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### **About Ashurst**

Ashurst is a leading international law firm advising corporates, financial institutions and governments. Our core businesses are in corporate, finance, dispute resolution, and the development and financing of assets in the energy, resources and infrastructure sectors.

We currently have 27 offices in 16 countries and a number of referral relationships that enable us to offer the reach and insight of a global network, combined with the knowledge and understanding of local markets. With over 400 partners and a further 1,309 lawyers working across 10 different time zones, we are able to respond to our clients wherever and whenever they need us.



#### **Ashurst Guantao Joint Operation Office in China**

Ashurst has a Joint Operation Office (JOO) in China with leading PRC law firm Guantao. The JOO offers a one-stop shop service to both firms' clients combining international expertise with full PRC law capacity. Guantao's extensive PRC network complements Ashurst's global coverage in offering a seamless client service and a stronger market position. is required.

#### **Our clients**

Our clients value us for being approachable, astute and commercially minded. As a global team we have a reputation for successfully managing large and complex multi-jurisdictional transactions, disputes and projects, and delivering outstanding outcome for clients. We understand that our clients often deliver services to customers and we are mindful of their needs and business goals.

Simply, we enjoy what we do and we believe it is our passion for what we do that helps us to provide industry-leading legal advice.

OUR INSURANCE CLIENTS INCLUDE:		
Ageas	Insurance Australia Group	
AIA	Just Retirement	
Anz LMI	Latitude Life and Latitude General	
Aon	Liberty International Underwriters	
Avant	Marsh	
Aviva	Munich Re	
Berkshire Hathaway	Old Mutual/Skandia	
Canopius	Pacific Life Re	
Chesnara	Pension Insurance Corporation	
Chubb	Prudential UK	X
CNP Assurances	Prudential US	
Delta Lloyd	Punter Southall	160
Deutsche Bank	Resolution	
Domestic & General	RGA	
Equitable Life	SafeGuard	
Generali	Sompo Nippokoa	
Genworth Australia	Swiss Re	
Gryphon Group (Guardian)	TAL	
Hannover Re	Vida Caixa	
HCF	Westpac Life/BT	
Hollard Australia	Zurich Australia	



### Insurance and reinsurance

Ashurst's global insurance and reinsurance practice provides an innovative and commercial service due to our lawyers' deep understanding of the insurance and reinsurance markets and the applicable regulatory frameworks across numerous jurisdictions. Members of our team have worked for industry regulators as well as in-house for insurers, reinsurers and brokers, providing us with important industry relationships, a high degree of specialisation and commercial understanding.

The work we undertake is often cross-border and is supported by our strong international network of offices across UK, Europe, the Middle East, Asia, Australia and North America, allowing us to deliver an integrated and high-quality service on multi-jurisdictional matters.

We work extensively with government and the private sector to develop, implement and audit insurance strategies and arrangements for major projects, mergers and acquisitions and general corporate risks.

#### We advise on the full range of insurance and reinsurance matters including:

- M&A and transfers of insurance businesses
- Longevity swaps and other risk-transfer transactions
- · Financial reinsurance
- Pensions captives
- · Insurance regulation
- Reorganisations
- Structuring strategic industry relationships
- · Distribution and agency agreements, including bancassurance and bancatakaful arrangements
- Competition issues and investigations/proceedings
- · Regulatory capital and balance sheet management
- Compliance and risk management policies and procedures
- Directors' and officers' liability insurance and indemnities
- Broker retainers and tenders
- Drafting and negotiating contractual indemnity and insurance provisions
- Assisting with the development, implementation and auditing of insurance for major infrastructure projects, construction, acquisition, supply, maintenance and service contracts and for general corporate risks including board risks
- Insurance-linked securities
- Policy wording development and interpretation
- · Development of template insurance clauses and user manuals to assist contract drafters
- · Assisting with the lodgement of claims and insurer negotiations.
- · Data protection







# Insurance M&A and portfolio transfers

Ashurst is a leading provider of legal advice in the corporate and M&A sectors and this expertise is supported by the extensive knowledge of our insurance team.

We regularly advise on the sale and purchase of insurance companies and portfolios, as well as on strategic investments in companies in the insurance sector. We also act for both managers and investors in relation to new insurance start-ups, and subsequent investor exits from those businesses.

#### Key experience of the team includes advising:

#### **GENERALI**

on the sale of Generali Worldwide and Generali Link to Life Company Consolidation Group

#### **AIA GROUP**

on its AUD 3.8 billion acquisition of 100% of Commonwealth Bank of Australia's life insurance business in Australia (CommInsure Life) and New Zealand (Sovereign)

# VARIOUS MAJOR INTERNATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANIES

various portfolio and business transfers including in Australia, Hong Kong, Korea, Japan, New Zealand and Singapore

#### **AVIVA EUROPE S.E.**

on the sale and purchase by Bankia, S.A., (as purchaser) of 50% of the insurance companies CAJA GRANADA VIDA COMPAÑÍA DE SEGUROS Y REASEGUROS, S.A., CAJAMURCIA VIDA Y PENSIONES DE SEGUROS Y REASEGUROS, S.A.

