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Joji Ozawa is a special counsel in the London office of Milbank in the European Leveraged Finance/Capital Markets group. He is an experienced US securities lawyer and high yield specialist and has practiced in London, Singapore, Tokyo and New York. He spent half a year on secondment to the IBD Legal department of Goldman Sachs International in 2018. Joji is recognized as a 'notable practitioner' by *IFLR 1000* 2022, and clients say that he is "thoughtful, knowledgeable, diligent and always available." (*Legal 500* UK 2021)

Primary Focus & Experience

- Advised J.P. Morgan SE as placement agent of Transcom Holding AB in connection with its private placement of €65 million in aggregate principal amount of senior secured floating rate notes.
- Advised SAZKA Group, one of the largest pan-European lottery operators with a long history of operations in the Czech Republic, Greece and Cyprus, Austria and Italy, in connection with:
 - its committed financing for the all cash, unconditional offer to acquire Greece's OPAP, which was the largest all-cash tender offer in Greece in more than a decade;
 - its debut offering of €300 million 4.125% senior notes due 2024; and
 - its offering of €300 million 3.875% senior notes due 2027.
- Advised Ellaktor S.A., one of Greece's largest and leading infrastructure companies, on its debut offering of €600 million 6.375% senior notes due 2024.
- Advised Salt, a Swiss telecommunications provider focusing on mobile telephony and fiber-optic land-line services, on its offering of €250 million 2.625% senior secured notes due 2024 and €575 million 3.125% senior secured notes due 2026.
- Advised the crossholder ad hoc group of noteholders in the restructuring of Nyrstar, a global multi-metals business with a market-leading position in zinc and lead, through an English Scheme of Arrangement. This involved representing in excess of 70% of holders of Nyrstar's €340 million 8.5% 2019 notes, €500 million 6.875% 2024 notes and €115 million 5% convertible 2022 notes.
- Advised HIG Capital and Ecore, a leading French metal recycler, on its offering of €255 million senior secured floating rate notes.

- Advised the arrangers and the initial purchasers in the committed financing for Indika Energy, a leading Indonesian mining company, in connection with its acquisition of an additional stake in Kideco, the offering of \$575 million 5.875% senior notes due 2024 and concurrent consent solicitation with respect to its existing two series of notes. This was the first bridge-to-bond deal in Southeast Asia. (High Yield Deal of the Year, *IFLR* Asia Awards)
- Advised Delhi International Airport on its offering of \$350 million 5.375% senior secured notes due 2024.
- Advised the initial purchasers in the offering of \$300 million 7% senior notes by HT Global IT Solutions Holdings Limited, an holding company of Hexaware, a leading Indian mid-size global provider of IT and business process management services.
- Advised JX Holdings, Inc., the largest Japanese oil refiner, on its SEC registration in connection with its business integration with TonenGeneral Sekiyu K.K., creating JXTG Holdings. Previously advised Nippon Oil Corporation on its SEC registration in connection with the business integration with Nippon Mining Holdings, Inc., which created JX Holdings.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS

EDUCATION

Cornell Law School, J.D.
University of Chicago, B.S.

ADMISSIONS

New York

EXPERIENCE

Banking and Leveraged Finance

Corporate Finance and Securities

High Yield Debt Offerings

Liability & Risk Management

Public and Private Equity Offerings

Europe

United Kingdom

United States

FEATURED NEWS

Milbank Advises in Connection with Liability Management Transaction by Verizon

Milbank Receives Two “Deal of the Year” Awards at Capital Markets & ESG Finance Awards 2024 for Landmark Project Sukuk Issuance

Milbank Advises in Connection with Transcom’s Private Placement

Milbank Advises Zegona Communications plc on Its €4.2B Financing for Acquisition of Vodafone Spain

Milbank Advises Citycon in Tender Offer

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