

Private Equity

To navigate the evolving private equity landscape and achieve exceptional results, Osler's nationwide team delivers the integrated and comprehensive legal expertise you need across all areas of private equity.



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In today's complex and dynamic environment, Osler's private equity practice stands apart by delivering comprehensive insight grounded in elite, market-leading capabilities across the firm.

We leverage our cornerstone capabilities in M&A, Capital Markets, and Tax — each ranked Band 1 by *Chambers Canada* in their respective practice areas to deliver value for private equity clients at every stage of the investment lifecycle. Our M&A expertise drives transaction strategy and execution; our capital markets team enables efficient and sophisticated financing structures; and our tax professionals are seamlessly integrated into every deal to unlock value and optimize outcomes.

As trusted advisors to Canada's leading fund managers our Investment Funds practice, also ranked Band 1 by *Chambers Canada*, brings seasoned expertise in fund formation, structuring, and lifecycle management across all asset classes. We guide private equity sponsors and institutional investors through every phase of complex fund transactions — from launch and product creation to operations, regulatory compliance, and secondary solutions.

Our Energy team, consistently ranked as Band 1 by *Chambers Canada*, brings leading experience across renewables, traditional resources, and emerging segments, enabling clients to structure highly technical deals and manage risks as the energy sector transitions towards sustainability.

Further strengthening our private equity offering, our Infrastructure Group draws on a team of practitioners with a broad range of specializations, including several professional engineers to support clients through every phase of complex infrastructure projects — from financing and regulatory compliance to dispute resolution — ensuring seamless execution at every stage.

As the longest-standing firm ranked Band 1 by *Chambers Canada* for Startups & Emerging Companies, our Emerging and High Growth Companies (EHG) Group is uniquely positioned at the forefront of Canada's innovation economy. Our EHG team offers private equity clients a distinctive vantage point and direct access to high-growth technology and venture-driven opportunities, broadening possibilities for strategic deal-making and value creation.

By integrating these, and other leading capabilities, Osler's private equity team delivers innovative solutions to help clients structure creative deals, unlock new sources of value, and

Leading expertise

Osler provides comprehensive legal expertise in all areas of private equity, from venture capital and growth equity to buyouts, fund formation, direct and co-investments, and portfolio company matters.

Our team offers end-to-end guidance for buyers and sellers in M&A transactions, including carve-outs, distressed acquisitions, and cross-border deals.

Tax considerations are front-of-mind in our deal structuring, allowing clients to optimize returns and minimize risk. Our renowned tax professionals work closely with private equity clients, crafting advanced tax strategies to drive value and ensure regulatory compliance across transactions. This integrated approach means we seamlessly combine transaction and structuring advice to deliver lasting value for our clients.

High-value sectors

Osler brings deep sector expertise across Canada's key industries, including technology, energy (both conventional and renewable), healthcare, infrastructure, financial services, and industrials. This specialized knowledge equips private equity investors to identify opportunities, drive growth, and execute investments confidently.

One firm model

With offices in Toronto, Montréal, Calgary, Vancouver, and Ottawa, Osler operates as a unified "one firm" team. This seamless structure connects clients with in-depth local expertise and extensive national resources. Our professionals remain at the forefront of regional and national market trends, as well as regulatory developments across all industries, delivering informed, integrated, and strategic guidance.

People

Osler's professionals are skilled negotiators dedicated to securing the best outcomes for clients. Practical and solutions-focused, we streamline deal processes, balancing tenacity with professionalism at every stage. Clients value our collaborative approach and our ability to deliver deals efficiently and seamlessly.

Core areas of private equity expertise

Osler's private equity practice is designed to handle Canada's most complex and high-profile transactions, providing seamless support across strategy, financing, execution, exit, and post-deal integration.

M&A leadership

Our M&A team brings precision and leading insights to both private and public company transactions. With deep expertise in leveraged buyouts, carve-outs, distressed acquisitions, cross-border deals, and private investments in public entities (PIPEs), we help clients tackle challenging markets, structure sophisticated financings, and execute innovative divestiture strategies with confidence. With our market-leading tax group embedded in transaction teams, we provide strategic tax structuring, risk assessment, and efficiency planning designed to maximize value for private equity clients.

