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Nikunj Maheshwari has 17 years of experience and specializes in banking, structured finance, and insolvency related matters. Nikunj represents banks, financial institutions, foreign portfolio investors and foreign equity holders in complex domestic and cross-border debt transactions, debenture, and bond issuances (listed and unlisted), combinations of debt and equity structures, mezzanine finance transactions, securitisation and assignment transactions and inter-creditor arrangements. He also advises banks, NBFCs, housing finance companies and other financial institutions in their regulatory and compliance requirements, recovery methods and processes. Nikunj also has strong experience in debt restructuring, transactions involving distressed debt situations and money recovery from defaulting borrowers, including enforcement of security.

Experience

- Partner, AZB & Partners (2019 – Present)

Key Practice Areas

- Banking & Finance
- Restructuring & Insolvency

Recent Work Highlights

- Oaktree Capital Management on refinancing select real estate portfolio of Indiabulls Housing Finance Limited
- PAG Asia Capital on providing a bridge financing of INR 1000 crores to Edelweiss Financial Services Limited
- Edelweiss Asset Reconstruction Company Limited on its issue of listed non-convertible debentures to Farallon Capital Management
- Reliance on its investment in a securitisation trust that is holding loan assets
- ICICI Prudential Mutual Fund on its investment in listed, unsecured, non-convertible debentures issued by JMC Projects (India) Limited

Directorships, Memberships & Affiliations

- Bar Council of Maharashtra & Goa (2010)

Professional Qualifications

- Bachelor of Law, Symbiosis International University, Pune (2008)
- Company Secretary (Final), ICSI

Recommended for Banking & Finance by Legal 500 Asia Pacific (2022 – 2024)

Recognized as a 'Notable Practitioner' for Banking & Finance by Asialaw Profiles (2024)

Recognized as a 'Notable Practitioner' for Banking by IFLR1000 (2023 – 2024)