

## Private Credit Practice



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## THE FIRM

AZB is amongst India's leading law firms. Founded in 2004 as a merger of two long-established premier law firms, we are a full-service law firm with offices in Mumbai, Delhi, Bengaluru, Pune and Chennai. We have a driven team of close to 600 lawyers dedicated to delivering best-in-class legal solutions to help our clients achieve their commercial objectives.

Our strength is an in-depth understanding of legal, regulatory and commercial environments and applying this domain to provide solutions with unmatched delivery and execution capabilities. We have received wide national and international acclaim across all our practice areas; our firm, its various practices and our lawyers are consistently ranked in the very top bands by all leading legal commentaries including Chambers & Partners, Legal 500, IFLR 1000, Asialaw Profiles, RSG Review, IBLJ and others.



### **OUR PRACTICE**

AZB & Partners offers bespoke and nuanced counsel, becoming a trusted advisor to its clients, to navigate through complex regulatory environments in India. AZB is the go-to law firm for domestic and international clients for private credit and structured finance matters. Our team advises on private credit transactions, structured finance (including securitization, strategic situations finance and distressed finance), pre-insolvency restructuring, and crucially, policy reforms (advising the ministries, regulators and government) in the context of each of these practices.

AZB is one of the only Indian law firms that houses each of these connected practice areas in one broad team. We believe our lawyers need to develop domain across all these practices in order for them to be able to advise clients in any of them, given their inherent interconnectedness.

As part of our private credit and structured finance practice, we represent:

- financial institutions on a wide gamut of financing transactions (both domestic and cross-border, including from GIFT City), including on trade finance, real estate finance, acquisition and leveraged finance and project finance.
- credit funds, both foreign and domestic, on performing credit, distressed debt and high yield special situations (including foreign portfolio investors on their debt investments in India);
- institutional lenders and credit funds on transactions in debt capital markets including nonconvertible debentures, foreign currency bonds, perpetual and subordinated debt, market linked debentures, commercial papers and securitized debt instruments;
- institutional lenders and credit funds in insolvency mandates, negotiating settlements and exits in contentious matters as well as advising on enforcement, recovery and debt restructuring;

In addition to advising lenders, the Firm also represents multinational and domestic corporate houses and start-ups, advising them across a wide range of sectors while working closely with their treasury teams to structure and implement a variety of domestic and cross-border structured finance transactions. Being a market leader in private equity and M&A, the Firm represents numerous global private equity funds and sponsors and accordingly, we regularly represent sponsors in a variety of domestic, offshore and cross-border financing transactions in connection with their India-facing investments and acquisitions at all stages of the investment cycle including acquisition and leveraged finance as well as advising and assisting their portfolio companies with their fund-raising needs.

The firm's compelling reputation in this space is a result of its success with managing and advising on marquee structured finance transactions, multiple complex restructurings and securitization transactions for a range of stakeholders and leading industry-defining and trendsetting mandates, establishing precedents on critical untested legal issues. The key to our unrivalled proficiency with private credit and structured finance transactions is a deep understanding of the Indian financial system and the mindset of the regulators who govern it, which gives us a strong edge not only in identifying key challenges but also in providing innovative and commercially-minded solutions.

The Firm combines seamless synergies across specialist teams, including financial regulatory, capital markets, real estate, dispute resolution and restructuring and insolvency to be a 'single port of call' to advise on and manage multiple private credit transactions for a range of stakeholders.





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# Awards & Accolades

Ranked a 'Band 1 Firm' for Restructuring & Insolvency by Chambers Asia-Pacific (2020-2024)

Ranked a 'Tier 1 Firm' for Restructuring & Insolvency by IFLR1000 (2020-2023)

Outstanding' for Restructuring & Insolvency by Asialaw Profiles (2022-2024)

Ranked a 'Tier 1 Firm' for Restructuring & Insolvency by Legal 500 Asia Pacific (2021-2024)

Named 'Best Overall Law Firm of the Year' for Restructuring, Refinancing & Insolvency by the India Business Law Journal (2014-2024)

Ranked a 'Tier 1 Firm' for Insolvency by Benchmark Litigation Asia-Pacific (2020-2024)

Awarded 'Best Indian Bankruptcy Law Firm of the Year' by Global Business Insight Awards (2022)

Named 'Restructuring and Insolvency Law Firm of the Year' by ALB India Law Awards (2022) Ranked a 'Band 1 Firm' for Banking & Finance by Chambers Global (2022-2024)

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Ranked a 'Tier 1 Firm' for Banking & Finance by IFLR1000 (2016-2023)

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Named 'Best Overall Law Firm of the Year' for Restructuring, Banking & Finance by the India Business Law Journal (2014-2023)

> Recognized as 'India's Most Outstanding Banking & Finance Law Firm' by Global Excellence Awards (2020)

> Awarded 'Firm of the Year' for Banking & Finance by In-House Community (2021)







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