



Sammy Ndolo

Kenya Managing Partner

Sammy Ndolo is the Kenya Managing Partner, and Partner in our Corporate & Commercial, Finance & Banking, Real Estate, Competition Law and, Tax & Exchange Control practice areas. Sammy is a leading specialist in finance and banking, restructurings and workouts, capital markets transactions and mergers and acquisitions.

Practice areas


Corporate & Commercial
Finance & Banking
Real Estate
Tax & Exchange Control
Competition Law

Sectors

Business Rescue, Restructuring & Insolvency
Energy
Infrastructure, Transport & Logistics
Private Equity
Government and State-Owned Entities sector
Healthcare & Pharmaceuticals

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Career

Sammy began his career in Dentons Hamilton Harrison & Mathews and was a Partner until 2017 when he joined Kieti as Managing Partner.

Experience

M&A

- Advised a confidential investor in its equity investment in a Kenyan electric motorbike manufacturer.
- Advised on Kenya merger control issues in relation to FNZ's acquisition of Silica.
- Acted for the Privatisation Commission on the proposed rights issue and privatisation of Consolidated Bank of Kenya.
- Advised on Lebashe's acquisition of Tiso Blackstar's shares in Radio Africa.
- Advised on the Kenyan aspects of the equity investment in Wakanow.com by the Carlyle Group.
- Advised REPP in its preference share equity investment to fund the development of a 1.65MW solar power project in Nyeri, Kenya.
- Acted for Distell in its acquisition of Centum's shares in KWA Holdings EA Ltd.



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- Acted for Hoggers in its proposed sale of business and assets to Famous Brands.
- Acted for Reike in its equity investment in two special purpose vehicles developing a 20MW and a 16MW hydropower project in Sagana, Kenya.
- Advised KUDURA on merger control issues relating to the equity investment in it by Acumen Fund.
- Acted for KUDURA in its acquisition of Vulcan Inc.'s portfolio of solar power electricity generation assets in Kenya.
- Advised SunFunder (as security agent) on the sale of certain collateral assets to recover outstanding liabilities from a borrower group involving entities in Kenya, Rwanda and Tanzania.
- Acted for Habitat Housing in its joint venture arrangement with Singapura for the development of more than 8,000 residential and commercial units.

Finance & Banking

- Advised SunFunder (as arranger, agent and security agent) in syndicated USD 11M financing to SunCulture by a group of lenders comprising Triodos Investment Management, Nordic Development Fund, AlphaMundi and the AfDB's FEI OGEF managed by Lion's Head.
- Acted for AgDevCo on its USD 2.5M syndicated debt financing of a consortium of Kenyan macadamia nut processing companies.
- Advised REPP (managed by CAMCO Clean Energy) in relation to its USD 3M financing to a borrower to develop, construct and operate solar photovoltaic mini grids representing 12,000 connections.
- Advised Mauritius Commercial Bank in its multimillion trade finance facilities to oil marketing companies.
- Advised a confidential international financier on its transaction security documents package for commodity financing in Kenya.
- Acted for SunFunder (manager of the solar debt facility) on the loan facility of KES 50M to Pawame, one of Kenya's first transactions to finance a developer receiving funding under the World Bank Funded Kenya Off-Grid Solar Access Project (KOSAP).
- Advised a confidential client on the establishment of a green bank in Kenya.

Market Recognition

- Chambers Global 2016-2021 ranked Sammy in Band 4 for Corporate/M&A
- Chambers Global 2017 ranked Sammy in Band 3 for Banking & Finance
- IFLR 1000 2020 ranked Sammy as a notable practitioner

Education

- Masters of Laws (LL.M) (*with distinction*) (*Best Graduating Student*), International Corporate Governance & Financial Regulation, University of Warwick



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- Bachelor of Laws (LL.B) (*Honours*), University of Nairobi

Membership

- Law Society of Kenya
- International Bar Association

Languages

English, Swahili



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