#### **BERKSHIRE HATHAWAY GROUP**

on its strategic relationship with IAG, one of the largest quota share reinsurances ever

#### **SWISS RE**

on the acquisition of a book of business in Hong Kong from QBE, effected by reinsurance followed by portfolio transfer

#### **AGEAS**

on the auction and subsequent joint venture and 20 year bancassurance arrangement with East West Bank, the Philippines

#### **AVIVA EUROPE SE**

on the sale of 50% of life insurance company Pelayo Vida to Santa Lucía

#### SACOMBANK (A MAJOR VIETNAMESE BANK)

on their 20 year exclusive life bancassurance partnership agreement with Dai-ichi Life

#### **AVIVA**

on the sale to SantaLucía of Aviva Vida Pensiones, Unicorp Vida and Caja España Vida (joint ventures with Unicaja Banco group) and termination of bancassurance agreements



#### **CHESNARA**

on its firm placing and placing and open offer, and other UK legal matters, in connection with the €160 million acquisition of Legal & General Nederland

#### **PUNTER SOUTHALL GROUP**

on the sale of its actuarial, investment consulting and administration businesses, to Xafinity in consideration for cash and shares, and the simultaneous acquisition of HR Trustees from Xafinity

#### A CONSORTIUM OF INTERNATIONAL FUNDS

on the purchase of 100% of the share capital of the life insurance company Mediterráneo Vida from Banco Sabadell

#### PENSION INSURANCE CORPORATION

on the reorganisation of the group and the subsequent capital raising involving Reinet

#### **ROYAL LONDON**

on two parallel transfers of life insurance business relating to 3 million policies and assets of over £22bn

#### CHUBB (FORMERLY, ACE)

on its US\$28bn takeover of Chubb Corp., the largest M&A deal between two insurers - coordinating the Asia Pacific and Latin America aspects and international regulatory approvals and integrations

#### **DUNAS CAPITA**

on the acquisition of the Inverseguros Group (including several investment services firms, a pension fund management company and an appraisal company)

#### **CNP ASSURANCES**

on the sale of 50% of CNP Barclays Vida y Pensiones to Barclays Bank plc

#### AVIVA

on the renegotiation of the bancassurance agreements related to Caja Granada Vida and Cajamurcia Vida (Banco Mare Nostrum)

#### **NIPPON LIFE INSURANCE**

on entering into a definitive agreement to acquire 80% of the outstanding shares of MLC Limited

#### AIA AND THE BOARD OF AIA

in connection with the US\$35bn acquisition of AIA by Prudential, advising principally in relation to liability issues

#### **CANADA LIFE**

on the acquisition of a £2.2bn book of annuities from the (first) Resolution group, via reinsurance and portfolio transfer



# STONEPOINT CAPITAL AND PARIS RE HOLDINGS

on their acquisition of the reinsurance business of  $$\operatorname{AXA}\nolimits$  Re

#### **SHRIRAM CAPITAL**

on the acquisition of an Indonesian general insurance company

#### **DAI-ICHI LIFE**

on its US\$1.2bn acquisition of Tower Australia

Group

#### **AVIVA**

on its acquisition of Dao Heng Assurance and DBS Kwong on insurance and the long-term life and general bancassurance agreements with the DBS branch network in Hong Kong

#### **AVIVA**

on the sale of 50% of CXG Aviva to Abanca and on the sale of 50% of Aseguradora Valenciana to Bankia

#### LIBERTY INTERNATIONAL

on potential acquisitions of regulatory issues, product wordings and group structuring issues

