documents, by-laws and other corporate documents. Our advice in regard of corporate governance entails assistance in conducting general meetings of shareholders/participants, protecting shareholders' rights, etc. We are also highly skilled in conducting legal due diligence and providing legal advice in such legal areas as IP, labour, customs, environmental, and tax issues.

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Telenor

Advised *Telenor* on corporate governance, corporate finance, labour and employment, contracts, and litigation since 1997.

Ecolab

Advised *Ecolab*, the world's leading provider of cleaning, food safety and health protection products and services for the hospitality, healthcare and industrial markets, on corporate governance matters in connection with implementation of the intra-group restructuring of the Ecolab group involving its subsidiary in Ukraine.

Industrial Media Network

Advised *Industrial Media Network*, a leading Internet service provider in Ukraine, on matters of corporate and commercial law pertaining to the company corporate restructuring and complying with new Ukrainian legislation on joint stock companies.

STX Europe ASA

Advised *STX Europe ASA* (f.k.a. Aker Yards ASA), a major international shipbuilding group, on corporate, contracts, labour, securities, banking, tax, insurance, environmental law matters pertaining to its holding in Wadan Yards Okean (f.k.a. Damen Shipyards Okean), a major Ukrainian shipyard, since 2007.



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Advised *Coca-Cola Ukraine Limited* on a large variety of Ukrainian law issues, including regulatory, corporate, media and advertising, employment, customs, and IP, since 2003.

Coca-Cola Ukraine
Limited

Advised *Nissan Motor Ukraine*, on various issues of Ukrainian corporate, contract, IP, and employment law in connection with setting up a representative office in Ukraine and its active operation since 2005.

Nissan Motor Ukraine

Advised *Shell East Europe Company* on certain issues of corporate, commercial and regulatory law in connection with the company's activities in Ukraine.

Shell East Europe
Company

Advised *Sumitec Ukraine*, an official dealer of Toyota, Komatsu, and Bomag, on various issues of Ukrainian corporate, labour, and taxation law in connection with the company's operations in Ukraine.

Sumitec Ukraine

Advised *Ukrainian National Lottery*, a major Ukrainian on-line lottery operator, on a broad range of corporate, commercial, and licensing issues pertaining to its operations in Ukraine.

Ukrainian
National Lottery

Banking and Finance

Highly recommended firm in banking and finance. *PLC Which Lawyer? 2011*

1st tier law firm for banking and finance. *Chambers Global 2011*

Recommended law firm in banking in finance. *Legal 500: EMEA 2011*

Highly recommended law firm in banking and finance
IFLR1000: The Guide to the World's Best Financial Law Firms 2011

One of the Top 5 Ukrainian law firms in banking and finance. *Ukrainian Law Firms 2011*

One of the Top 3 law firms of the year in banking and finance
Legal Awards 2011 (by Yuridicheskaya Practika Publishing)

Attorneys at Asters regularly advise on banking law and currency control. Our corporate clients in the banking industry include international and local banks and financial institutions, trading and finance companies, as well as lenders, issuers, and borrowers in diverse banking and financing transactions. We have substantial experience in structuring, documenting and negotiating various secured and unsecured financing transactions in Ukraine. Such deals entail, for example, the acquisition of the shares of Ukrainian banks by foreign banking groups. Our lawyers have overseen all legal aspects of bilateral and syndicated loans. We frequently render advice on project finance and support trade finance in various sectors of the Ukrainian economy.



Citigroup and Merrill Lynch

Advised *Citigroup* and *Merrill Lynch* on the USD 368 million secured loan facility provided to a group of companies, including the software department of *Flextronics International Ltd.*

IFC and EBRD

Advised *IFC* and *EBRD* in a number of secured loan facilities provided to Ukrainian companies in various industries for a total value exceeding USD 1.020 billion.

Deutsche Bank AG

Advised *Deutsche Bank AG* on the USD 480 million loan facility provided to the State Road Service of Ukraine under guarantee of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine for the purpose of financing the reconstruction of the Kyiv-Odesa highway.

ING Bank N.V.

Advised *ING Bank N.V.* in connection with the USD 50 million sunflower pre-export finance facility to *Myronivsky Hliboproduct Group*, one of the largest agro-industrial companies in Ukraine.



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Advised *Société Générale* and *ING Bank N.V.* on three syndicated loan facilities for the total value of EUR 106 million provided to Alchevsk Iron and Steel Works, a subsidiary of the Corporation Industrial Union of Donbass.

Société Générale
and *ING Bank N.V.*

Advised *Sberbank*, Savings Bank of the Russian Federation, on the USD 700 million syndicated financing to Metinvest, the largest metals manufacturing holding in Ukraine.

Sberbank

Advised *Sputnik Group* in connection with the USD 40 million financing from EBRD for development of its pension and insurance business in Russia and Ukraine.

Sputnik Group

Advised *Barclays Capital*, *Citigroup*, and *SACE* on the USD 344 million syndicated loan facility provided for financing of the Dnepropetrovsk steel mill project in Ukraine sponsored by Interpipe.

Barclays Capital
Citigroup, *SACE*

Capital Markets

Recommended firm for capital markets
PLC Which Lawyer? 2011

One of the Top 5 capital markets firms in Ukraine
Ukrainian Law Firms 2011

Capital markets law firm of the year
Corporate Intl Global Award 2010

Our lawyers serve as legal counsel in connection with debt and equity capital market transactions on a regular basis. We render legal advice and support in regard of Eurobond offerings, private placement of shares, and IPOs. Such representation involves comprehensive and all-encompassing due diligence services, structuring and regulatory advice, based on experience and strategy in view of the latest Ukrainian practice. Asters also provides legal advice on the regulation of the securities/derivatives and investment business.

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Morgan Stanley and
ABN AMRO Bank N.V.

Advised *Morgan Stanley* and *ABN AMRO Bank N.V.*, as lead managers, on the first high-yield USD 250 million Eurobond offering by Myronivsky Hliboproduct Group.

