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OVERVIEW

James Wyatt is a partner and a member of the Energy, Infrastructure, and Resources practice group.

He has deep knowledge in traditional greenfield and brownfield project development, project finance, construction, commercial operations, and M&A. He has experience in low-carbon and energy transition technologies including large-scale nuclear, wind, solar, hydropower, green hydrogen, CCUS, and BES systems, among others.

He also focuses his practice on upstream and midstream oil and gas and advises LNG, petrochemicals, and commodities projects. Additionally, he advises stakeholders in major transportation projects including some of the most capital-intensive and impactful projects in the UK, Europe, and in the Middle East.

He advises a diverse clientele on structuring, capital sourcing, and executing transactions spanning the breadth of the energy and infrastructure spectrum.

His practice extends from financing to corporate and private equity in relevant sectors, joint ventures, governance arrangements, and public-private partnership structures across a wide range of geographies, as well as a host of sector-specific commercial arrangements.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, James was a partner at a boutique advisory business that he co-founded in 2019. Prior to this, he practised in the energy and infrastructure groups in the London offices of two Magic Circle law firms.

Through this role, he advised on matters related to structuring, raising capital for, and executing transactions, particularly in energy, infrastructure, extractive industries, real estate, gaming, and health care. James has worked with a diverse range of asset managers, private credit and hedge funds, corporates, UHNW investors, governments, commercial banks, and more.

EDUCATION

- Legal Practice Course, University of Law, 2006
- B.A., University of Sheffield, 2004

ADMISSIONS

- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales

NEWS & EVENTS

- 2 August 2023, K&L Gates Adds Energy and Infrastructure Partner in London

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Power
- Energy Finance
- Renewables

INDUSTRIES

- Energy

EMERGING ISSUES

- Hydrogen

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Raised capital for and advised the developer in relation to a $400 multi-million mixed-use condo-hotel development in northern California.
- Raised capital for and advised the developer in relation to two green hydrogen/green ammonia mega-projects (c.$6 billion capex each), one in South Africa and the other in Spain.
- Raised capital for project development and FEED in relation to a green ammonia production project in Chile.
- Raised capital for an established global shipping company to finance green ammonia gas carriers and the company's transition to be fully green by or before 2030.
- Raised capital for and advised the developer in relation to a $1.3 billion hydropower project in Peru with green ammonia production and offtake strategies.

- Raised capital for a uranium fund backed by a sovereign wealth fund in Central Asia.
- Raised capital for and advised the developer in relation to a biogas project in the Netherlands, utilising unique technology to address anaerobic digestion of paper pulp waste.
- Sourced purchasers for a portfolio of RTB solar assets in Italy (411MW total).
- Advised DFT in relation to the financial restructuring of the Crossrail project.
- Advised HMG in relation to its multi-faceted role in the development, financing, and operation of a new nuclear plant in the UK.
- Advised the consortium in relation to the development and finance of a large onshore wind farm in Sweden.
- Advised the lenders in relation to the debt platform for the expansion and development of the Dubai airports.
- Advised the lenders supporting a bidding consortium in relation to the Kabd Municipal Solid Waste Project PPP in Kuwait.
- Advised Cosco Shipping in relation to a container terminal concession agreement for Khalifa Port in Abu Dhabi, together with an associated Musataha Agreement.
- Advised The Abu Dhabi Education Council in relation to Mubadala’s refinancing of its US$1 billion Zayed University PPP. BTMU and Credit Agricole underwrote a US$300 million tranche in which Societe Generale took part. National Bank of Abu Dhabi and Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank provided another Dh545m (US$148 million) tranche in local currency.
- Advised The Saudi British Bank and Arab National Bank in relation to the SAR1 billion Murabaha facility bridge loan and the SAR3 billion project finance loan to Ports Development Company in relation to the King Abdullah Port in King Abdullah Economic City, Saudi Arabia.
- Advised the Department of Energy and Climate Change in relation to the Government's nuclear waste disposal programme for next generation nuclear.
- Advised a Danish multinational energy company in relation to an offshore wind farm joint venture (power purchase agreements and security structure).
- Advised Green Investment Bank in relation to a power purchase agreement.
- Advised American multinational conglomerate on a gas and electricity energy management agreement in relation to an experimental power facility in France.
- Advised YTL Corporation in relation to the security aspects for its bid for Stansted Airport.
- Advised a global infrastructure partner on a permitted initial loan facility in relation to the £1.125 billion acquisition financing of Gatwick Airport Limited.
- Advised an oil major in relation to a storage asset disposal and inventory monetisation programme.
- Advised the IM bank in relation to a $100 million inventory monetisation arrangement between a global investment bank and a commodity trader.