#### **GENWORTH**

on potential acquisitions and its IPO

#### **MUNICH RE**

Portfolio transfers between Australian group insurers/sale of agencies

#### **AIG GROUP**

on the merger of IAL and CGU and internal restructuring

#### **ANZ BANKING GROUP**

on the joint venture between ANZ Life and General Insurance businesses with INGA

#### WESFARMERS

on the acquisition of Lumley General Insurance and Lumley Life

#### RESOLUTION

on its A\$3.45bn acquisition of AMP Life and related reinsurance arrangements

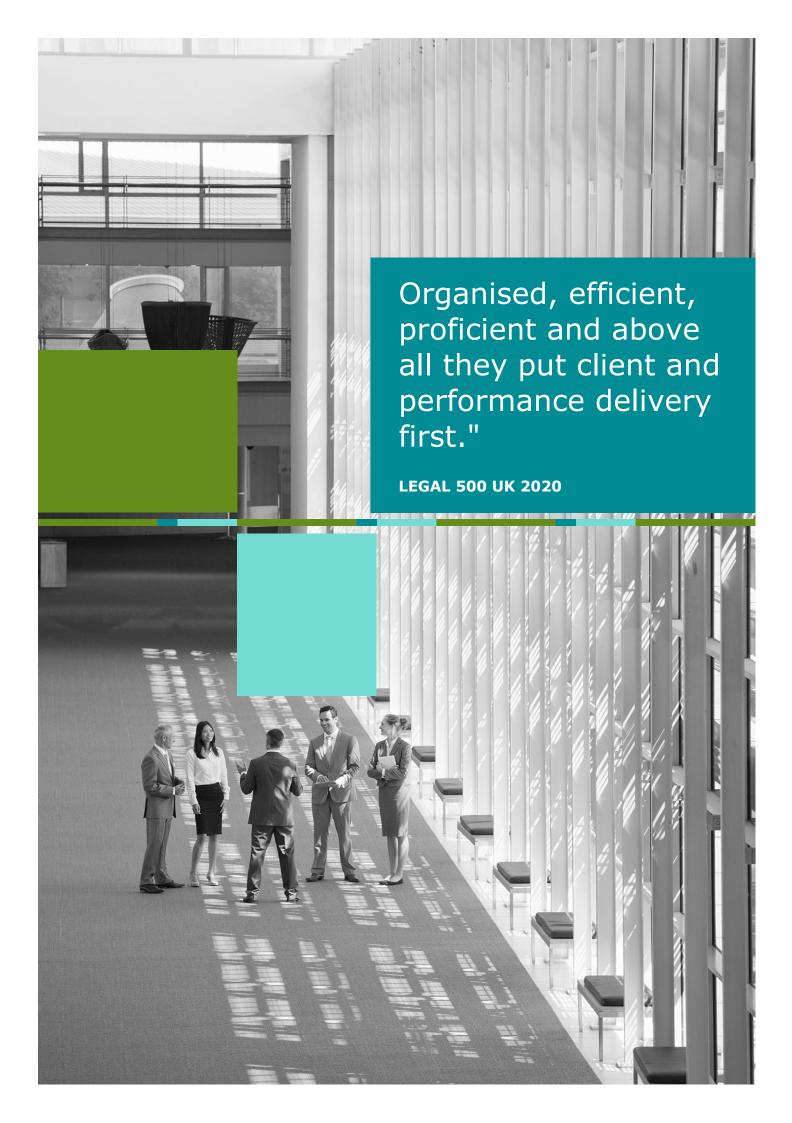
#### **METLIFE**

on European aspects of the transfer of a book of life insurance business to Monument

#### **ALLIANCE BANK MALAYSIA BERHAD**

on its competitive auction process in relation to its exclusive 15-year bancassurance agreement with Zurich General Insurance Malaysia Berhad and an exclusive 15-year bancatakaful agreement with Zurich General Takaful Malaysia Berhad





### Risk transfer

Ashurst is ideally placed to advise on technically complex risk transfer transactions such as those involving a blend of insurance and non-insurance counterparties and "transformer" structures involving both reinsurance and capital markets structures. We have also been heavily involved on a number of innovative transactions involving pensions de-risking and the establishment of pensions reinsurance captives.

#### Key experience of the team includes advising:

#### **EU LIFE INSURER**

on a Solvency II quasi-reinsurance transaction to support LAC-DT

#### A MAJOR AUSTRALIAN LIFE INSURER

in respect of various cross-border longevity risk transfer transactions

#### **AN INTERNATIONAL REINSURER**

on longevity reinsurance of a big annuity book, including deferred pensioners (and collateral arrangements)

#### A MULTINATIONAL

on a large pension buy-in in Canada

#### AN INTERNATIONAL REINSURER

on a financial reinsurance with a UK household name insurer

#### **AN INTERNATIONAL REINSURER**

on a cross-border VIF reinsurance, combined with annuity and historical claims reinsurances

#### **PRUDENTIAL**

on a renegotiation of an existing annuity reassurance agreement with a household name UK insurer

#### **A MULTINATIONAL**

on a pension captive structure programme, involving buy-ins with fronters and reinsurances to captives on a cross-border basis

#### **VIDACAIXA**

on the VIF monetisation transaction, combining a quota share reinsurance and an annuities reinsurance, entered into with Berkshire Hathaway

#### AN INTERNATIONAL REINSURER

on a financial reinsurance transaction with a big Japanese life insurer



#### **ONEPATH LIFE LIMITED**

on technical legal drafting and prudential advice for a new quota share reinsurance treaty with a major international reinsurer

#### A MAJOR REINSURANCE GROUP

on the bid process in relation to a VIF monetisation reinsurance agreement for the individual risk life portfolio of a Spanish insurer (belonging to one of the five major life insurance groups in Spain)





# Regulation

The changes to insurance and financial services regulation are a key area in which we offer unrivalled breadth and depth of experience.

We advise on both prudential and product regulation, as well as on competition and corporate governance issues for insurers and reinsurers. And in an era of increasing enforcement activity, we regularly advise on regulatory investigations and any subsequent enforcement proceedings.

#### Key experience of the team includes advising:

#### A LEADING US LIFE INSURER

on regulatory considerations in establishing Australian operations

#### **VIDACAIXA**

in relation to ongoing regulatory advice concerning the eligibility of underlying investments and matching to the insurance policy wordings

#### **MANULIFE**

in relation to data protection regulation including in respect of intra-group data transfers and new product development

#### **ROYAL LONDON**

on regulatory issues, including those arising on the transfer of policies from Co-Op

#### **PEAK RE**

on its establishment in Hong Kong

#### CPP

in response to a review of its sale practices by the  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{FSA}}$ 

#### A NUMBER OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

on the structuring of credit funds and potential investments by French insurance companies in credit funds

#### **PRUDENTIAL**

in relation to data protection regulation, including in respect of intra-group data transfers and new product development

# VARIOUS INSURANCE COMPANIES AND MEDIATORS

on regulatory matters concerning the setting up and closing down of their operations in Spain

#### **A UK INSURER**

on the reforms to the retirement market







# Capital raising

Ashurst has pre-eminent global equity and debt capital markets practices and extensive experience in advising on ECM and DCM transactions of all sizes, across a diverse range of sectors and markets.

Our global ECM and DCM teams consist of local capital markets experts based in the major global listing venues, who work closely with our highly experienced US, UK and Asia Pacific capital markets lawyers. They have experience advising on IPOs, secondary offerings, rights issues, private placings and block trades, as well as advising on convertibles and equity derivatives transactions.

They also have experience advising on the issue of various types of regulatory capital instruments, including obtaining pre-issue approvals from local regulators.