Standard Bank Plc
and BNP Paribas

Advised *Standard Bank Plc* and *BNP Paribas*, as lead managers, on debut USD 100 million Eurobond offering by Bank Pivdennyi.

Citigroup and
Standard Bank

Advised *Citigroup* and *Standard Bank*, as lead managers, on the USD 100 million Eurobond offering by Forum Bank.

Dresdner Kleinwort
Wasserstein,
JPMorgan,
UBS Investment Bank

Advised *Dresdner Kleinwort Wasserstein*, *JPMorgan*, and *UBS Investment Bank*, as lead managers, on the USD 150 million municipal Eurobond offering by the City of Kyiv (the first municipal Eurobond offering in Ukraine).



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Advised *Dresdner Kleinwort Wasserstein*, as lead manager, on debut USD 100 million Eurobond offering by UkrSibbank.

*Dresdner Kleinwort
Wasserstein*

Advised *Ukrsotsbank* in connection with the USD 100 million Eurobond offering.

Ukrsotsbank

Advised *Bank of America Merrill Lynch, The Royal Bank of Scotland, UBS Investment Bank* and *Dragon Capital* on the USD 250 million debut issue of Eurobonds by MRIYA Agro Holding, one of the leading agricultural groups in Ukraine.

*Bank of America
Merrill Lynch,
UBS Investment Bank,
The Royal Bank of Scotland,
Dragon Capital*

Competition and Antitrust

Leading law firm in Ukraine for antitrust
Ukrainian Law Firms 2011

Recommended law firm for antitrust/competition
PLC Which Lawyer? 2011

Highly ranked for antitrust in Ukraine
Best Lawyers International 2010

One of the Top 3 law firm in competition
Legal Awards 2011 (by Yuridicheskaya Praktika Publishing)

We have a deep knowledge and vast experience in the entire spectrum of antitrust issues in Ukraine. We successfully guide our clients through the labyrinth of the Ukrainian antimonopoly rules, allowing them to avoid the competition pitfalls. We assist our clients in obtaining merger clearances from the Antimonopoly Committee of Ukraine for M&A transactions and joint ventures. Our attorneys help our clients minimise the burden of having to respond to state investigations, advise on a large variety of matters involving monopolization, concerted practices, abuse of dominance, unfair competition, discrimination by state and public bodies, etc.

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RUSAL

Advised *RUSAL* on a merger filing with the Antimonopoly Committee of Ukraine in connection with the multibillion merger of *RUSAL*, *SUAL*, and *Glenore International AG* and creation of corporation *UC RUSAL*; the acquisition of 25%+ stake in *Norilsk Nickel*.

Allianz SE

Advised on merger filing in connection with the takeover of *Dresdner Bank AG* by *Commerzbank AG* from *Allianz SE* and related transactions.

UniCredito Italiano S.p.A.

Advised *UniCredito Italiano S.p.A.* on a merger filing in connection with acquisition of *Bayerische Hypo-und Vereinsbank AG*.

Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd.

Advised *Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. (Israel)* in connection with obtaining approval of the competition authority for acquisition of *Ratiopharm (Germany)*.

Novartis AG

Advised *Novartis AG*, a Swiss-based global pharmaceuticals manufacturer, in obtaining a merger clearance for acquisition by *Novartis* of the majority stake (52.15%) in *Alcon, Inc. (Switzerland)*, a global leader in eye care, from *Nestlé S.A.*



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Advised *LVMH Möet Hennessy Louis Vuitton* on a merger filing in connection with the acquisitions of the luxury Swiss watchmaker Hublot and the luxury British shipbuilder Princess Yachts International.

**LVMH Möet Hennessy
Louis Vuitton**

Successfully represented *Nissan Motor Co. (Japan)* and its affiliate Ukrainian distributor Nissan Motor Ukraine before the Antimonopoly Committee of Ukraine in a case to enjoin violation of Ukrainian laws on protection against unfair competition practices.

Nissan Motor

Advised *Western Union* on various competition compliance issues related to dominance, concerted practices, and unfair competition and represented Western Union before the Antimonopoly Committee of Ukraine.

Western Union

Advised *Beiersdorf AG* on unfair competition matters and represented Beiersdorf AG before the Antimonopoly Committee of Ukraine.

Beiersdorf AG

Advised *Nokia Corporation* on a merger filing for establishing Nokia Siemens Networks joint venture.

Nokia Corporation

Dispute Resolution

Recommended law firm for dispute resolution in Ukraine
PLC Which Lawyer? 2011

Highly recommended law firm in dispute resolution
Legal 500: EMEA 2011

Top ranked for dispute resolution
Chambers Europe 2011

Asters provides a full range of litigation and arbitration services. We represent our clients before courts of general jurisdiction and commercial courts appearing in courts of first instance, courts of appeal, the Supreme Commercial Court of Ukraine and the Supreme Court of Ukraine. In addition, we have considerable experience in defending our clients' rights before the International Commercial Arbitration at the Ukrainian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, as well as international commercial arbitration institutions. We successfully assist our clients enforcing foreign judgments and arbitral awards on the territory of Ukraine. We also devote a considerable part of our practice to representing clients in administrative litigation procedures before such local governmental bodies as, inter alia, the Antimonopoly Committee of Ukraine and the Ministry of Economy of Ukraine.



Telenor

Advised *Telenor* in litigating cases in Ukrainian courts with regard to the complex multijurisdictional dispute involving transnational litigation and arbitration between Telenor and the other major shareholder of Kyivstar GSM, the leading Ukrainian mobile telecom operator.

Coca-Coca Ukraine

Represented *Coca-Coca Ukraine* in numerous matters arising under Ukrainian law with respect to the company's activities in Ukraine, including litigation before Ukrainian courts in connection with defending the company's intellectual property rights, advertising, and consumer claims.

