

# Recent European debt advisory transactions



**Project Scarlet** 

Advised the company on

a covenant amendment

July 2020







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**Project Facade** 

Advised the company on

a refinancing

**April 2019** 









# Q1- Q3 2020 – Executive summary



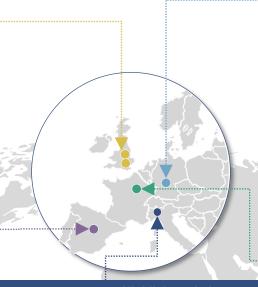
# European highlights

#### Highlights - UK

- It is clear to us that renewed M&A activity and refinancings have driven the recent rebound in volumes in Q3, with lenders and sponsors shifting focus and resources towards origination
- We believe there is strong lender appetite for businesses who have proven Covid resilient and that is focussed on the fund market where there is dry powder to deploy
- Resilient sectors such as healthcare and software therefore continue to attract strong demand, and certain assets have been able to secure pricing and terms in line with pre-Covid levels
- Notwithstanding lockdown 2.0, we believe markets for resilient pandemic-proof credit remains very strong - with deals still getting done with aggressive leverage

## Highlights - Spain

- We have seen the second wave and the recent implementation of regional lockdown generating even higher levels of uncertainty in the market
- The government support schemes are still in force. Nevertheless, for the most affected sectors such as tourism, leisure and retail, state relief may not be sufficient<sup>3</sup>
- We have seen growing concerns of a solvency crisis, with many companies starting to accumulate losses further exacerbated by progressively overleveraged capital structures
- With most government support schemes (ICO) deals structured with an amortizing scheme (including a one-year grace period), and the apparent difficulty of extending maturity or granting another year's grace, we believe refinancing deals are expected to sharply increase in Q1/Q2 21 as maturities draw near and debt servicing increases
- We believe conditions for the ICO loans may need to be revised in the coming months to allow for additional terms flexibility and avoid a spike in defaults in 2021
- Debt funds and equity deals are expected to play a more relevant role in the mid-term



# Highlights - Italy

- We believe SACE-guaranteed loans are partially solving corporate liquidity shortage issues.
   Additionally, there has been a move towards a relaxation of debt collection procedures, with signaling of risky borrowers to Bank of Italy's central database (Centrale Rischi) suspended
- Though we have seen private equity activity slow, the industry saw an upward trend for leverage and EBITDA multiples in LBOs. Sponsors with dry powder however remain very active, looking for the right opportunity
- Official news on NPE levels has not been released yet, but according to Banca Ifis there
  will be a c.7% increase in NPE stock and an upsurge in Non-performing loans (NPL)
  volumes.<sup>4</sup> Furthermore, due to the slowdown of NPL recoveries, Bank of Italy announced a
  rigorous control on servicers managing NPL portfolios<sup>5</sup>
- YTD to Aug 20, the deal value of private debt transactions (including direct lending, corporate loans and loan securitisations) was c. €8.4bn<sup>6</sup>
- Industrials, Technology and Software, Manufacturing and Food & Beverage companies were the top targets for private lenders, accounting for c.43% of total lending in H1 20.
   Although the number of deals was higher in H1 vs. PY (138 vs.103) lent capital decreased 21% (to €423m)<sup>7</sup>
- We believe that the increase in the number of private lenders' operations is a very good sign. At the same time, however, the reduction in the amount lent is an indicator of some precaution on the part of private lenders

## Highlights - DACH

- Since the extreme market disruption in March, we have seen the LBO markets show strong ongoing recovery in the Q3
- This recovery is driven by a mix of government support and investors' interest for companies with access to liquidity – particularly in pandemic-proof sectors. Consequently, bank lending has improved again, albeit with lower tickets and larger bank clubs
- By contrast, we believe companies with complicated supply chains and exposure to consumer behavior have proved most vulnerable
- Since the start of the Covid-19 liquidity programme in March 2020, KfW has received 96,341 loan applications totaling more than EUR 55.8bn.¹ As of time of writing, the programme is due to expire at the end of June 2021²
- We have witnessed pipelines improve considerably going into Q4 but with the awareness of a potential 'second wave' and the associated restrictions that may follow

## **Highlights – France**

- On the one hand, we have seen many companies recently raise a
  French state guaranteed loan in addition to their existing debts, and on
  the other, their business has underperformed in 2020. As a result, we
  believe many companies are over leveraged and may need to amend
  their covenants
- With higher visibility on the impact of Covid-19 on FY20/ 21 financial performance, it is clear to us that many sellers have launched sales processes, taking into account Covid-19 considerations such as EBITDA adjustments and a focus on the robustness of the business model etc.
- In our opinion the French market is still active on both the equity and debt side driven by a high amount of dry powder to deploy
- In our experience, both private debt funds and sponsors are more selective on businesses with a preference for proven pandemic resilience, although are still willing to show strong interest in other businesses if they like the business and its underlying market with an ability to pre-empt it

DC Advisory's European Capital Advisory team explores the activity for Q1-Q3 2020 >



# Debt Market Monitor Q1 to Q3 2020: UK (Part 1/2)



Multi-banked LBOs completed in Q1 to Q3 2020

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# Refinancing / Recapitalisation / Transf. Add-On

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Multi-banked refinancings completed in Q1 to Q3 2020

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# Debt Market Monitor Q1 to Q3 2020: France (Part 1/2)



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# Debt Market Monitor Q1 to Q3 2020: Spain



Multi-banked LBOs and refinancings completed in Q1 to Q3 2020

Target	Sponsor	CaixaBank	Santander BBVA	Bankia	Sabadell	Bankinter BNP Paribas	Deutsche Bank	Crédit Agricole	Société Généra	Ibercaja	Cajas Rurales Banco Pichinch	Mizuho	Morgan Stanley Goldman Sachs	Liberbank	JP Morgan	ING Banca March	Barclays	Caja de Arquite	HSBC	Credit Suisse	UBS	Banca IMI Investec	Kommunal Kre	AgenSynd	Bank of Ireland Banco Coop.	Español Abanca	Unicaja	EBN	Odnendo	Idinvest Muzinich	Kartesia	Talde Debt Fun	Pimco	LGT	Inveready	
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# **Debt Market Monitor Q1 to Q3 2020: Benelux**



Multi-banked LBOs and refinancings completed in Q1 to Q3 2020

	Target	Sponsor	Rabobank	NIBC	<u>N</u>	Berenberg	ABN Amro	SMBC	Investec	Tikehau	Barings	cvc	Ares	Crescent	Park Square	HPS	Hayfin	ldinvest	EQT	Alcentra	Ardian		Nature of deal
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