#### Key experience of the team includes advising:

#### **GRYPHON GROUP (GUARDIAN)**

on the proposed capital structure from a Solvency
II perspective and structuring generally

# BARCLAYS BANK AND NUMIS

on **Sabre Insurance's** IPO, one of the biggest in the UK market in 2017

#### **GENWORTH**

in respect of its IPO, the first IPO of a monoline lender's mortgage insurer in Australia

#### **VARIOUS LIFE INSURERS**

on tier 1 and tier 2 capital raisings

#### TAL

in relation to capital raising

#### CHALLENGER

in relation to regulatory capital raisings

#### **PACIFIC LIFE RE**

in relation to Solvency II-compliant ancillary own funds

#### THE SYNDICATE

for the **e-Sure** IPO, which comprised Deutsche Bank, JPMorgan Cazenove, Canaccord Genuity and Numis Securities



# IT/BPO outsourcing

Outsourcing and procurement are crucial business tools for any company looking to control costs, develop core strategy or maximise the efficiency of its support functions. The range of services being outsourced is more diverse than ever, while the enhanced accessibility of the global marketplace means that procurement is increasingly an international concern.

Ashurst's Strategic Sourcing Group will help you stay on top of this business sector. We have in-depth experience of advising both customers and suppliers at every stage of the sourcing life cycle. We typically assist on high-value, cutting-edge transactions, often with an international focus, consistently delivering benefits to our clients using our knowledge of established methodology and innovative solutions to meet the complex challenges these deals present.

#### Key experience of the team includes advising:

#### PRUDENTIAL PLC

on the outsourcing of its total facilities management requirements across its entire UK property portfolio to CBRE and its catering requirements across the same estate to Baxter Storey (a dual procurement which won Financial Services Deal of the Year 2018 at the GSA Awards)

#### AVIVA

on the provision of legal advice concerning the restructuring of shared services across seven European jurisdictions (including regulatory, corporate and tax analysis)

# STATE STREET BANK & TRUST COMPANY, LONDON BRANCH

on the provision of fund accounting and administration services to AGI

#### PENSION INSURANCE CORPORATION

in relation to the outsourcing of its mid and back office administration operations to The Northern Trust Company

# STATE STREET BANK & TRUST COMPANY, LONDON BRANCH

on the outsourcing of Zurich Assurance Limited's fund accounting and administration requirements

#### **EQUITABLE LIFE**

on its evergreen outsourcing of the administration of its policy portfolio to HCL Insurance BPO Services Limited

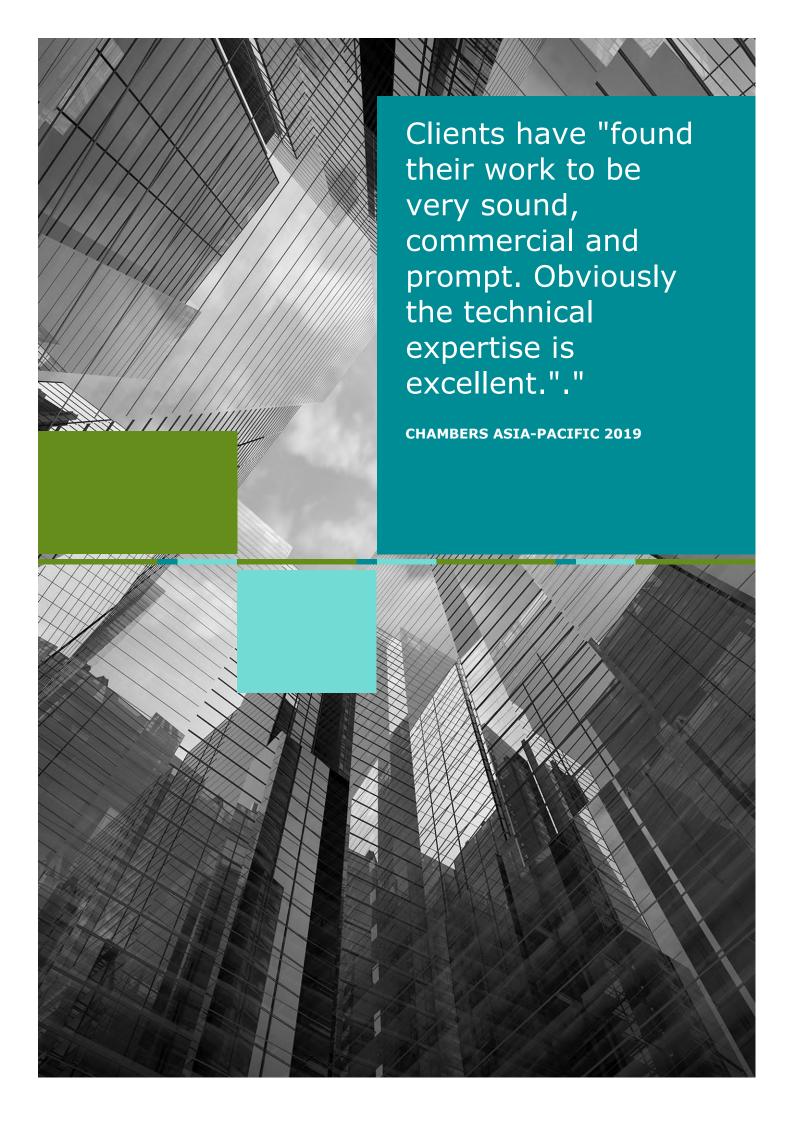
#### IFDS

on its agreement to provide policy administration, payment and other financial services to Skandia Life and Skandia Multifunds

#### CHESNARA/COUNTRYWIDE ASSURED

on outsourcings to Capita and Liberata





### Insurance coverage

We have extensive experience in developing and implementing insurance strategies for infrastructure, construction, acquisition and service contracts, as well as for general corporate risks.

We are leading advisers on directors' and officers' insurance and related company indemnities. We assist with insurance due diligence and with the use of insurance to replace warranties in M&A transactions. We also assist with claim lodgements and coverage disputes with insurers.