Nissan Motor Ukraine

Represented *Nissan Motor Ukraine* in several matters related to consumer claims associated with warranties and repairs, as well as post-purchase maintenance.

Renaissance Capital Bank

Advised *Renaissance Capital Bank* on several litigation matters.



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Advised *Sopharma* with respect to claims by the company's distributors in Ukraine in matters mainly associated with breach of contract and collection of debts for medical drugs supplies, as well as the termination of licensing agreements for certain trademarks.

Sopharma

Represented *Agrosin Private Limited* in two arbitration proceedings at the International Commercial Arbitration Court at the Ukrainian Chamber of Commerce and Industry in connection with its claims for the recovery of damages against Azot (Cherkasy) and the subsequent proceedings in Ukrainian courts of general jurisdiction.

**Agrosin Private
Limited**

Advised *ED & F Man Holdings*, a major global supplier of food, feeds, and biofuels, in a series of matters, including defence against abusive litigation directed at its subsidiaries in Ukraine.

ED & F Man Holdings

Real Estate

Recommended law firm for real estate in Ukraine
Legal 500: EMEA 2011

Recommended law firm for real estate
Chambers Europe 2011

Recommended law firm for corporate real estate
PLC Which Lawyer? 2010

We have substantial experience in advising on various real estate transactions. This includes the acquisition of real property via privatisation, sale/purchase, lease and mortgage. Our real estate practice encompasses not only residential but also commercial real estate, including transactions with respect to office buildings, retail complexes, warehouses, and industrial real estate. We have substantial experience in working with professional real estate investors. We draw upon the practical experience of our real estate lawyers throughout the full cycle of property investment – from site acquisition to development, lease and/or further sale. Our attorneys possess all the requisite experience for developing financial schemes for real estate investment projects that meet the needs of the clients and operate in their best interest.

Asters

Eurasia

Advised *Eurasia*, a major Kazakhstan investor, on the acquisition of various commercial properties and development sites in Kyiv and in the Kyiv Region.

Russia Partners Investment Fund

Advised *Russia Partners Investment Fund* on the sale of Artem Business Center and acquisition of various development sites in Kyiv.

Meyer Bergman

Advised *Meyer Bergman* on an acquisition project Kyiv, our partners provided post-purchase refinancing support and legal counsel.

CCI Holdings

Advised *CCI Holdings*, an Australian company supplying technical services to the mining and processing industries, on land acquisition for construction of a coal mine in Lviv Region, Ukraine.

KazTransGas

Advised *KazTransGas*, a Kazakh state natural gas transportation company, on the acquisition of land for the construction of a liquefied gas terminal in Kerch, Ukraine.



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Advised *Meinl European Land*, an Austrian investment and development company, on the sale of shares to Citigroup and Gazit-Globe, an Israeli real estate investment company.

[Meinl European Land](#)

Advised *VP Market*, the largest retail chain in the Baltic States, on the acquisition of retail real estate in Odessa, Ukraine.

[VP Market](#)

Advised *AR Carton*, a leading Pan-European cardboard packaging company, on the acquisition of industrial real estate in Poltava region, Ukraine.

[AR Carton](#)

Advised *Hypo Real Estate Bank International AG* regarding the loan to a Ukrainian subsidiary of a multinational logistics partnership to finance the development of the Chaika Warehouse Centre in Kyiv.

[Hypo Real Estate Bank International AG](#)

Advised *CD Capital* with regard to a joint venture aimed at financing and construction of a major trade and recreational centre in Kharkiv.

[CD Capital](#)

Telecom

No. 1 law firm in Ukraine for telecommunications
Ukrainian Law Firms 2011

1st tier law firm for corporate work in the telecom sector in Ukraine
Chambers Global 2009

Asters advises telecom companies on matters related to regulatory, corporate, and commercial framework and infrastructure. We have been involved in the development of new telecom legislation in Ukraine. Our legal expertise encompasses, inter alia, issues concerning network interconnection, access, licensing, project finance, loan facilities for mobile operators and fixed telephony operators. We are also experienced in the area of satellite networks, virtual private networks, IP-telephony areas, and the Internet. Our firm has been involved in a number of matters in relation to the development of the Internet industry in Ukraine, including the establishment of the Internet Association of Ukraine.

Asters

Telenor

Advised *Telenor* in connection with its plans to render satellite network services in Ukraine via Telenor's Thor III satellite (up-link, encryption and satellite capacity), to sell TV channel packages in the CATV and DTH markets, to introduce new interactive services, and launch a satellite feed to a terrestrial network; represented in various telecom regulatory, corporate, securities, investment and financial matters related to its shareholding in Kyivstar GSM, a major Ukrainian mobile operator, as well as on licensing matters and requirements of antitrust regulations applicable to the acquisition of shares in telecommunication companies.

TeliaSonera International Carrier AB

Advised *TeliaSonera International Carrier AB*, a leading telecommunications company in the Nordic and Baltic region, on variety of telecom issues in Ukraine.

AT&T

Advised *AT&T* on the legal framework for VoIP services in Ukraine.

Global TeleSystems Group Inc.

Advised *Global TeleSystems Group Inc. (GTS)* in connection with the offering by GTS of its common stock, conducted due diligence of its Ukrainian subsidiary, Golden Telecom (Ukraine), mobile operator, and provided advice on telecom licensing regulation.



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Advised *Linx Telecommunications*, a Netherlands company operating in the Baltic countries, Poland and Russia, on the issues of regulatory requirements on the provision of IP-telephony services in Ukraine.

**Linx
Telecommunications**

Advised *MCI* on various legal issues of data transmission in Ukraine and represented it in negotiations with a Ukrainian telecom service provider in connection with Internet Service Supply Agreements, frame relay (FRS), and IPL Services.

MCI

Advised *NTT* on telecom regulatory issues in connection with providing IP-VPN services in Ukraine, the licensing procedure, issues of encryption licensing, certification, use of frequencies, and audio-text services.

