



Jan Topinka

Partner

Jan Topinka leads the banking, finance and capital market group at our law firm.

He focuses on debt financing on the part of creditors and debtors, regulation of financial services as well as transactions in capital markets.

Most recently, he has been active in particular in the field of implementing regulations in the financial market, licensing procedures at the Czech National Bank, projects combining financial services with technologies and legal aspects of trading financial instruments.

He also has experience with selling, buying and restructuring companies. In the area of sales and purchases, during the past five years he has been involved in numerous transactions both on the sell side and the buy side, mainly in the banking and finance sector, the construction industry and private equity.

He is an active member of the Tax and Legal Committee of the Czech Venture Capital Association (CVCA) and a member of the Czech National Bank's Appellate Committee (advisory body for drafting decisions of the Bank Board in administrative proceedings).

Before joining our law firm, Jan worked for five years in various positions at the Czech Securities Commission (a body previously supervising the capital market; its functions are currently performed by the Czech National Bank), ultimately serving as a unit head leading the project of preparing the Czech Securities Commission for EU accession, and he has also co-authored policy and methodological documents on financial market regulation.

Recommendations in international publications

The Chambers and Partners ranking agency says: *Jan Topinka has a broad practice spanning debt financing, corporate finance, capital markets and regulatory matters within the financial services sector. Clients highlight his experience in the industry. The IFLR1000 agency classifies him as Highly Regarded.*

Transactions and projects

- initial public offering of Pivovary Lobkowicz Group shares in the Prague Stock Exchange
- admission of the shares of an international insurance group for trading in the Vienna and Prague Stock Exchanges
- Cetelem bond programme and several issues of bonds accepted for trading in the Prague Stock Exchange
- issue of Equa Bank bonds (qualified as the bank's tier 2 capital) accepted for trading in the Prague Stock Exchange
- preparing an official position of the European Central Bank on the new Czech regulation of secured bonds
- establishing a bond issue programme of the Financial Market Guarantee System
- licence of Accredio, a securities trader
- licence of Equa Bank for provision of investment services
- licence of several non-bank providers of consumer loans
- purchase of Citibank's retail portfolio by Raiffeisenbank
- acquisition of a building and loan society and subsequent merger of two building and loan societies
- project of comprehensive outsourcing of distribution of UniCredit Bank's retail products
- comprehensive arrangement of public offering and distribution of investment funds in the Czech Republic
- cross-border merger of Erste Asset Management
- establishment of a single-asset fund offered to the public and investing in a foreign private-equity fund
- several comprehensive projects of preparing banks for recodification of private law (new Civil Code)
- drafting standard retail documents of ING Bank
- financing the acquisition and operation of NET4GAS
- financing the acquisition of Radenska (Slovenia-based brand of mineral water) by the Kofola company
- a promissory note programme of Dopravní podnik hlavního města Prahy (Prague Public Transport Company)
- syndicated financing and a promissory note programme of Pražská plynárenská (Prague gas and electricity supplier)
- financing construction and long-term operation of Pilsen public transportation (PPP project)
- financing the acquisition of and refinancing the Brno Solar Park photovoltaic project
- comprehensive refinancing and restructuring of Technistone, a Czech producer of technical stone
- financing the acquisition of the Sellier & Bellot company
- refinancing an issue of secured bonds of Sellier & Bellot

- Czech aspects of refinancing the Norican engineering group's indebtedness via bonds and a loan facility
- comprehensive advisory on financing and refinancing companies of the Metalimex engineering group

Membership in professional associations

Czech Bar Association

Czech Private Equity and Venture Capital Association (CVCA) – member of the Tax and Legal Committee

Appellate Committee of the Czech National Bank

Languages

Czech, English

Education

Charles University, Faculty of Law, Prague (1999), Mgr. (Master of Laws)

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