

WFW ADVISES PORTFOLIOMANAGEMENT ON PART SALE OF RESIDUAL SHIPPING LOAN PORTFOLIO

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The WFW Germany Assets and Structured Finance team that advised pm was led by Hamburg Partner Dr Clemens Hillmer, supported by Partner Florian Kutzbach in Frankfurt, Managing Associate Jan Mommsen, Associate Raphael-Felix Müller and Associates Anna Kirchhoff, Paula Kleinschmidt and Justus Langelittig in Hamburg as well as Transaction Lawyer Kathy Buenaventura in Frankfurt.

Clemens commented: "We are pleased to have been able to advise our long-standing client pm on the due diligence for the sale of much of its remaining shipping loan portfolio. This transaction demonstrates WFW Germany's ability to advise on complex, multi-national and high-value loan portfolio transactions".

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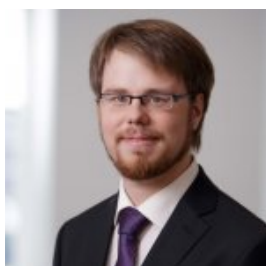


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