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Admitted to the Italian Bar (Padua), 2009

EXECUTIVE PROFILE

Equity Partner and Head of the Italian Leveraged Finance practice at Orrick, with over 18 years of experience in acquisition finance, corporate finance and private debt transactions.

Advises major Italian and international banks, private debt funds and financial sponsors in complex cross-border leveraged transactions. Recognised for combining technical excellence, commercial vision and strategic structuring capabilities in sponsor-driven environments.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP – Milan

Equity Partner – Banking & Finance | 2019 – Present

Leads the Italian Leveraged Finance practice. Advises leading banking groups and private debt funds on acquisition finance, LBOs, unitranche financings, private placements and refinancing transactions.

- Representative Clients:

Banks: UniCredit, Banco BPM, Crédit Agricole, BNP Paribas, Intesa Sanpaolo, BPER, MPS
Capital Services, illimity, Banca Ifis

Private Debt Funds: Eurazeo, Anthilia, Riello Investimenti, Equita, Finint, Green Arrow,
RiverRock, Capza, Alantra, Merito

Pavia e Ansaldo – Milan

Partner – Banking & Finance | 2015 – 2019

Bianco Besozzi & Associati – Milan

Senior Associate / Counsel | 2011 – 2015

MBL & Partners – Milan

Associate | 2007 – 2010

Clifford Chance – Milan

Trainee Lawyer | 2005 – 2007

BOARD POSITIONS

- Independent Director – Industrie Chimiche Forestali S.p.A. (EGM listed) - ongoing
- Independent Director – First Capital S.p.A. (EGM listed) - ongoing
- Independent Director – Koinos SGR S.p.A. - ongoing

Past board positions:

- Independent Director – Defence Tech S.p.A. (EGM listed)
- Independent Director – Anthilia SGR S.p.A.

EDUCATION & EXECUTIVE TRAINING

- SDA Bocconi School of Management – Financing Public Investments with Private Capital
- Il Sole 24 Ore – Master in Extraordinary Corporate Transactions
- Centro Studi Forense – Master in Financial Statements
- University of Padua – Law Degree (2005)

RECOGNITIONS

- Chambers Global 2026 – Band 4 Banking & Finance (promotion from Band 5)
- Legal 500 – Next Generation Partner (2023)
- Legalcommunity Finance Awards – Leverage Finance Lawyer of the Year (2023 & 2025)

LANGUAGES

- Italian – Native
- English – Fluent

Autorizzo il trattamento dei miei dati personali ai sensi del D. Lgs. 196 del 30 giugno 2003 e del GDPR (Regolamento UE 2016/679).

Marina Balzano

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