NTT

Advised *NTV Plus*, a major Russian satellite TV broadcasting company, on certain issues of Ukrainian satellite broadcasting regulation and protection of intellectual property rights.

NTV Plus

Advised *Quantitude*, a telecom subsidiary of Galileo International, on issues of establishing a cross-border virtual private network and licensing of its operations in Ukraine.

Quantitude

Oil and Gas

1st tier law firm for energy and natural resources in Ukraine
Best Lawyers International 2009

Our attorneys are well regarded for handling international and domestic transactions for clients engaged in many sectors of the oil and gas industry. Our clients include major and independent producers, pipelines, and landowners. The firm's attorneys represent oil and gas clients in all aspects of business transactions, including review and drafting of agreements relating to the financing, development, operation, and transfer of oil and gas properties. We represent clients before state administrative agencies charged with responsibility for the development of the state's oil and gas resources.

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KazMunaiGaz	Represented <i>KazMunaiGaz</i> , a Kazakh state oil and gas company, in connection with establishing of a joint venture with Naftogaz Ukraine.
Mountfield Commodities Ukraine	Represented <i>Mountfield Commodities Ukraine</i> in connection with construction of a gas condensate processing plant.
Marathon Oil Company	Represented <i>Marathon Oil Company</i> in connection with offshore oil exploration and production in Ukraine on the basis of a production sharing agreement.
Rohol-Aufsuchungs AG	Represented <i>Rohol-Aufsuchungs AG</i> in connection with formation of an oil and gas joint venture in Ukraine, as well as exploration and production licensing, transportation, transit, and export of natural gas.
Rolls-Royce Power Venture Ltd.	Represented <i>Rolls-Royce Power Venture Ltd.</i> in connection with natural production, transportation, and transit of natural gas, as well as production sharing agreements.



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Represented *British Petroleum* in connection with the development of the Law of Ukraine on Production Sharing Agreements.

[British Petroleum](#)

Represented *Azov Oil Company* in connection with mortgage of oil tank farm and oil refinery in Mariupol, Ukraine.

[Azov Oil Company](#)

Represented *Gas de France* in connection with the establishment of UkfraGas, a joint venture with Naftogas Ukrainy and Odesagas.

[Gas de France](#)

Represented *Green Gas International*, a global gas management and utilization company, on corporate, regulatory and energy law issues in connection with the company's coal mine methane utilization programme.

[Green Gas International](#)

Represented *MI Energy* in connection of acquisition of oil & gas fields in the Western part of Ukraine.

[Azov Oil Company](#)

Clients

We work to build, maintain and nurture longstanding relationships with our clients. This means providing business intelligence, strategic counsel, and other services that add long-term value to our clients' interests and investments. We are candid, open and honest in all our dealings, and we act with the utmost integrity. We zealously pursue our clients' interests and strive to build solid relationships, thus rendering an impeccable level of service. We are always open to client feedback with a view to further perfect and improve our performance.

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We represent major international corporations and leading Ukrainian companies in such industries as:

automotive
banking and finance
energy
environment
food and distribution
information technologies

media and advertising
oil and gas
pharmaceuticals and cosmetics
real estate and construction
shipbuilding
telecommunications

We regularly work on Ukraine-related matters with the leading international law firms throughout the US and Europe, including:

Allen & Overy
Ashurst
Berwin Leighton Paisner
Clifford Chance
Cleary Gottlieb
Dewey & LeBoeuf
Eversheds
Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer
Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher

Hogan Lovells
Jones Day
Linklaters
Norton Rose
Orrick
Shearman & Sterling
Skadden
Weil, Gotshal & Manges
White & Case



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Our clients include major international corporations and leading Ukrainian companies, such as:

Beiersdorf AG
Coca-Cola
Glencore International
Miele
Nissan Motor

Nokia Corporation
Renault SAS
Sopharma AD
Telenor
Toshiba Corp.

We also represent the world's leading financial institutions, including:

ABN Amro
Barclays Capital
Citibank
Credit Suisse
Deutsche Bank
Dresdner Kleinwort Wasserstein
EBRD
IFC

ING Bank N.V.
Bank of America Merrill Lynch
Morgan Stanley
SEB Group
Standard Bank
Swedbank
UBS Investment Bank
WestLB

Social Responsibility

Safeguarding justice and doing good – these are the most important missions of jurisprudence. Dedicated to high moral and ethical standards in the legal profession, our lawyers actively challenge imminent social problems and other matters vital to the development of Ukrainian civil society.

We believe that social responsibility is the cornerstone of the firm's activities. Supporting social projects through pro bono legal advice, charity and patronage, educational programs, and further endeavours designed to cultivate a sense of justice among the general public are ways in which we contribute to reinforcing common human values.

Asters

Education

Holding the *annual scholarship competition for law students* studying at Kyiv and Kyiv region higher learning institutions.

Sponsoring the national pre-selection round of *Telders International Law Moot Court Competition*, considered to be the most prestigious and important international moot court competition in Europe.

Charity

Initiation of the art project "*Art Asters*" dedicated to supporting, showcasing and popularizing Ukrainian art.

Contributing to *Ukraine 3000 International Charity Foundation*, particularly the *Ukraine Saving Its Children* program aimed at the procurement of medicines and medical equipment to benefit children with leukemia.

Community

Promoting the development of the jural state and the legal profession in Ukraine, specifically through the *Ukrainian Bar Association*, a Ukrainian non-governmental organisation.

Being part of the Ukrainian Bar Association working group set up for drafting *a new Law of Ukraine on the Legal Profession* aimed at substantially broadening the professional rights of the lawyers, extending their professional guarantees, creating a common and independent system of advocates' self-government, and resolving other matters relevant to the Ukrainian legal profession.



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Participating in the development of a *Reformation Concept of Pro Bono Legal Advice in Ukraine*, and providing legal services and drafting all documents necessary for the registration and operation of a pilot office to provide bono legal advice in Kharkiv, Ukraine.