#### Key experience of the team includes advising:

#### **COMPANIES AND THEIR BOARDS**

on the negotiation and placement of directors' and officers' liability insurance programmes, including advice as to programme structures

#### **ENERGY COMPANIES**

by preparing a report on the use of insurance to manage CSG environmental risks

#### A PROSPECTIVE PURCHASER

of a fuel depot business with environmental insurance issues and warranty and indemnity insurance options for a proposed acquisition

#### LIQUIDATORS AND RECEIVERS

on preserving and accessing insurances available to companies and directors

#### **COMMONWEALTH DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE**

on the development and implementation of an approved contractor scheme complex and strategic contracts

#### **COMMONWEALTH DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE**

on a bespoke principal led marine insurance programme for future maritime acquisition and sustainment contracts valued at over A\$80 billion. One of the biggest marine placements ever in the global marine insurance market.

#### **LLOYDS BANK**

in relation to a disputed claim as to coverage for losses arising from the Queensland floods in 2011

#### **CONFIDENTIAL CORPORATE CLIENTS**

in respect of the placement of warranty and indemnity insurance policies in respect of various M&A transactions

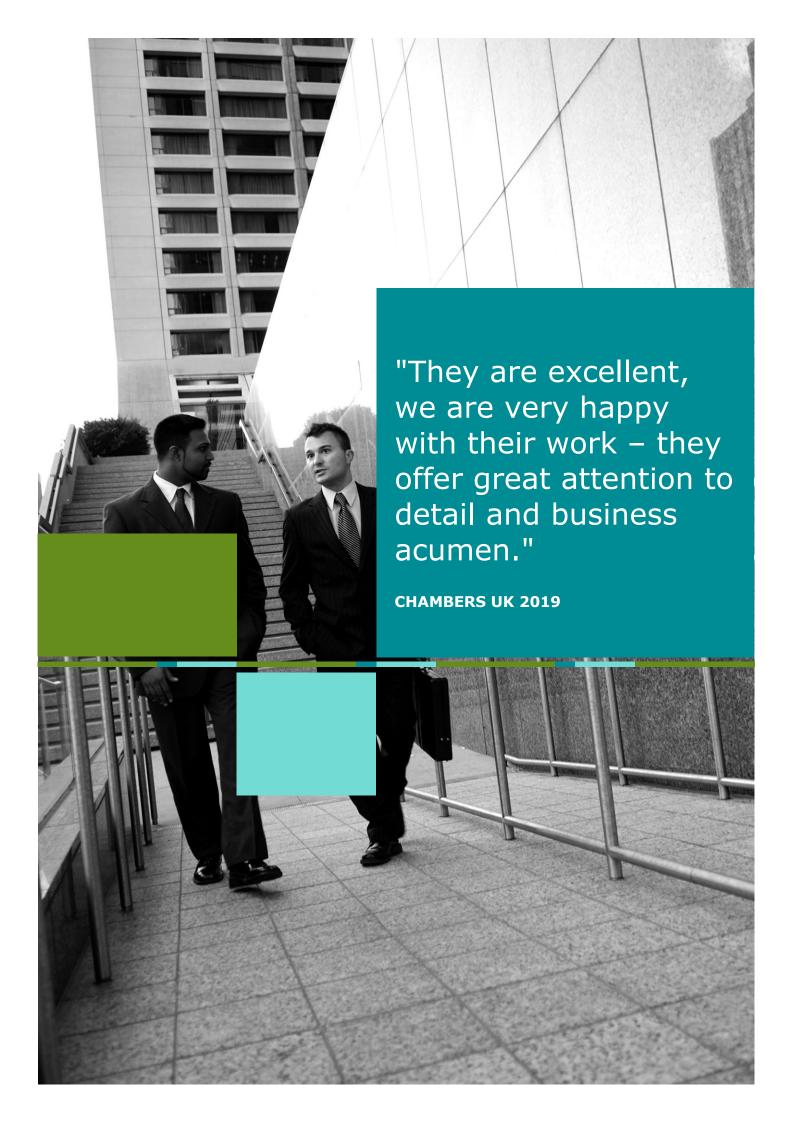
#### TRANSPORT FOR NSW

on insurance regimes for the Sydney Light Rail Project

#### **INTERNATIONAL BANKING GROUP**

on the placement of global cyber insurance programme, including negotiating bespoke wordings and coverage.





### Insurance tax

Our insurance tax team advises on the tax aspects of a range of insurance-related matters ranging from mergers and acquisitions to corporate restructurings (including portfolio transfers). We also advise insurers on the tax treatment of insurance and pension related consumer products.

Our tax team are experts in both direct and indirect taxes. We frequently advise insurers on VAT issues relating to their partial exemption status generally and on specific issues such as on the application of the VAT transfer of a going concern rules to transfers of renewal rights and have extensive experience of successfully advising on issues including disputes on both direct and indirect tax matters involving HMRC. We have been able to obtain favourable rulings from HMRC even if the initial response has been to deny the requested ruling.

