

Italy



“A highly prepared team with great integrity.”  
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## Core strengths

Simmons & Simmons is firmly established as one of Italy's leading law firms. Based in Milan the Italian practice comprises over 90 professional staff.

We advise on all legal aspects of domestic and international business transactions with a particular focus on corporate and commercial law and we have particular expertise in the asset management & investment funds, financial institutions, energy & infrastructure, life sciences and TMT sectors.

As a fully integrated international practice we work together with our colleagues in the firm's other offices in Europe, the Middle East and Asia. In total we work with, and are supported by, over 800 legal staff throughout the world and offer practical advice and innovative solutions to our clients.

## Our services

### Administrative law

- advice on both contentious and non-contentious matters, involving all areas of administrative law. We have significant experience in procurement, in particular concessions and public tenders. We advise both private companies and public institutions, including government departments.

### Commercial

- R&D, development, manufacturing, distribution, licensing, agency, outsourcing and sponsorship agreements.

### Corporate

- acquisitions, leveraged buy outs, MBOs, disposals, mergers, demergers, joint ventures and restructurings, setting up companies, private equity funds and SPVs.

### Dispute Resolution and Corporate Crimes

- judicial and extra-judicial dispute resolution, national and international arbitrations and proceedings before national courts in corporate and commercial matters. Litigation relating to fraud,

compliance programmes for corporate criminal liability (Lgs 231/01), offences committed by company officers or staff, money laundering and tax.

### Employment & Benefits

- all employment matters: contentious and non-contentious issues including complex and multijurisdictional transactions. Advice on HR Manager training including via workshops and seminars.

### Equity Capital Markets

- assistance with listings and with other equity instruments issued by listed companies; reporting, corporate governance and compliance obligations.

### EU, Competition & Regulatory

- merger control, cartel and abuse of dominance investigations, compliance programs, complaints, private enforcement, state aid, consumer law, unfair commercial practices, regulated markets.

### Financial Markets

- banking and finance, debt restructuring, structured finance, project finance, structured products, funds and regulatory advice in general.

### Projects

- public-private partnerships, private finance, infrastructure projects, both domestic and international.

### Intellectual Property

- Contentious and non-contentious matters concerning industrial and intellectual property rights, including patents, trademarks, designs/models, copyright and anti counterfeiting.

### Real Estate & Environment

- all real estate matters, including development projects. Full range of environmental matters.

### Tax

- corporate tax and other direct and indirect taxes on a domestic and international level.

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## Expertise in practice

Our recent experience includes:

### Allianz

- Advising Allianz Global Investors on the merger of the Italian asset management company Allianz Global Investors Italy SGR into the German asset management company Allianz Global Investors Europe in relation to the corporate, employment, regulatory and tax aspects of the deal.

### Armani

- Advising on a range of contentious and non-contentious employment law matters for a number of companies in the Armani Group.

### Banca Popolare di Milano

- Advising in relation to acquisitions and leveraged financing.

### Barclays Group

- Advising on a range of contentious and non-contentious law matters.

### Charterhouse Capital Partners

- Advising on the acquisition of Nuova Castelli S.p.A. group, the leading Italian manufacturer and exporter of Parmigiano Reggiano, and of a variety of other cheeses.

### Deutsche Bank

- Advising on the launch in Italy of db x-trackers ETFs (Exchange Traded Funds).

### E.ON Produzione

- Assistance in relation to a settlement agreement with an EPC contractor with reference to certain construction defects of an 805 MW combined-cycle plant with two turbogas groups

### Huawei Technologies Italia

- Advising on a range of commercial, general corporate and compliance matters.

### Intesa Sanpaolo Group

- Assisting a number of banks in the group in relation to project and leveraged financing deals, securitisations and debt restructuring.

### Leading Hedge Funds, including Brevan Howard, Egerton, Gartmore, Henderson, Lansdowne and Marshall Wace

- Advising hedge fund managers on a wide range of issues relating to the launch and management of hedge funds and funds of funds.

### Louis Vuitton Moët Hennessy (LVMH)

- Advising on a range of contentious and non-contentious employment law matters for the Group.

### Schroders Group

- Assistance in relation to financial litigation with Italian counterparties and to the group asset management company for the passporting and maintenance of its managed funds and SiCAV.

### Shell

- Advising on a range of contentious and non-contentious employment law matters for the Group.

### Wind

- Advising on the drafting of contracts and on contractual arrangements.

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