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With over 18 years of experience, Hufriz Wadia specialises in Banking & Finance, Restructuring & Insolvency, Corporate M&A and Private Equity matters. She advises on domestic and cross-border financing under the foreign portfolio investment and external commercial borrowings routes, bilateral and syndicated, structured financing (i.e., debt, equity, and hybrid), debenture and bond issuances, acquisition and project financing, securitisation structures and note issuances. Additionally, she advises on distressed debt restructuring (under the insolvency law as well as pre-insolvency), working with acquirers, creditors, resolution professionals and debtors. Hufriz is qualified as a Solicitor in England and Wales.

Experience

- Partner, AZB & Partners (2017 – Present)

Key Practice Areas

- Banking & Finance
- Corporate / Mergers & Acquisitions
- Financial Services
- Restructuring & Insolvency

Recent Work Highlights

- Credit Suisse A.G. on its FPI investment in debentures issued by (i) PCR Investments Limited; and (ii) in debentures issued by Sundew Finance Private Limited, an Emami group entity
- Sanmar Group on its private placement issuance of debentures to Goldman Sachs and Chemplast Cuddalore Vinyls Limited on its secured term facility from IndusInd Bank Limited to ultimately fund part-repayment of debt from FIH Private Investments Limited
- Reliance Retail on a first of its kind, INR 5,000 crore equipment lease rental securitisation by OPC Asset Solutions of future rent receivables from Reliance Retail's bundled handset sales
- Goldman Sachs on its multi-faceted USD 34 million investment and subsequent contentious settlement and exit of debt under listed debentures issued by a step-down subsidiary of Nitesh Estates
- RMZ Group on its initial financing and subsequent stage-wise exit/refinancing of several debt facilities across multiple RMZ group companies as part of the sale of commercial real estate assets to Brookfield Asset Management
- Wipro Enterprises on maiden NCD Issuance as transaction counsel for maiden issuances of NCDs by private placement

Directorships, Memberships & Affiliations

- Solicitors Regulation Authority, England and Wales (2010)
- Bombay Incorporated Law Society (2005)
- Bar Council of Maharashtra & Goa (2003)

Professional Qualifications

- Solicitor, England and Wales (2010)
- Solicitor, India (2005)
- Bachelor of Laws, University of Mumbai (2002)

Recognized as a 'Notable Practitioner' for Banking & Finance, Restructuring & Insolvency, M&A and Private Equity by IFLR1000 (2020 – 2022)

Recommended for Banking & Finance (2021 – 2022) and Restructuring & Insolvency (2020) by Legal 500 Asia-Pacific

Recognized as a 'Mentor' in the 'She Leads' campaign, conducted by the British Deputy High Commission of India (2017)

Appointed as a Convenor, Policy and Advocacy, Tamil Nadu, by the Confederation of Indian Industry's Indian Women Network (2017 – 2018)