#### Key experience of the team includes advising:

#### **HASTINGS INSURANCE**

on the place of supply of insurance services for VAT purposes

### UBS WEALTH MANAGEMENT

on tax issues arising from transactions in structured life insurance products

#### **CHESNARA**

on the tax aspects of the acquisition of Direct Line Insurance Company for £62 million

#### **BGC PARTNERS**

on the tax aspects of BGC's acquisition of Besso
Insurance Group, an independent Lloyd's of London
insurance broker

#### A CLOSED-BOOK LIFE COMPANY

on tax issues relating to the automatic vesting of pension policies and the lapsing and reinstatement of policies carrying waiver of contribution benefits

#### **BALOISE LIFE ASSURANCE**

on the taxation treatment of offshore life assurance bonds

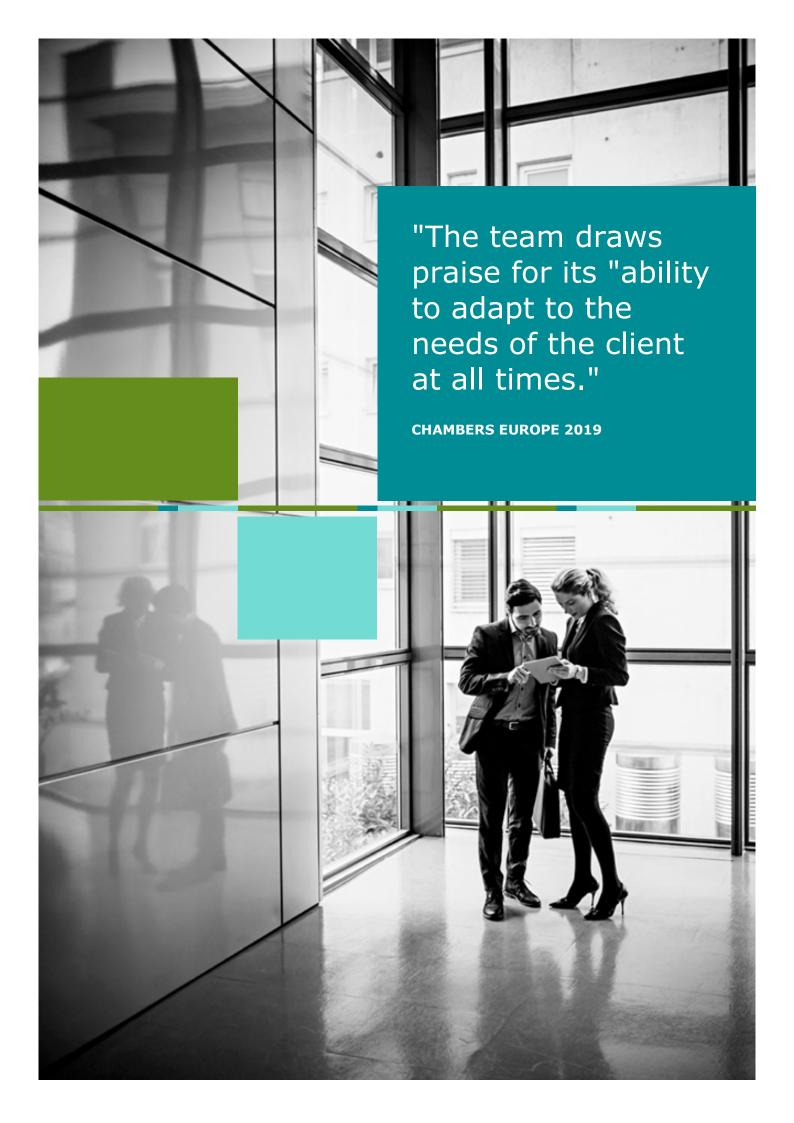
#### **ROYAL LONDON**

on two parallel transfers of life insurance business relating to 3 million policies and assets of over £22bn

#### **CANOPIUS GROUP LIMITED**

on the sale of a Lloyd's managing agency





### Banking

Ashurst has a premier global finance team of over 75 partners, with extensive multi-jurisdictional experience. We are a market leader in leveraged and acquisition financing, advising on the structuring and implementation of cross-border and domestic transactions. We have significant experience acting for banks, borrowers and financial advisers on acquisition financing, fund financing, corporate lending and a wide range of other loan products on financings ranging from bespoke structured financing to mid-market and high profile multi-jurisdictional matters. The breadth of quality and experience in our team enables us to provide technical and commercial advice to meet the needs of sophisticated borrowers and finance providers.

We have an impressive track record of advising on innovative and high profile transactions in the insurance and reinsurance sector. Areas of specific expertise include:

- Acquisition/leveraged finance
- General corporate lending
- Reinsurance letter of credit facilities
- Funds at Lloyd's letter of credit facilities
- Funds at Lloyd's collateral deposit facilities
- Lloyd's syndicate overdraft facilities

#### Key experience of the team includes advising:

#### **LLOYDS BANK**

on financing of Aquiline Capital Partners' acquisition of the Equity Red Star business at Lloyd's

#### **GLOBAL INSURER**

on an innovative collateral deposit facility for Funds at Lloyd's purposes

#### LLOYDS BANK

on provision of a New York law Funds at Lloyds Letter of credit facility to Arch Reinsurance

#### **NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK**

on syndicated New York law revolving credit facility for a top tier Bermudian run off business

#### LLOYDS BANK AND BARCLAYS BANK

on a £400m Funds at Lloyd's letter of credit facility for MS Amlin plc

#### **LLOYDS BANK AND RBS**

on financing the acquisition of an Isle of Man life business by a Guernsey-based life assurance consolidator



#### INTERNATIONAL INSURANCE GROUP

on a holdco PIK facility from a credit fund lender

#### **MANDATED LEAD ARRANGERS**

on provision of \$1.7bn Funds at Lloyds Letter of credit facility for a leading international insurance group

#### **LLOYDS BANK**

on provision of a secured catastrophe overdraft facility to a Lloyd's Syndicate

#### **MANDATED LEAD ARRANGERS**

on provision of acquisition facilities for the purchase of a UK Life business by a private equity backed reinsurer