Direct and co-investments

Osler has a proven track record of facilitating direct and co-investment opportunities, enabling institutional investors — including Canada's leading pension funds — to gain greater control, flexibility, and value. Our team tailors transaction structures, conducts rigorous legal due diligence, and manages complex regulatory, tax, and financial considerations for each asset class and industry. From start to finish, we deliver comprehensive support to ensure successful outcomes.

Fund formation and investment expertise

Fund formation is a cornerstone of Osler's private equity practice. Our specialists combine technical expertise, market intelligence, and practical guidance to help clients launch, operate, and invest in private equity funds. We assist with regulatory compliance, tax-efficient structuring, and adapting to market trends, ensuring effective fund operation and lifecycle management for public and private offerings. Additionally, we regularly advise institutional investors on fund investments and exit strategies, using our deep understanding of fund structures and emerging trends to drive success.

Secondary market solutions

In the fast-evolving secondary market for private equity, Osler's multidisciplinary approach enables sponsors and investors to unlock liquidity and strategic flexibility. Whether handling LP portfolio sales, GP-led restructurings, structured financings, or continuation vehicles, our team provides tailored advice to maximize returns and mitigate risks. We deliver value across industry segments and portfolio needs, supporting success throughout the secondary market lifecycle.

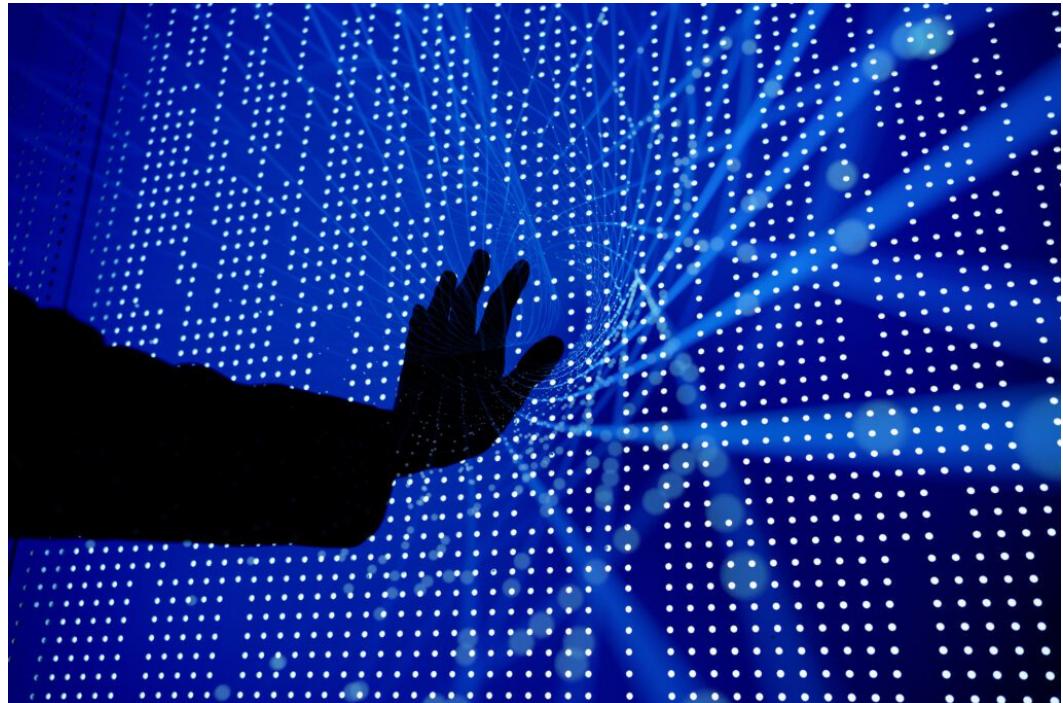
By combining technical excellence with market foresight, Osler's private equity team provides the strategic solutions clients need to thrive in today's dynamic environment.

