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Cleantech, Renewable Energy & Venture Capital

Our Expertise
Renewable energy expertise

Clean and safe energy is at the heart of modern economies. At the same time, ensuring a continued supply – both now and for future generations – is critical. Not surprisingly, hardly any other sector has been subject to such profound change: renewable energy production, new electricity market designs, on- and offshore wind farms, solar/PV, water & waste and other renewables, electric mobility, energy storage systems, energy efficiency and a significant diversity of support mechanisms are all ventures into uncharted terrains.

Our highly experienced team of specialists advises clients on all levels of the value chain, including utilities and plant operators, equipment manufacturers, oil and gas companies, as well as investors, developers, financiers and banks.

We cover the complete spectrum of the energy sector and shall be happy to let our dedicated teams advise you on everything from project development, project finance, plant engineering and construction, to public planning and environmental law, regulatory issues, real estate, tax and mergers and acquisitions.

Our international energy practice advised on some of Europe’s earliest wind-farms. Since then we have advised on many transactions involving different technologies including wind, solar, waste-to-energy, biomass, biofuels, combined heat and power, cleantech and energy storage. We advise on large-scale projects and smaller embedded generation.

Our specialist renewables expertise includes

- Project development and structuring
- Corporate and project M&A/transactions
- Project finance
- Plant construction and operation (EPC contracts)
- Warranties, claims management and litigation
- Regulatory issues in the renewable energy sector
- Energy supply contracts and direct marketing
- Real estate (cabling and rights of way)
- Planning law and permits
- Tax structuring
- Dispute resolution
Cleantech

Widely recognised for our work in private equity and venture capital, our focus is firmly on the cleantech market. With a strong international leveraged buy-out team we are one of only a handful of firms operating in this area. Taylor Wessing is able to support companies throughout the complete “Investment Life-Cycle”. This all-embracing approach differentiates us from other law firms that only focus on the transaction itself.

We understand the funding structures and are providing legal advice to early-stage and growth investors as well as to the start-ups themselves, on all aspects of raising finance as well as on the protection and commercialisation of innovations and on intellectual property.

Our legal know-how is complemented by a deep knowledge of the industry environment. Taylor Wessing has been sitting at the European Advisory Board of the Cleantech Group for several years and we are in regular contact with Europe’s major Cleantech funds as well as with the technology companies themselves.

Combining our skills in venture capital, private equity, project finance and intellectual property with a real understanding of the underlying science of both the energy and technology markets ensures that our clients see us as a valuable partner and a trusted business advisor in this sector.

Venture Capital

Our venture capital team is recognised as one of the strongest in Europe, advising our clients across all stages of their lifecycle from “cradle to liquidity”. Our international offering includes many of the major tech hubs, such as Silicon Valley, London, Berlin, Paris and Amsterdam. We see all sides of the investment dialogue enabling us to understand and focus on the commercial drivers and drive efficiency in managing transactions.

We act for many of the most high profile investors – from prominent early stage funds and the biggest international venture capital firms to corporate investors and sovereign wealth funds – as well as many of the most successful early and growth stage investee companies across the world. We’ve advised on many headline grabbing investments in the last decade, and many clients have been clients of the firm since their inception, valuing our strategic, tactical and technical advice.
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Our Expertise

Generating a total of 36.2 megawatts to Austria’s largest purchase contracts for battery storage facilities.

Advised EWE on the planning, network integration and contract design of a mobile battery storage system for the provision of network services and achievement of individual network charges for various commercial customers. Development of purchase contracts for battery storage facilities.

Advised SET Ventures as lead investor on its series A investment in Easelink GmbH, an Austrian company specialized in the charging management of electronically powered vehicles and developing automated charging systems.

Advised Falck Renewables (Italian Falck Group) on the proposed acquisition of a supplier of large virtual storage facilities for electrical energy from renewable sources (broken deal).

Advised a German Private Bank advice in connection with a mezzanine equity refinancing for a large battery storage project in Australia. Total capacity: approx. 25 MW/50 MWh; Project volume: approx. 22 million EUR.

Advised SET Ventures on the disposal of LimeJump, a UK based energy technology company, to Shell.

Advised AlertMe.com Limited on its sale to British Gas for 65 million GBP.

Advised MWR InfoSecurity, a privately held global cyber security company in which ETF were the only financial investor, on its sale to F-Secure for a maximum enterprise value of 105 million GBP.

Advised Tokamak Energy on its funding round from existing and new investors, including Legal & General UKI, Pans (UK) and high net worth individuals.

Advised ETF on its investment into Eagle Genomics Limited, an enterprise software solutions company enabling management and analysis of life sciences data.

Advised Tamar Energy on its procurement of 40 anaerobic digestion plants throughout the UK, including the design, build, finance, and operation of an anaerobic digestion plant as part of Greenwich Council’s PPP Project.

Advised Ceres Power Holdings plc on an equity investment from Chinese power business, Weichai Power (with Weichai acquiring a 20% equity interest), together with a related joint venture and, subsequently, on a long term strategic collaboration with Robert Bosch GmbH, including a 9 million GBP strategic equity investment.


Advised Demeter and Coparian on a USD 3 million financing round in Plan A, a Berlin-based SaaS B2B start-up that enables companies to measure, monitor and reduce their environmental footprint and therefore improve their ESG rating.

Advised Sony Innovation Fund on a EUR 12 million Series A financing round in Agrando, an independent platform that links all players in agricultural trade and supporting them with technically optimized trading processes, data-based analyses and industry-specific, personal advice.

Advised Creandum on a financing round in the software developer and service provider for battery analyses TWAICE Technologies GmbH.

Advised Encavis Asset Management AG on the acquisition of the Warnsdorf wind farm. The Warnsdorf wind farm consists of 12 wind turbines from the manufacturer Vestas with a total rated output of 43.2 megawatts.

Credentials

Advised Encavis AG on the sale of three wind farms generating a total of 36.2 megawatts to Austria’s largest regional energy provider, Wien Energi.


Advised VigorHydrogen on the documentation of a seed financing. VigorHydrogen focuses on the development, manufacturing, series production and distribution of technologies, concepts and/or plants for the production of hydrogen.

Advised HSH Nordbank AG on the 655 million EUR financing of the complete repurchase of the Hamburg electricity grid from Vattenfall.

Advised Nord LB on the financing of various national and international renewable energy projects.

Advised Conergy AG on several solar/PV projects in Europe and Northern Africa.

Advised Thüga Erneuerbare Energien on the acquisition of the production of the wind project developer Wiebe Wind and on the acquisition of several wind parks.

Advised the Nordex Group together with Bech-Bruun on the acquisition of SSP Technology A/S, a developer and manufacturer of rotor blade moulds.

Advised the Danish company Kaiserwetter Solar Invest on the disposal of a portfolio of 14 solar plants.


Advised Aster Capital on a financing round of 4 million EUR in SolarFuel GmbH.


Advised Ludgate Environmental Fund Limited, a Jersey-based, publicly listed venture capital fund, on the negotiation and execution of a financing round aiming to acquire a minority stake in Micropelt GmbH, Freiburg i.Br.

Advised Environmental Technologies Fund on the financing of Compact Power Motors GmbH.

Advised MAMA Sustainable Incubation AG on a venture capital investment in the field of solar heat.

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