The crossroads of international finance and public equity deals: New trends and financing bottlenecks

14–15 September 2023, Rio de Janeiro

There is increased activity in financed acquisitions and different types of public securities transactions involving listed companies worldwide. This growing market demands legal services that can handle all of the aspects of these deals and that pay attention to environmental, social and governance issues. This conference will be an opportunity for financial and public securities law professionals to discuss the most relevant issues and how to respond to clients’ needs.

Topics include:
• New trends and financing in hostile takeovers
• Distressed assets and restructuring of publicly traded companies
• Finance closing conditions in securities transactions
• Issuer board members’ duties in connection with public securities transactions
• The bottleneck in public securities transactions, leveraged buyouts and finance
Programme

Thursday 14 September

0830 – 1600 **Registration**

0930 – 0945 **Opening remarks**

0945 – 1030 **Keynote address**

1030 – 1100 **Coffee/tea break**

1100 – 1230 **New trends and financing in hostile takeovers**

The session discusses the current trends and future outlook of hostile takeovers including, but not limited to, conditions that may be attached to the offer, delisting plans of the raider and adequate disclosure. The session will analyse the increasing need for financing in these campaigns in an environment with lower liquidity and increasing competition among stock exchanges in different jurisdictions.

**Session Co-Chairs**
Francisco Antunes Maciel Müßnich  
BMA Advogados, Rio de Janeiro; Latin American Regional Forum Liaison Officer, IBA Securities Law Committee

**Speakers**
Claudia Barrero  
Philippi Prietocarrizosa Ferrero DU & Uria, Bogota; Diversity and Inclusion Officer, IBA Women Lawyers’ Committee

Sophie Cornette de Saint Cyr  
Bredin Prat, Paris; Vice Chair, Financial Conferences Subcommittee, IBA Securities Law Committee

Fabio Nazari  
BTG Pactual, São Paulo

Fred Pletcher  
Borden Ladner Gervais, Vancouver, BC
Thursday continued

1230 – 1400  **Lunch**

1400 – 1530  **Distressed assets and restructuring of publicly traded companies**
In a world where many countries are facing economic challenges in the post-pandemic era, assets of companies in formal reorganisation or bankruptcy proceedings became a great opportunity for discretionary buyers worldwide. This panel will discuss, with specialists of selected jurisdictions, the nuts and bolts of the reorganisation of publicly traded companies and how to acquire distressed assets in such jurisdictions while minimising the risks for the buyer.

*Session Co-Chairs*

Cecilia Mairal  Marval O’Farrell & Mairal, Buenos Aires; Council Member, IBA Legal Practice Division
Marcelo Viveiros de Moura  Pinheiro Neto Advogados, São Paulo

*Speakers*

Francisco Cestero  Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton, São Paulo
David Flechner  Allen & Overy, New York City, NY; Vice Chair, Mergers and Acquisitions Subcommittee, IBA Securities Law Committee
Clare O’Brien  Shearman & Sterling, New York City, NY
Marcos Spieler  Rothschild & Co, São Paulo
Carolina Zang  Zang Bergel & Viñes Abogados, Buenos Aires; Council Member, IBA Legal Practice Division

1530 – 1600  **Coffee/tea break**

1600 – 1730  **Finance closing conditions in securities transactions**
Securities transactions are frequently used to fund business expansion globally. This panel will explore the use of different types of securities transaction in financing operations such as assets, shares and bonds together, with practical examples of the most ordinary financing conditions precedent. Experts from different jurisdictions will present the current trends in their relevant countries in terms of closing conditions in securities transactions.

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Fabiola Cavalcanti  TozziniFreire Advogados, Rio de Janeiro; Diversity and Inclusion Officer, IBA Latin American Regional Forum
Luciana Tornovsky  Demarest Advogados, São Paulo; Senior Vice Chair, IBA Closely Held Companies Committee

*Speakers*

Ting Chen  Cravath Swaine & Moore, New York City, NY
Ivan Delgado  Perez-Llorca, Madrid; Website Officer, IBA Closely Held Companies Committee
Victoria Funes  Bomchil, Buenos Aires
Roberto Guerrero V  Cuatrecasas Gonçalves Pereira, Santiago
Steven Sandretto  Greenberg Traurig, New York City, NY

1930 – 2200  **Welcome reception offered by the local host committee**
Friday 15 September

0900 – 1130 Registration

0930 – 1100
Issuer Board Members’ duties in connection with Public Securities Transactions

The development of capital markets in many jurisdictions and new corporate structures of publicly-held corporations have raised the bar in terms of novelties and complexities in transactions and other matters involving listed securities. To address these concerns, as well as the interests of the large number of stakeholders involved in public company M&A, equity offerings and stock markets in general, corporate governance rules are becoming increasingly stricter.

In this session, we will discuss the duties and roles of the board members in the context of public securities transactions, as the ones responsible for guaranteeing that the law and applicable rules will be respected and that new policies and trends (such as environmental, social, governance (ESG)) are effectively promoted.