Specialized expertise

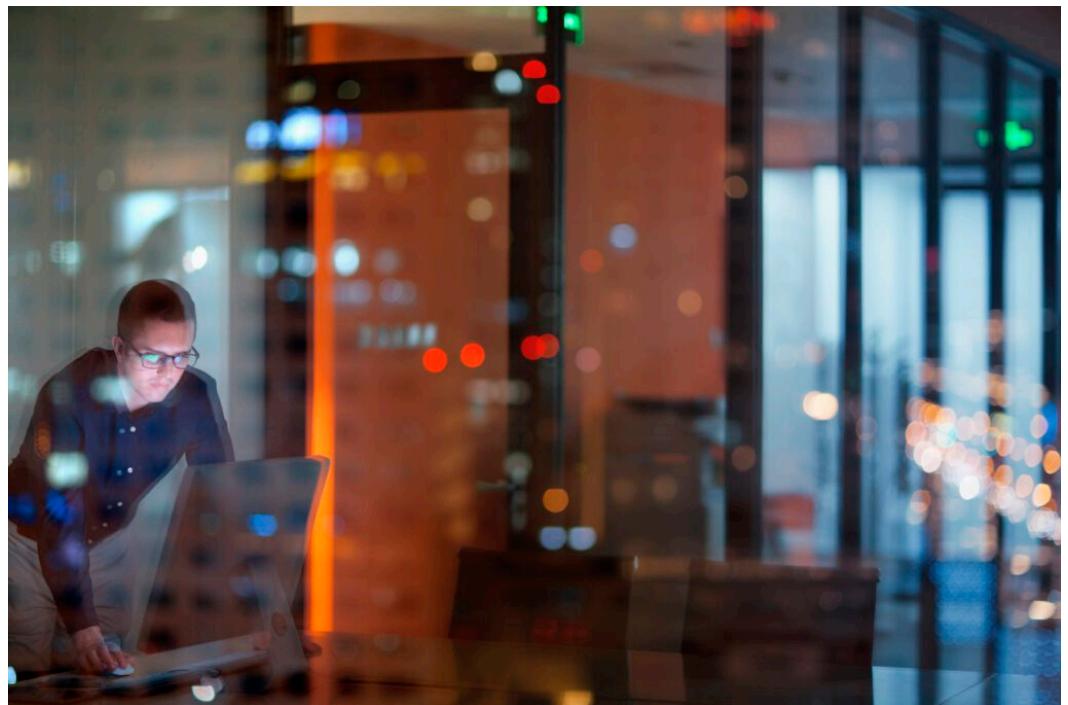
Osler's private equity team works closely with multidisciplinary specialists to deliver a fully integrated approach tailored to complex private equity transactions. Our expertise spans technology, ESG, banking and financial services, tax structuring, capital markets, executive compensation and benefits, regulatory compliance, franchise, and energy.

This collaborative model ensures clients receive comprehensive support to navigate challenges, unlock opportunities, and achieve success in Canada's most dynamic industries.

Osler's multidisciplinary specialists work seamlessly with our PE teams to deliver comprehensive, market-leading support, helping clients navigate complexity and achieve successful outcomes.



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Tax structuring & efficiency



Capital markets leadership



Executive compensation & benefits



Regulatory & compliance guidance



Franchise



Energy

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Awards and Recognition

- Canada's Leading Lawyers for Business: Recognized in Investment Funds (Band 1); Investment Funds: Fund Formation (Band 1); Private Equity: Buyouts; Tax (Band 1); Corporate/Commercial: The Elite (Ontario – Band 1; Alberta; Quebec).

—CHAMBERS CANADA

- Recognized in Private Equity: Buyouts.

—CHAMBERS GLOBAL: THE WORLD'S LEADING LAWYERS FOR BUSINESS

- The Guide to the World's Leading Financial Law Firms: Recognized in Private Equity.

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