

FINANCE

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The lawyers on our Finance team provide a fully-integrated service, offering transactional and regulatory advice to a broad spectrum of clients including banks, non-bank lenders, borrowers, fintech companies, and government agencies. We understand that finance problems can be complex, and that clients want commercially-based solutions with a firm understanding of the sector.

Clients come to us for assistance with all aspects of finance, including:

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- Banking & Lending
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- Real Estate Finance
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- Securitization
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The corporate hybrid bond market has recently drawn the attention of corporate bond issuers, investors and rating agencies. In a falling interest rate environment and generally constructive primary and secondary European debt capital markets activity, seasoned issuers across sectors – including utilities, real estate, and energy – have accessed debt capital markets in the hybrid format, often with tight pricing spreads. Corporate utility companies represent the primary issuers of corporate hybrid bonds on account of current significant capital expenditure needs, and, looking forward, the need to raise capital to increase energy capacity in order to accommodate AI and data center development. Therefore, hybrid bonds are expected to be a core financing option for the utility sector.

In this article, Vishal Mawkin (partner, London), Andrew Rodman (counsel, New York) and Asad Khan (trainee solicitor, London) of BCLP ...

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Reimagining Hong Kong's tourism landscape

As we step into the new year, the Hong Kong Government unveiled its ambitious 132-page Development Blueprint for Hong Kong's Tourism Industry 2.0. This comprehensive plan aims to overcome the current challenges posed by economic slowdown, heightened competition, geopolitical tensions and recruitment difficulties. With the collaborative efforts of many stakeholders in implementing the Blueprint, the expected value added by the tourism industry is projected to rise by approximately 60% over the next 5 years, from HK\$75.3 billion in 2023 to HK\$120 billion. Employment in the sector is also set to rise significantly, with an estimated 44% increase over the same period, bringing the total to approximately 210,000 jobs (up from 145,600 in 2023). The overarching strategy for Hong Kong's tourism development over the next five years is to solidify its status as a world-class premier tourist destination. The ...

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