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Alan Rafferty is a corporate tax lawyer who advises on a broad range of international transactions, including cross-border M&A, financial restructurings, leveraged finance, joint ventures, debt and equity capital markets transactions and structured finance (including securitizations and similar structures).

Alan is a partner in the London office of Milbank and a member of the firm's Global Tax Group.

Primary Focus & Experience

Alan's experience includes advising on transactions in the private equity, regulated financial, aviation, infrastructure, energy and real estate sectors. Alan's clients include a wide variety of alternative investment funds (including private equity and credit funds), bank and large corporates.

Alan is described by clients as 'very bright' and 'excellent technically' and is praised for his commercial and pragmatic approach. He enjoys working with the tax and deal teams at his clients to find the optimal structuring solutions for their transactions, and works frequently with top-tier advisers in other jurisdictions to produce clear, concise advice.

Alan's recent transaction highlights include advising:

- Breakthrough Energy Catalyst on its acquisition of an equity interest of the FlagshipONE e-methanol project;
- Sterling Square Capital Partners on the sale of Outcomes First Group to The Risk Fund, managed by TPG;
- Charterhouse Capital Partners on the acquisition of a majority stake in Two Circles;
- Abra Group on the creation of a leading air transportation group for South America, including the Avianca, GOL and TACA airlines;
- the lenders to the Schur Flexibles Group on the lender-led restructuring of the group, comprising an acquisition and recapitalization by the lenders of the group, which now operates under the name adapa;
- the financing sources in relation to the £4.6bn recommended cash offer by an EQT-led consortium for Dechra Pharma Plc;

- Eurobank on the sale of its Serbian banking business, operating as Eurobank Direktna, to AIK Banka Beograd;
- Public Power Corporation on its acquisition of Enel's Romanian renewables, power distribution and power supply businesses for around €1.26bn, and the related financing;
- Carlyle Aviation Partners on its agreement to acquire AMCK Aviation's aircraft portfolio for a price in excess of \$4bn;
- PK Airfinance and Apollo on the acquisition of a \$920m portfolio of secured aviation loans from Standard Chartered;
- the creditors of the Keter Group on its debt extension transaction;
- Summit Partners on the acquisition of minority interests in TradingHub and Imagen AI;
- Dragan Solak in relation to the acquisition by Sport Republic of the controlling stake in Southampton Football Club;
- various managers and arrangers in relation to a variety of European CLO transactions and bespoke structured lending and fund financing transactions;
- CPPIB in relation to its investment in Fortress' acquisition of Wm Morrison Supermarkets;
- Avianca in relation to its restructuring;
- Fortress on its agreement to sell the Falko aviation leasing business to Chorus Aviation for \$850m;
- the d&b group on its acquisition of audio-visual production business "White Light";
- the mandated lead arrangers in relation to the financing for Carlyle's acquisition of Altadia Group, the largest global manufacturer of intermediate products for ceramic tile production, from LoneStar;
- Allfunds Group, and its majority owner Hellman & Friedman, on its IPO on Euronext Amsterdam;
- BP on its US\$10.5bn acquisition of BHP Billiton's onshore US shale assets; and
- the London Stock Exchange Group on its aborted merger with Deutsche Börse.

*Alan advised on the last three of the matters listed above prior to joining Milbank.

Recognition & Accomplishments

'Alan Rafferty is technically superb, very responsive and writes clearly. He is an exceptional performer all round.' (*The Legal 500* 2024 client testimonial)

Alan received his degree from the University of Oxford, and subsequently studied at City University and the College of Law in London.

Alan is a member of the City of London Law Society's Revenue Committee.

Prior to studying law, Alan edited the *Literary Review* in London.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS

EDUCATION

City University, London, Graduate Diploma in Law

University of Oxford, B.A.

ADMISSIONS

England and Wales

EXPERIENCE

Corporate	Mergers and Acquisitions	Tax	Aviation
Infrastructure	United Kingdom		

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