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Adriana Pallis Machado Meyer Advogados, São Paulo
Paula Vieira de Oliveira Mattos Filho, São Paulo; Vice Chair, IBA Latin American Regional Forum

Speakers
Todd Crider Simpson Thacher & Bartlett, New York City, NY
Jaime Cubillos Posse Herrera Ruiz, Bogota; Sustainability Initiatives Officer, IBA Latin American Regional Forum
Cristian Figueroa Carey, Santiago
Anna Martini Pereira Willkie Farr & Gallagher, New York City, NY
Luciana Pires Dias L Dias Advogados, São Paulo

1100 – 1130 Coffee/tea break

1130 – 1300
The bottleneck in public securities transactions, leveraged buyouts and finance

Global M&A and, more specifically, public securities transactions and buyout activity has slowed amid a shortage of debt financing caused by rising interest rates and banks’ reluctance to open their money taps. The unprecedented geopolitical and macro-economic volatility around the world – and hawkish interest rate moves – drove up financing costs and weighed down valuations. The number of leveraged buyout deals announced worldwide has significantly dropped, while the overall value of transactions has taken a hit.

This panel will discuss how acquirers are rethinking how they pull off large deals, and the challenges they have been facing in this restrictive environment, after such a contraction in global buyout activity, as the gap between buyer and vendor pricing expectations has widened, and securing debt to finance deals has also become more challenging and expensive. The panel will also tackle the perspectives for the future, taking into account any further changes in the economy and political scenarios that may affect positively deals in the pipeline.

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Gabriella Covino Gianni & Origoni, Rome; Secretary, IBA Corporate and M&A Law Committee
Monique Mavignier BMA Advogados, São Paulo; Diversity and Inclusion Officer, IBA Banking Law Committee

Speakers
Werner Ahlers Sullivan & Cromwell, New York City, NY
Michael Arnold Gleiss Lutz, Stuttgart; Treasurer, IBA Securities Law Committee

1300 – 1315 Closing remarks

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Information

Date
14−15 September 2023

Venue
Fairmont Copacabana Hotel
Av Atlantica 4240 - Copacabana
Rio de Janeiro, Brasil
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Website: www.fairmont.com/copacabana-rio

Language
All conference working sessions and conference materials will be in English.

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• Attendance at all working sessions on 14 and 15 September
• Conference materials, including any available speaker’s papers presented at the conference
• Access to the above conference working materials from the IBA website (www.int-bar.org) approximately seven days after the conference
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Delegates are able to use the live delegate search via the IBA website, in order to use this function delegates will need to be logged into their MyIBA. This will allow search access to up-to-date attendance lists.

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All documentation regarding your attendance at the conference can now be obtained from the IBA website. Upon receipt of your payment for the conference a confirmation email will be sent containing instructions on how to download the documents. Registration confirmation will not be distributed by post.
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A limited number of rooms have been reserved at the Fairmont Copacabana Hotel for the nights of 12, 13 and 14 September.

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The following rates are per room, per night and inclusive of breakfast. Service charges and local taxes are not included.

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Reservations are subject to availability.

No deductions or withholdings
All fees payable to us by you in accordance with the terms contained in this ‘Information’ section shall be paid free and clear of all deductions or withholdings whatsoever. If any deductions or withholdings are required by law to be made from any fees payable to us by you under the terms contained in this ‘Information’ section you shall pay such sum as will, after the deduction or withholding has been made, leave us with the same amount as we would have been entitled to receive in the absence of any such requirement to make a deduction or withholding.

If we obtain the benefit of any tax credit or other relief by reference to any such deductions or withholdings, then we shall repay to you such amount as, after such repayment has been made, will leave us in no worse position than we would have been had no such deductions or withholdings been required.

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The climate in Rio de Janeiro in mid-September is generally warm, humid and a little damp, with daily highs around 25°C (77°F).

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It is recommended that you check your visa requirements with your local embassy or consulate. We are unable to dispatch visa invitation letters to support your visa application prior to receipt of your registration form and full payment of registration fees.

Please apply for your visa in good time.

Vaccine
Please, check with your local health agency if yellow fever and Covid-19 vaccinations are mandatory for your inbound or outbound travel to Brazil.

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Aeroporto Internacional Antonio Carlos Jobim (Galeão) is located approximately 12.5 miles north of Rio de Janeiro city centre.

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Please contact the reservations department at copacabana.reservations@fairmont.com and mention promo code IBARIO to make your reservation under the discounted fee. The hotel requires the guarantee through a credit card to secure your reservation, in case of no show and late cancellations.

Any cancellation or modification must be made 30 days prior arrival to avoid any penalty charge of 1-night stay. The same applies for no-shows.

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**Social programme**

**Thursday 14 September**

1930 – 2200

Welcome reception offered by the local committee

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