Registering a chapter of the *DePaul Foundation*, a charitable organization operating under the auspices of Queen Elizabeth II of England, which focuses on providing aid to homeless children.

Advising the *ICC Commission on Banking Technique and Practice* in its work on translation of the Uniform Rules on Demand Guarantees (URDG 758), one of the most important documents governing settlements in international trade.

Supporting the work of the *Expert Council on Corporate Governance* at the *State Commission for Securities and Stock Market* in drafting clarifications of the Joint-Stock Companies Law.

Pro Bono

People

Our lawyers offer our clients in-depth knowledge and extensive expertise. Today, Asters employs over 50 highly skilled professionals advising our clients on a wide range of legal issues, including M&A, banking and finance, capital markets, securities, corporate law, antitrust, privatization and restructuring, litigation and international arbitration, real estate, oil and gas, telecommunications, labour law, intellectual property, taxation, and international trade.

All our attorneys received their Ukrainian law degrees from the best Ukrainian law schools and have developed problem-solving skills and experience from years of practicing law. All our attorneys are fluent in English. A number of our lawyers earned LL.M. degrees at prominent European and American universities and have gained substantial international experience working at the leading international law firms in the US, the UK, and Ukraine.

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Asters is a client-oriented firm which embraces the challenges that come with using the law and the legal system to meet our clients' business objectives.

Our goal is to provide our clients with high quality, efficient, and responsive legal service. Our people are our main asset, and the needs of our clients are our priority. In training our lawyers, we invest both time and the effort necessary to teach them how to deliver local expertise and personal attention required for them to build closer relationships with our clients, to thoroughly understand their businesses, their ambitions, and their people.



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While crafting creative and practical solutions for our clients' legal issues as a part of our everyday job, we build our corporate culture. We are proud of our professional and friendly atmosphere that allows us take our work seriously, share achievements, and enjoy working together. We support one another, appreciate a sense of humour, encourage individual styles to improve the legal knowledge, and place a high value in personalities and opportunities for individual development.

We believe that the aforementioned qualities, experience and opportunities have created such a worker-friendly atmosphere that our people consider us to be a reliable employer and remain on our team for years.

Oleksiy Didkovskiy

Managing Partner

Practice areas:
M&A, corporate, dispute resolution, telecommunications, and insurance

“Lawyers must have the ability to understand their client’s business and their attitude toward deals, and to anticipate the client’s likely requirement. At Asters, we do our utmost to meet all these criteria.”

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Recognition

No. 1 lawyer in Ukraine for information technologies and communications
Ukrainian Law Firms 2011
Recommended for corporate/commercial in Ukraine. *Chambers Global 2011*
Leading lawyer in M&A and project finance. *Who’s Who Legal CIS 2011*
Recommended for corporate and M&A in Ukraine. *Legal 500: EMEA 2011*
Highly recommended lawyer for corporate/M&A in Ukraine
PLC Which Lawyer? 2010
Leading practitioner for corporate governance and telecommunications
The Legal Media Group Guides (Expert Guides) 2010
Recognized lawyer for corporate, M&A and telecommunications
Best Lawyers 2010

Education

Institute of International Relations of Kyiv National Taras Shevchenko University
(J.D., 1996)

Bar Admissions

Ukraine (1996)

Membership and Activities

Ukrainian Bar Association
Kyiv City Bar Association

Languages

English, Ukrainian, Russian



reaching the stars for our clients

- Advised *Telenor*, a major shareholder of a leading Ukrainian mobile operator Kyivstar GSM, on corporate governance issues and litigations commenced by Alfa Group and its affiliates in Ukraine.
- Advised *Telia Sonera*, a leading telecommunications company in the Nordic and Baltic regions, on telecom, corporate, employment, and customs law in connection with the company's activities in Ukraine.
- Advised *Element Six (De Beers Group)*, the world's largest supplier of high quality superabrasives and industrial diamond materials, in connection with acquisition of Poltava Diamond Plant.
- Advised *Russia Partners Investment Fund* on the acquisition of Insurance Company "International Insurance Group".
- Advised *ED & F Man*, a major global supplier of food, feeds, and biofuels, on the acquisition and operations of sugar production facilities in Ukraine, including associated corporate, regulatory, and litigation issues.
- Advised *EDB*, a major IT group in the Nordic countries, on the acquisition of Ukrainian IT companies Infopulse Ukraine and Miratech Corporation.
- Advised *AT&T* in connection with licensing and compliance requirements under Ukrainian telecommunications laws.
- Advised *Renaissance Insurance Group* in connection with incorporation of a life insurance company in Ukraine.
- Advised *a global provider of electronic engineering and network solutions* in connection with the international restructuring of the company, including its subsidiaries in Ukraine.
- Advised *a major Ukrainian pharmaceutical company* on corporate, employment and competition law issues related to the company restructuring, international debt and equity fund raising perspectives.

Representative transactions

Armen Khachaturyan

Senior Partner

Practice areas:
Banking and finance, capital markets, M&A, foreign investments,
securities, corporate, and employment

“The challenge is not simply to get into the top tier of your profession, it’s to stay there. You need to prove your qualifications every single day.”