#### BARCLAYS BANK PLC AND ING BANK N.V.

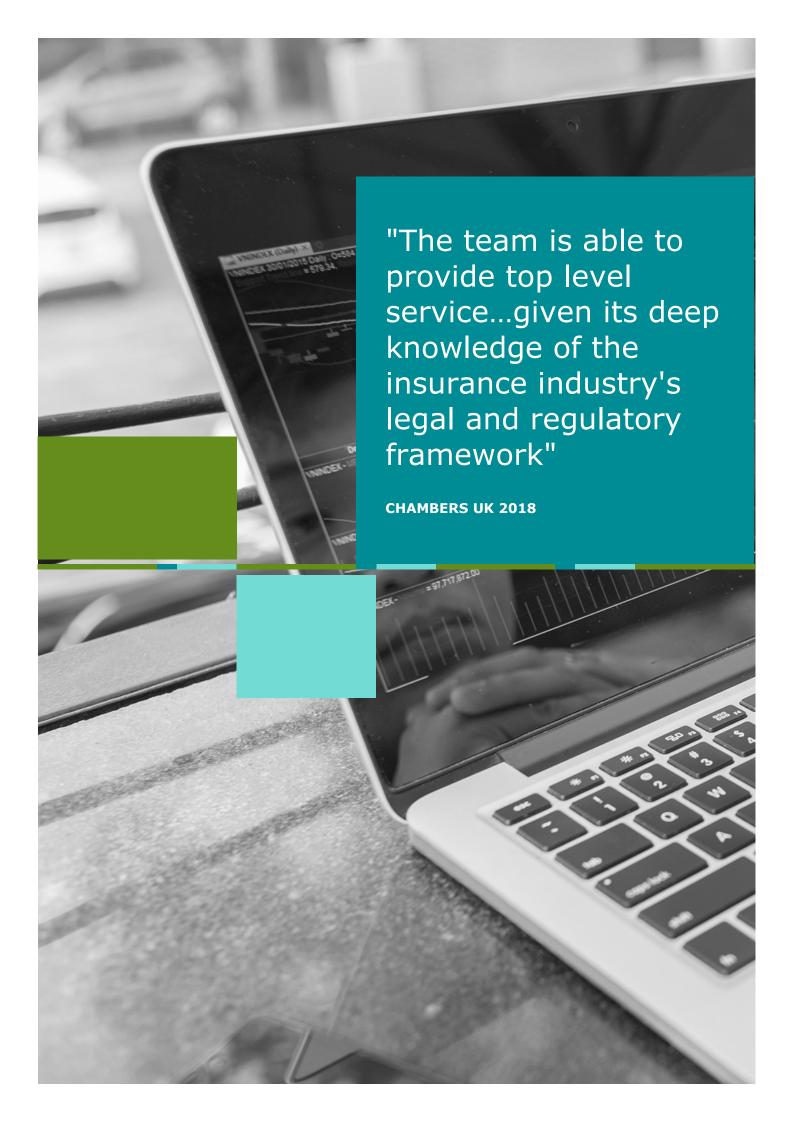
on provision of an acquisition facility for the purchase of a book of Italian life policies by a German run-off acquirer

#### THE ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND

on provision of a collateralised reinsurance letter of credit facility to Hiscox Bermuda







# Digital economy

Digital innovation is transforming every industry sector. Insurance is no different.

But moving to a digital operating model presents some unique challenges: integrating across business silos, changing a legacy culture (and often legacy systems), reassessing risk appetites and collaborating in novel ways with suppliers.

Through our work in supporting clients to implement and deliver their strategic agendas we have identified three core pillars of effective digital transformation: (1) compliant and consumer-tolerant **data exploitation**; (2) understanding and exploiting the right **disruptive technologies**; and (3) forging strong and collaborative **strategic partnerships**.



Getting these fundamentals right is a key success factor in driving digital evolution.

This is why we have built our Digital Economy team around these pillars. Individually, our Digital Economy partners are experts in their chosen areas; collectively they provide a compelling team, offering market leading understanding of the many legal, commercial and technological components to complex digital transformational projects.

#### Key experience of the team includes advising:

#### On Data Exploitation:

#### **GLOBAL INSURANCE COMPANY**

on its cyber security response plan and associated regulatory obligations

#### **LLOYDS BANK**

on its response to the UK Competition & Markets Authority's open API data access remedy

