Our derivatives and structured products group has been at the forefront of every major development in the derivatives market since the market’s inception in the 1980s. Our innovative practice, now comprising over 150 experts, is a direct response to client demand for derivatives lawyers who are able to advise on both OTC and securitised derivatives, and SPV-based complex structured finance transactions.

Meeting the challenges
Close contact with regulatory authorities around the world allows us to address the regulatory (including regulatory capital) issues that arise from the structuring and marketing of derivatives products, irrespective of the legal form that the products take, and is a key element of our service. We monitor international legal and regulatory developments, and advise clients on how these may affect their businesses. Since many structured transactions are tax-driven, we work closely with our expert tax colleagues. We also work regularly with Linklaters’ global banking, corporate, energy, insurance, investment management, litigation, regulatory, pensions and real estate practices on the market’s most important deals and legal issues. We pride ourselves on our practical advice and ability to seamlessly execute the most complex deals.

Service where you need it
Linklaters is the only firm that can offer market-leading practitioners for derivatives and structured products in London, Frankfurt, Paris, New York, Hong Kong and Tokyo. These practices are supported by our global network of offices. A key strength of the group is the ability to offer local law advice in many jurisdictions, including English, U.S., Japanese, Hong Kong and Singaporean law, amongst others. In Australia, we work in alliance with Allens.

“*They have expertise across many jurisdictions, they have a strong, deep bench, and they’re available at all times to work on complicated matters.”*

Chambers UK 2019, Capital markets: structured finance, securitisation and derivatives
Expert advice
We regularly provide training sessions to our clients on derivatives products and documentation, including: exchange traded products, the application of EMIR and clearing, repackaging structures and regulatory issues around marketing structured products to retail. Our client-focused knowhow relating to derivatives is available to clients through the Linklaters Knowledge Portal and our derivatives lawyers are always available to talk through potential structures before they are traded with counterparties/clients.

We focus on the full range of derivatives, in OTC and securitised format, including:
- interest rates
- currencies
- credit
- equities (including indices and funds)
- debt
- commodities

We also advise on:
- repackagings
- CDOs (both cash and synthetic)
- synthetic securitisations
- insurance products
- exchange-traded commodity products (ETCs)
- investment funds
- bespoke financings of financial assets or derivatives using special purpose vehicles (SPVs)
- stock lending
- repo
- prime brokerage
- hedging
- collateral management documentation
- structured guarantees
- disputes and regulatory investigations

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