Recognition

Highly recommended lawyer for M&A, banking and finance, and capital markets
Chambers Global 2011, PLC Which Lawyer? 2011, Who’s Who Legal: CIS 2011, IFLR1000 2011

Pre-eminent practitioner for banking and finance
The Legal Media Group Guides (Expert Guides) 2011

Recommended for banking and finance, and capital markets. *Legal 500: EMEA 2011*

Recognized among the leading practitioners for banking and finance, capital markets and securities. *Ukrainian Law Firms 2011*

Recognized lawyer for banking and finance law, capital markets, securities, corporate and M&A. *Best Lawyers International 2010*

Education

Kyiv National Taras Shevchenko University (Diploma in International Law, 1983;
Ph.D. in Private International Law, 1990)

International Law Institute, Washington, D.C. (Orientation in U.S. Legal System, 1991)

Yale University Law School, USA (LL.M, 1993)

Bar Admissions

Ukraine (1983)

Membership and Activities

International Bar Association, Ukrainian Bar Association, Kyiv City Bar Association
Foreign Advisory Board of the Ukrainian American Bar Association, Board of
Directors of U.S.-Ukraine Business Council, National IPO Committee of Ukraine

Languages

English, Ukrainian, Russian



reaching the stars for our clients

- Advised *Bank of America Merrill Lynch, The Royal Bank of Scotland, UBS Investment Bank* and *Dragon Capital* on the USD 250 million debut issue of Eurobonds by MRIYA Agro Holding, one of the leading agricultural groups in Ukraine.
- Advised *Morgan Stanley* and *ABN AMRO Bank N.V.*, as lead managers, in the USD 250 million Eurobond offering by Myronivskiy Hliboprodukt.
- Advised *Citigroup* and *Standard Bank*, as lead managers, in the USD 100 million Eurobond offering by Forum Bank.
- Advised *Standard Bank* and *BNP Paribas*, as lead managers, in the USD 100 million Eurobond offering by Bank Pivdennyi.
- Advised *Dresdner Kleinwort Wasserstein, JPMorgan*, and *UBS Investment Bank*, as lead managers, in Kyiv City USD 150 million Eurobond issue (the first municipal Eurobond offering in Ukraine).
- Advised *Deutsche Bank Securities* and *Morgan Stanley*, as lead managers, in Kyiv City USD 200 million municipal Eurobond issue (the second municipal Eurobond offering in Ukraine).
- Advised *Sberbank*, Savings Bank of the Russian Federation, on the USD 700 million dollar syndicated financing to Metinvest, the largest metals manufacturing holding in Ukraine.
- Advised *Aval Bank* in the USD 1.028 billion equity sale to Raiffeisen International Bank-Holding AG.
- Advised *Swedbank AB* in the USD 735 million acquisition of controlling equity in TAS-Kommerzbank and TAS-Investbank, and establishing of the first Ukrainian banking holding group Swedbank Finance.
- Advised *Severstal Group* in the acquisition of Dniprometyz and a controlling equity in Kryvorizhstal.

Representative transactions

Oleksandr Padalka

Partner

Practice areas:

Corporate and commercial law, M&A, dispute resolution, restructuring and insolvency, intellectual property, labour and employment, international trade and customs

“Lawyers’ mission is to give the best legal advice framed in the context of getting the deal done. And that’s the most difficult part.”

Asters

Recognition

Recommended lawyer in corporate and commercial transactions

Chambers Global 2011

Recommended lawyer for competition in Ukraine

Who’s Who Legal CIS 2011

Recommended for corporate and M&A in Ukraine

Legal 500: EMEA 2011

Recognized among the leading practitioners for medicine & healthcare

Ukrainian Law Firms 2011

Recommended lawyer for intellectual property and M&A in Ukraine

Best Lawyers International 2010

Education

Kyiv National Taras Shevchenko University (J.D., 1988)

Bar Admissions

Ukraine (1988)

Membership and Activities

International Bar Association

Ukrainian Bar Association

Kyiv Region Bar Association

Languages

English, Ukrainian, Russian



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- Advised *Glencore International AG* on corporate, contract, and labour law, including due diligence of a Ukrainian aluminum plant, in connection with the multibillion RUSAL, SUAL, and Glencore merger.
- Advised *Severstal Group* on various issues of Ukrainian corporate, contract, antitrust, employment, and taxation law in connection with acquisition of Dniprometyz.
- Advised *Sopharma AD*, a leading Bulgarian pharmaceutical company, on the acquisition of majority shareholding in Ukrainian pharmaceutical factory Vitaminy.
- Advised a *US leading energy and petrochemical company* on corporate and labour law issues.
- Advised *UniCredit Leasing* on various issues of Ukrainian corporate, contract and labour law in connection with the company's activities in Ukraine, involving introduction of regional branches.
- Advised a *major Korean financial services company* on various issues of Ukrainian corporate, contract and labour law in connection with establishing the company's presence in Ukraine and its further operations.
- Advised *Nissan Motor Co.* and its affiliate Ukrainian distributor Nissan Motor Ukraine in connection with protection against unfair competition practices.
- Advised *ProfMedia holding* in its acquisition of certain assets of media project Afisha Ukraine. The deal envisaged transfer of Afisha's IP rights, including trademarks, website and publications, as well as magazines Afisha and Afisha Guide from Ukrainian media holding KP Media.
- Regularly advising *Coca-Cola, Nissan Motor, Beiersdorf AG, S.C. Johnson, Velux, Ecolab Inc., ACNielsen* on various aspects of Ukrainian corporate, contract, intellectual property, and labour law issues.

Representative
transactions

Vadym Samoilenko

Partner

Practice areas:
Corporate and commercial, contracts, M&A, foreign investment, securities, tax, environmental

“Clients always want us to deliver yesterday a product they need for tomorrow. Well, we do it the day before yesterday.”