- Advised the bidding consortium in relation to the potential acquisition of a 25% stake in an upstream oil field offshore DRC.
- Advised the lender in relation to a hybrid RBL/corporate financing underpinned by mining licenses and concession agreements in Hungary.
- Advised a subsidiary of a national oil company in relation to an interdependent ethylene cracker and mono-ethylene glycol plant project in Freeport, Texas.
- Advised the sponsors in relation to the development, financing, construction, and operation of a SAR4.4 billion petrochemicals facility in Saudi Arabia.
- Advised the senior lenders (including financial institutions, export credit agencies and multilaterals) and the security agent in relation to the US$3.7 billion Citadel Capital hydrocracking oil refinery project in Egypt.
- Advised the senior lenders (including financial institutions, export credit agencies and multilaterals) and the security agent in relation to the circa US$1.8 billion financing for Egyptian LNG Train 1 and Train 2.
- Advised Daewoo International and Itochu Corporation in relation to their bid for the BOOT Bahrain LNG facility project.
- Advised Kosmos Energy on its US$2 billion reserves-based facility for the Jubilee Field upstream development offshore Ghana.
- Advised a Middle Eastern investment bank in relation to structuring its 50% interest in certain African oil exploration licenses offshore Kenya, including the negotiation of joint venture documents and consulting agreements.
- Advised Naftna industrija Srbije on a variety of oil sale and purchase agreements (both term agreements and spot sales), as well as on a variety of farm in agreements.
- Advised the lenders in relation to the financing of the acquisition of a 40% stake in ADNOC pipelines by KKR/BlackRock.
- Advised the consortium in relation to their bid for an operational windfarm, offshore the Greater Wash, UK.
- Advised the consortium in relation to their bid for the second largest electricity distribution network in Sweden.
- Advised the long term and short-term lenders supporting a bidding consortium in relation to the acquisition of HS1 Rail.
- Advised the long-term lenders supporting a consortium in relation to the restructuring and refinancing of an acquisition facility, to acquire a diverse portfolio of solar assets in Spain.
- Advised the sponsors in relation to the proposed acquisition of a 30% stake in a major offshore wind farm in the Greater Wash area, offshore UK.
- Advised Proventus as mezzanine lender in relation to the acquisition of a medical equipment company.
- Advised the bidder in relation to a potential bid for a publicly listed gaming company.

- Advised Al Rajhi Holding Group and Infrastrutture Wireless Italiane S.P.A. in relation to their bid for the acquisition and project financing of a telecom towers portfolio in Saudi Arabia being sold by Etihad Etisalat Company.
- Advised ADIA in relation to the purchase of a stake in a portfolio of toll roads in South America.
- Advised Ashmore Group in relation to the JV arrangements for a hospital and clinic development in the UAE.
- Advised Waha Capital in relation to the potential acquisition of an interest in three petrochemicals projects in Egypt.
- Advised on the potential $5 billion sale of an oil exploration company with interests in Northern Africa.
- Advised Kosmos Energy on its US$800 million acquisition of a floating production storage and offloading unit.
- Advised Vitol in relation to the acquisition of Immingham CHP plant and subsequent partial sale and joint venture arrangements.
- Advised the United Kingdom's Ministry of Defence in relation to a strategic and significant infrastructure asset sale.
- Advised the sponsor in relation to an equity investment by the EBRD in +to a fintech / payments processing business.
- Advised a British multinational universal bank in relation to the transfer of a hedging portfolio to a securitisation SPV.
- Advised Kosmos Energy in relation to a letter of credit facility, a corporate revolving credit facility and a high yield note issue.
- Advised Westpac Banking Corporation in relation to a EUR 75 million equity bridge loan for an infrastructure investment fund.