### On Disruptive Technologies:

#### R3 CONSORTIUM

on its blockchain operations in China

#### A LEADING ONLINE BROKER

in relation to its use of AI algorithms and automated advisors



#### **On Strategic Partnerships:**

# A MORTGAGE AND RELATED INSURANCE BROKERAGE FIRM

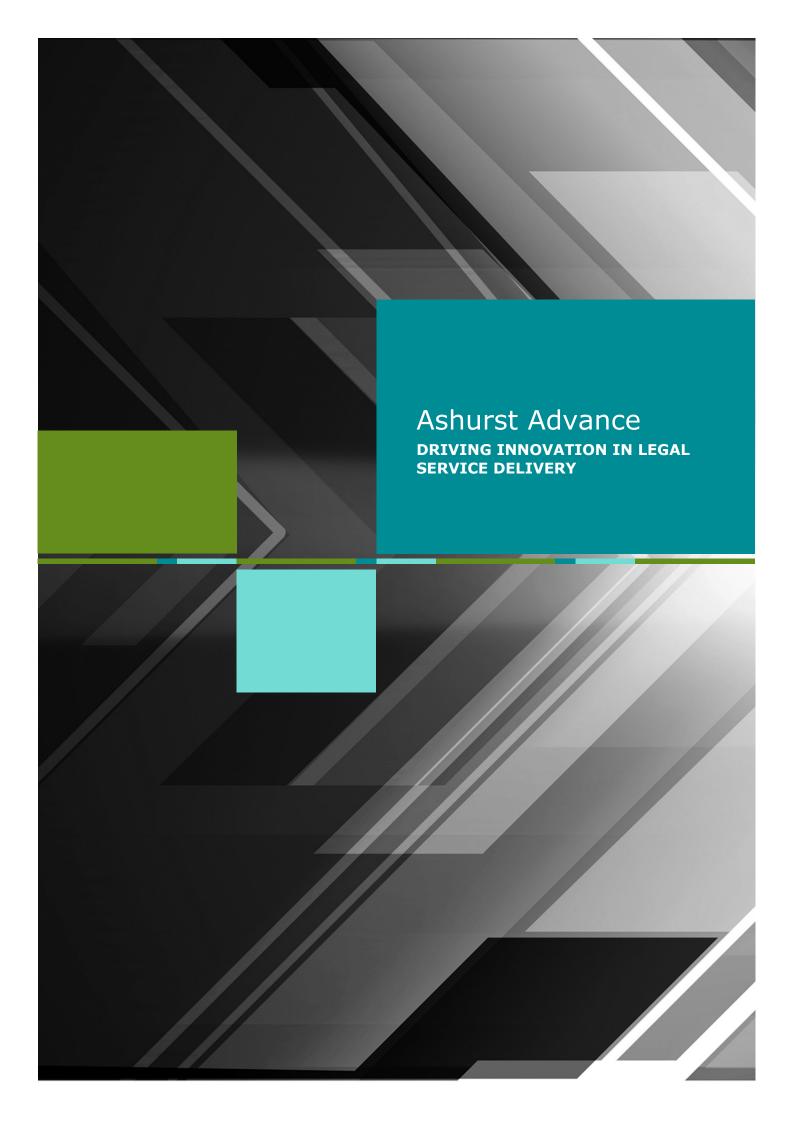
on establishing a digital-first brokerage platform by way of a JV partnership

#### JP MORGAN

on its investment in Smart Pension, a UK pensions master trust







### Ashurst Advance

Ashurst Advance is our "NewLaw" division, transforming client service by continually evolving our legal services delivery in order to provide real value and to help our clients to achieve their business objectives in a highly cost effective way.

Ashurst Advance provides dynamic solutions by innovating across three key elements of legal service delivery: process, resources and technology. We successfully combine the Ashurst Advance capabilities with our legal subject matter experts in one fully integrated team to offer legal excellence with efficient delivery.

Ashurst Subject Matter Experts			
Ç	Quality assurance, specialist expertise, clear commercial advice and proactive problem-solving		
		Professional project management for successful delivery	
PROCESS	Legal Project Management	Our professional legal project managers apply market-leading project management discipline to your matters to make sure they are delivered successfully on time, and on budget, and with comprehensive management reporting.	
Legal Process Improvement	Optimisation of resources, time and technology		
	Our legal process improvement specialists review, analyse and then optimise legal delivery workflow.		
Legal Analysts	The efficient alignment of resources using global alternative resourcing capability		
	Our highly trained and flexible team of Legal Analysts, based in Glasgow and Brisbane, drive efficiency for our clients by undertaking recurring tasks, document intensive or process-heavy matters or elements of projects that do not need to be performed by qualified lawyers, including document review, contract management and negotiation, document preparation, due diligence, discovery support and many other workstreams.		
	Our cost-efficient resourcing includes a managed legal services offering in South Africa, and a flexible resourcing platform.		
Legal Technology  Digital products	Using technology to improve performance		
	Legal Technology	Our in-house specialist team of Legal Technologists deploy the latest best-of-breed legal technology solutions such as contract automation, document review/AI, e-discovery, collaboration and document execution tools to improve speed, accuracy and consistency and deliver cost efficiency for clients.	
		Digital transformation	
	Digital products	Our dedicated Ashurst Digital Ventures team co-creates with our clients digital products offering innovative business solutions.	

#### **Benefits of using Ashurst Advance:**

- **Efficient delivery**: by combining our legal subject matter experts with process specialists, lower cost resourcing and legal technology, and through dynamic allocation between them, we drive continuous cost efficiency.
- **Improved value**: we stay focused on your business objectives to deliver real value, whether through reduced time-to-execution, improved risk management, cost efficiency, business critical regulatory compliance, or improving your own customers' journey.
- **Quality assured output**: your usual Ashurst legal team will "own" your matter in the normal way, ensuring the high quality output which you expect from Ashurst



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Rehana Box is an outstanding practitioner and "the intellectual and technical skills she brings are second to none."

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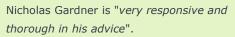
"He provides hands-on commercial advice that is solution focused to deliver what the business needs in an efficient manner'

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LEGAL 500 UK



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"He's very strong all round - technically excellent, commercially minded, organised and a strong communicator and negotiator."

**CHAMBERS UK 2019** 



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Clients say that "She is no-nonsense and eclipses the other parties."

**CHAMBERS EUROPE 2019** 



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Singled out for his experience advising on fintech transactions and "is a very effective negotiator".

**LEGAL 500 UK 2019** 



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"She has a lot of expertise and is very good at understanding our needs in particular situations"

**CHAMBERS ASIA-PACIFIC 2019** 



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One client reports: "He provides excellent corporate advice and a balanced, measured view." **CHAMBERS UK 2019** 



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