Asters

Recognition

One of Top 3 lawyers in Ukraine for corporate and commercial
Ukrainian Law Firms 2011
Recommended lawyer for private equity and venture capital
PLC Which Lawyer? 2011
Recognized lawyer for corporate/commercial, energy and natural resources, investment and M&A
Best Lawyers International 2009

Education

Yaroslav the Wise National Law Academy of Ukraine (J.D., 1995)
University of Chicago Law School (LL.M., 1996)
Harvard University Ukrainian Research Institute (1994)
Canada-Ukraine Parliamentary Programme (1993)
Lugansk State Pedagogical Institute (1988-1990)

Bar Admissions

Ukraine (1995)

Membership and Activities

Ukrainian Bar Association, Kyiv Region Bar Association
Ukrainian Banking and Finance Bar Association
Corporate Governance Council of Securities and Exchange State Commission of Ukraine, Head of Legal Department

Languages

English, Ukrainian, Russian



reaching the stars for our clients

- Advised *STX Europe ASA* (f.k.a. Aker Yards ASA), a major international shipbuilding group, on corporate, contracts, labour, securities, banking, tax, insurance, environmental law matters pertaining to its holding in Wadan Yards Okean (f.k.a. Damen Shipyards Okean), a major Ukrainian shipyard.
- Advised *PhosAgro*, a major Russian producer of chemical fertilisers, on corporate, contracts, tax, real estate law related to its subsidiaries and properties in Ukraine.
- Advised *PPG-Helios*, a major international producer of car coatings, paints and varnishes, on company establishment, corporate, contracts, labour, banking, tax law matters pertaining to its Ukrainian subsidiaries and its participation in construction of a major car building plant in Ukraine.
- Advised *Freescale Semiconductor*, a major international producer of embedded semiconductor solutions for cars, mobile phones and networks, on company establishment, corporate, contracts, labour, banking, tax law matters related to its subsidiaries in Ukraine.
- Advised *Industrial Media Network*, a major Ukrainian internet provider, in connection with the company corporate restructuring and complying with new Ukrainian legislation on joint stock companies.
- Advised *ISIDA-IVF*, a leading Ukrainian obstetric-gynecological clinic, and its shareholders in connection with the sale of a majority stake in ISIDA-IVF to Advent International, one of the biggest global private equity funds.

Representative transactions

Igor Svechkar

Partner

Practice areas:
Antitrust, unfair competition, M&A, foreign investments,
corporate and contract law

“When retained by a client, we aim to act decisively and promptly, finding the most cost-effective solutions.”

Asters

Recognition	Leading lawyer for antitrust in Ukraine. <i>Ukrainian Law Firms 2011</i> Recommended lawyer for competition. <i>Who's Who Legal CIS 2011</i> Endorsed lawyer for competition/antitrust. <i>PLC Which Lawyer? 2011</i> The Lawyer of the Year in Antitrust Law (Ukraine). <i>Best Lawyers 2011</i> Pre-eminent practitioner for competition and antitrust in Ukraine. <i>The Legal Media Group Guides (Expert Guides) 2010</i> No.1 lawyer in Ukraine for competition <i>Legal Awards 2011 (by Yuridicheskaya Practika Publishing)</i> Holder of <i>International Law Office (ILO) Client Choice Award 2011</i> (Competition, Ukraine)
Education	Institute of International Relations of Kyiv National Taras Shevchenko University (1999) Utrecht University Law School, the Netherlands (International Law, 1997)
Bar Admissions	Ukraine (1999)
Membership and Activities	Deputy Chairman of the Public Council with the Antimonopoly Committee of Ukraine Chairman of the Competition Committee of the Ukrainian Bar Association Co-Chair of the Competition Commission of the Ukrainian Committee of International Chamber of Commerce (ICC Ukraine) Member of Supporting Competition in the CIS – the advisory board to the CIS Interstate Competition Council, Member of ICC Commission on Competition (Paris) International Bar Association, Kyiv Regional Bar Association
Languages	English, Ukrainian, Russian



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- Acted for *Allianz AG, Barclays, Swedbank AB, UC RUSAL, Arcelor, Glencore International AG, UniCredito Italiano S.p.A., Coca-Cola, Nokia Corporation, Sony Pictures Entertainment Inc., General Electric Energy, Electrolux, Siemens AG, Acer Europe B.V., Kodak Health Group, Ford, MAN AG, Deer & Co, LVMH Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton SA, YSL, Mitsubishi Chemical, Chrysler, Fiat, Onexim, Compagnie Gervais Danone* in merger filings with the Antimonopoly Committee of Ukraine.
- Advised *Coca-Cola, Philip Morris, Walt Disney Company, L'Oreal Ukraine, Daikin Europe*, and *Chevron* on competition compliance.
- Advised *Beiersdorf AG, Nissan Motor, Heel*, and *Ansell* on unfair competition matters.
- Advised *Coca-Cola* in tenders for acquisition of several Ukrainian non-alcoholic beverages plants.
- Advised *Severstal Group* on various issues of Ukrainian law in connection with acquisition of *Dniprometyz*.
- Advised *Coca-Cola, Nissan Motor, Renault SAS, Sumitec Ukraine, 3M Ukraine, UniCredit Leasing, S.C. Johnson, Ecolab Inc., Velux, CB Richard Ellis, TMF, McKinsey & Company, ACNielsen* on various aspects of Ukrainian corporate law.
- Advised *Telenor* in *VimpelCom-Kyivstar* merger and antitrust proceedings into alleged abuse of dominance and concerted practices initiated by *Farimex*.

Representative transactions

Roman Kostenko

Partner

Practice areas:
real estate acquisition and finance, development and construction,
oil and gas, energy and environment

*“Self-confidence is a by-product of achievement.
We measure our progress by our accomplishments.”*



Recognition

Recognized among the leading practitioners for energy and natural resources
Ukrainian Law Firms 2011
Recommended lawyer for real estate and construction in Ukraine
Chambers Europe 2011
Recommended lawyer for energy and natural resources, land use and zoning,
and real estate for Ukraine
Best Lawyers International 2009

Education

Kyiv National University of Economy (Master of Law, 2002)

Bar Admissions

Ukraine (2001)

Languages

English, Ukrainian, Russian



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- Advised *Eurasia Group*, a major Kazakh investor, on the USD 100 million acquisition refinancing and in connection with acquisition of various development sites in Kyiv and the Kyiv Region.
- Advised *Citigroup Global Markets* and *Merrill Lynch* in connection with a USD 368 million secured financing to a group of companies, including the software department of *Flextronics International Ltd.*
- Advised *a major Austrian bank* in a cross-border development financing; a US investment fund on the USD 190 million acquisition of several land plots for greenfield warehouse development in the Kyiv Region.
- Advised *an international shipping company* in connection with the development of a container terminal on the Black Sea shore.
- Advised *a multinational oil and energy company* and *a global gas management and utilisation company* in connection with their activities in Ukraine.
- Advised *RUSAL* in connection with due diligence of its alumina plant in Ukraine in preparation for *RUSAL's* IPO on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange.
- Advised *CD Capital*, a private equity natural resources fund, with regard to a joint venture to develop a major trade and recreational centre in Kharkiv, Ukraine's second largest city.
- Advised *US investment fund* on the USD 190 million acquisition of several land plots for greenfield warehouse development in the Kyiv region.

