



Derivatives & Structured Products

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Overview

As complex derivatives have become a standard tool for managing risk in the face of uncertain markets, O'Melveny has become the firm of choice for clients looking for rapid analysis of legal and regulatory issues—and the business acumen to swiftly structure, negotiate, and document contracts. Our derivatives and structured products team provides clients with innovative thinking and agile execution in this fast-evolving, high-stakes arena.

We appreciate the art of the possible: for bank clients acting as hedging counter-parties to leveraged transactions, for investor clients exploiting opportunities to buy risk or enhance leverage, or for issuers structuring call-spread overlays or stock borrow facilities alongside equity-linked offerings.

Our lawyers possess an intuitive understanding of the factors that drive success in complex financial arrangements:

- We have formed and managed derivatives divisions and trading desks within major banks, and were present at the creation of many of the instruments now in common use.

- Our counseling is backed by decades of experience — we count among our ranks former senior officials with the US SEC and Department of Justice; former Wall Street investment bankers; former private equity investors; and former managing directors, heads of legal departments, and new products committee members in major international banks.
- Members of our team are active with FINRA and ISDA and maintain strong working relationships with key financial players, regulators, and rating agencies.

In the ever-changing space of complex derivatives derivative-based structured products, O'Melveny offers speed, proficiency, and sophistication on a global scale.

► **Strengths**

- OTC derivatives
- Structured products
- Esoteric asset classes
- Derivatives litigation
- Insolvency
- Securities enforcement

► **Capabilities**

- New product development and structuring
- Open market and structured repos
- Issuer and sponsor forward transactions
- Hedging of leveraged financings and bond transactions
- Unwinds and roll-over of existing transactions
- ISDA documentation
- Corporate commodity, cross-currency, interest rate, and equity swaps
- Regulatory and trading-related advisory work

Clients

- Apollo Global Management
- Barclays Capital
- Credit Suisse
- Goldman Sachs
- MHR Fund Management

Related Practices

- Bank Finance
- Bankruptcy & Restructuring
- ERISA Litigation
- Investment Funds
- Securities Regulation

