



## **Ishan Handa**

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*Ishan Handa has 10 years of experience and is part of the Firm's Banking & Finance practice. Ishan advises and represents Indian and international banks, asset reconstruction companies, housing finance companies, foreign portfolio investors and NBFCs in a wide variety of lending transactions, both onshore as well as offshore, including structured finance, promoter finance, project finance and real estate financing. Ishan also acts for private equity sponsors and credit funds in financing transactions with a focus on debt raising for their portfolio companies in India and acquisition/leveraged financings, minority back-leverage structures, distressed debt transactions and restructurings, both domestically as well as on a cross-border basis.*

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### **Experience**

- Partner, AZB & Partners (2020 – Present)

### **Key Practice Areas**

- Banking & Finance
- Financial Services
- Restructuring & Insolvency

### **Recent Work Highlights**

- Bain Capital on margin loans from a consortium of overseas banks against shares held in an Indian listed scheduled commercial bank.
- HDFC on granting financial assistance to sponsor entities of a listed REIT – amongst the first of its kind – where sponsor entities availed of financing against security of REIT units
- KKR on (i) raising offshore debt from a consortium of overseas banks for the acquisition of a controlling stake in Vini Cosmetics; (ii) leveraged finance transactions relating to its acquisition of solar energy projects from Shapoorji Pallonji group; and (iii) margin loans up to US\$ 350 million from a consortium of overseas banks against its controlling stake held in Max Healthcare Institute
- A Consortium of Lenders on granting to KKR and Co for the acquisition of a controlling stake in the Eurokids Group
- A Consortium of lenders on the initial financing of INR 40 billion to companies in the RMZ Group and subsequent stage-wise exit/refinancing of the debt as part of sale of commercial real estate assets by RMZ to Brookfield Asset Management entities, in one of the India's largest ever real estate deals.

### **Directorships, Memberships & Affiliations**

- Bar Council of Maharashtra & Goa (2011)

### **Professional Qualifications**

- LLB, Mumbai University (2011)

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*Recommended Lawyer for Banking & Finance by Legal 500 Asia Pacific (2024)*

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