Representative transactions

Iryna Pokanay

Partner

Practice areas:

Cross-border banking and finance transactions, project and trade finance, secured and syndicated lending, capital markets transactions, M&A

“Excellence is what we strive for ... Work hard, know your client’s needs, act quickly, thoroughly and in the best interest of your client, and you’ll get there.”

Asters

Recognition

Endorsed lawyer for banking and finance in Ukraine

PLC Which Lawyer? 2011

Recommended lawyer for capital markets, project finance and development in Ukraine

Best Lawyers International 2010

Recommended practitioner for banking and finance, and capital markets

Legal 500: EMEA 2010

Recommended as a leading legal practitioner in banking and finance

Chambers Europe 2010

Education

Kyiv National Taras Shevchenko University (Master of Law, 1998)

Bar Admissions

Ukraine (1998)

Languages

English, Ukrainian, Russian



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- Advised *Sberbank*, Savings Bank of the Russian Federation, on the USD 700 million dollar syndicated financing to Metinvest, the largest metals manufacturing holding in Ukraine.
- Advised *Société Générale* and *ING Bank N.V.* on three syndicated loans to Alchevsk Iron and Steel Works, subsidiary of Industrial Union of Donbass totaling EUR 106 million.
- Advised *Barclays Capital*, *Citigroup*, and *SACE* on the USD 344 million syndicated loan facility provided for financing of the Dnepropetrovsk steel mill project in Ukraine sponsored by Interpipe.
- Advised *Deutsche Bank AG* on two loans to Ukreximbank for a total value of USD 125 million.
- Advised *Česká exportní banka* and *Vseobecna Uverova Banka* on secured financings to Ukrainian companies.
- Acted for *IFC* and *EBRD* in a number of secured loan facilities provided to Ukrainian companies in various sectors for a total value exceeding USD 713 million.
- Advised *ING Bank N.V.* in connection with a USD 20 million pre-export finance facility to Grain Trading Company, part of the Cyprus-based Allseeds Group.
- Advised *Morgan Stanley* and *ABN AMRO Bank N.V.*, as lead managers, in the USD 250 million Eurobond issue by Myronivskiy Hliboprodukt.
- Advised *Citigroup* and *Standard Bank*, as lead managers, in the USD 100 million Eurobond offering by Forum Bank.
- Advised *Standard Bank Plc* and *BNP Paribas*, as lead managers, in the USD 100 million Eurobond offering by Bank Pivdennyi.

Representative transactions

Svitlana Poroschuk

Partner

Practice areas:

M&A, foreign investment, capital markets, corporate and securities, banking, intellectual property, and employment

“Before starting to work on a client’s matter we always try to understand the client’s business and utmost interest – this secures the shortest way to the best results.”

Asters

Recognition

Recommended lawyer for M&A
Ukrainian Law Firms 2010
Recognized lawyer for corporate and M&A
Best Lawyers International 2009

Education

Kyiv National Taras Shevchenko University
(Master of Law, 2003)
State Institute of Foreign Languages (English Linguistics, 1993)

Bar Admissions

Ukraine (2001)

Membership and Activities

Ukrainian Bar Association

Languages

English, Ukrainian, Russian



reaching the stars for our clients

- Advised *Aval Bank* in the USD 1.028 billion sale to Raiffeisen International Bank-Holding AG.
- Advised *Swedbank AB* on the USD 735 million acquisition of controlling equity in TAS-Kommerzbank and TAS-Investbank, subsequently renamed into JSC Swedbank and JSC Swedbank Invest, establishing of the first Ukrainian banking holding group Swedbank Finance, and merger of its Ukrainian subsidiaries JSC Swedbank and JSC Swedbank Invest.
- Advised *GETIN Holding SA* on acquisition of a controlling stake in Bank Prykarpattya.
- Advised *Vilnius Bankas* (SEB Banking Group) on acquisition of controlling equity in AGIO Bank.
- Advised *three major international banks* on various issues of Ukrainian law in connection with participation in a tender with the purpose of buying a controlling stake in Ukrsibbank, Ukrsotsbank, and Pravex Bank.
- Advised *FiberNet Communications* on acquisition of Falstap group, a leading Ukrainian TV cable operator.
- Advised *a major Central European energy company* in acquisition of five Ukrainian power distribution companies; *a major international brewery* in acquisition of controlling equity in Ukrainian brewery Sarmat; and *a major international beverage company* in a tender to acquire controlling equity in Ukrainian juice producer Sandora.
- Advised *a major European agricultural producer* on a public offering of global depositary receipts on the London Stock Exchange; *a leading European holding group* on a public offering of shares on the Warsaw Stock Exchange.

Representative transactions

Competitive Strengths

We believe that our lawyers and staff possess necessary skills, professional expertise, and experience to assist companies or private individuals in resolving any legal issue, which may arise in connection with doing business in Ukraine.



Full range of legal services

All areas of Ukrainian business law
Our lawyers are recognised experts in their fields of practice

Client-oriented approach

Effective and practical advice
More responsive, more flexible, and more dedicated
Highest ethical standards
Knowledge of client business

Cost-efficiency

Cost-efficient matter staffing and work assignment
Flexible billing arrangements

