



2019 Energy Year  
in Review

**Akin Gump**  
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## Dear Clients and Friends,

2019 was a momentous year for the energy sector: The U.S. became a net oil exporter for the first time in recorded history and at the same time energy dropped to less than five percent of the S&P 500 Index. With the precipitous drop in commodity prices and macroeconomic volatility triggered by the oil price war and COVID-19 pandemic, 2020 presents challenges and change for the global and domestic energy sectors. We thank all of our valued clients and look forward to working with you to anticipate and solve problems and capitalize on industry and global trends.

In this volatile and evolving environment, Akin Gump practitioners worked alongside industry players to achieve their goals domestically and across geographies in both traditional hydrocarbon and renewable energy markets.

Thanks to our clients' trust in our industry knowledge and dealmaking skills, we had the honor of advising on energy deals totaling more than \$50 billion last year, including these blockbuster transactions:

- Partners Christine LaFollette and Jeffrey Kochian advised SRC Energy Inc. in its \$1.7 billion strategic combination with PDC Energy, Inc.
- Partners Matthew Nesburn, John Marciano and Gregory Lavigne led the team that represented AES Distributed Energy, Inc. in the structuring and financing of the Lāwa'i Solar and Energy Storage Project—the first solar plus storage peaker plant and largest operational plus storage installation. The deal was shortlisted as the “Battery Storage Deal of the Year” for the IJGlobal Awards 2019.
- Partners Seth Molay and John Goodgame advised Rattler Midstream LP in its \$765 million initial public offering—one of the largest energy IPOs in 2019 and one of very few in recent years.
- Akin Gump Dubai partner in charge Mac Fadlallah represented EGA—the world's fifth-largest aluminum producer—and its wholly owned subsidiary GAC in the largest-ever greenfield mining project financing in Guinea, involving a \$750 million credit facility. This deal was named Project Finance International's Multilateral Deal of the Year.
- Partners Steve Davis and Paul Greening advised Anadarko, as the operator and lead developer of the Mozambique LNG Project, in the signing of a sale and purchase agreement with JERA Co., Inc. in Japan and CPC Corporation in Taiwan.

Bolstering our ability to support clients wherever they do business, we added tremendous talent to our worldwide energy team in 2019, including Matt Kapinos (Houston), who focuses on project development and energy infrastructure; Sam Kamyans (Washington, D.C.), who advises on key tax matters, primarily in the renewable energy infrastructure space; Simon Rootsey (London), who counsels investors and downstream and midstream companies; and Shaun Lascelles (London), who offers deep knowledge of oil and gas sectors in both traditional and emerging markets.

We've continued to provide our clients with top-shelf intelligence and analysis, including regular client alerts and posts to our Speaking Energy blog. In 2019, we hosted our biannual energy briefings for clients, industry experts and the media, focused on trends in private capital, liquefied natural gas, renewable project finance and carbon pricing.

The Akin Gump Energy Team

# Mergers, Acquisitions & Strategic Transactions

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## Apache Corporation

- Joint venture with Total S.A. to explore and develop Block 58 offshore Suriname, which included consideration of \$175 million in cash and over \$5 billion carry on appraisal and development costs.

## Canadian Solar Inc.

- Sale of its 68 MWp Aguascalientes solar project in Mexico to BlackRock Infrastructure Fund II—one of the largest solar projects being developed in Mexico.

## Carlyle Group

- Joint venture with Schneider Electric relating to the development of energy-as-a-service opportunities.

## CenterPoint Energy

- \$6 billion merger with Vectren Corporation.

## Cimarex Energy Corporation

- \$1.6 billion acquisition of Resolute Energy Corporation.

## COG Energy Ltd., a portfolio company of Carlyle International Energy Partners

- Acquisition of 100% shares of three Panamanian companies holding two production licenses in Colombia.
- Acquisition of Colombian oil and gas properties from Nautilus Marine Services Limited.

## DEA Deutsche Erdoel AG

- \$600 million acquisition of Sierra Oil & Gas, an independent Mexican oil and gas company with interests in a portfolio of six blocks in Mexico, including the world class Zama discovery.

## Diamondback Energy, Inc.

- \$740 million drop-down sale of certain mineral and royalty interests to Viper Energy Partners LP.
- \$285 million sale of certain conventional and non-core assets in the Permian Basin.
- \$37 million sale of certain non-core assets in the Permian Basin.

## Discover Exploration Limited

- Acquisition of all of the shares in Bahari Resources Limited, its joint venture partner in Blocks 35, 36 and 37 offshore Comoros, East Africa.

## Donovan Ventures

- Investment into SPL Leak Detection Systems Inc., an oilfield services company.

## Enterprise Products Partners L.P.

- \$442 million sale to Altus Midstream Company of a 33 percent equity interest in the Enterprise subsidiary that owns the Shin Oak natural gas liquids pipeline.

## Exploration & Production Company

- Sale of conventional producing wells for \$20 million plus multiple potential future earnout payments.

## FirstEnergy Generation, LLC

- \$143 million sale of the 545 MW West Lorain power plant to Vermillion Power, an affiliate of Starwood Energy Group Global.

## Genesis Energy, LP

- Agreements with funds affiliated with GSO Capital Partners LP for the purchase of up to \$350 million of preferred interests in Genesis Alkali Holdings Company, LLC.

## GSO Capital Partners

- \$1.6 billion investment by funds managed by GSO and Blackstone Tactical Opportunities in exchange for a 45% interest in Targa Badlands LLC, the entity that holds Targa's assets in the Williston Basin in North Dakota.

## Independent Exploration & Production Company

- \$400 million acquisition of Eagle Ford Shale assets.
- Joint venture involving 100,000 acres in the Utica Shale.

## JXTG Nippon Oil & Energy Corporation

- Acquisition of 15 percent interest in South Field Energy, a 1,182 MW natural gas-fired thermal power generation project in Ohio, through its affiliate ENEOS Power USA LLC from Advanced Power. Anticipated to commence commercial operations in 2021, South Field Energy will sell capacity and energy into PJM, the largest regional transmission organization in the United States.

## Longroad Energy Partners, LLC

- Development and sale of the 72 MW Weaver wind project in Hancock County, Maine.

## Midstream Company

- Investment in a \$2 billion joint pipeline project.
- Long-term agreement with a domestic oil producer to support the development of an offshore terminal facility.

## NGP Energy Capital Management, LLC

- As the largest shareholder of WildHorse Resource Development Corporation in WildHorse's \$4 billion sale to Chesapeake Energy Corporation.

## Northleaf Capital Partners

- Acquisition of a 49 percent stake in Odfjell Holdings (US) Inc., a portfolio of bulk liquid storage terminals in the United States.

## Ørsted Onshore North America LLC

- Acquisition of a wind project in South Dakota from Pattern Energy.
- Acquisition of the development business of Coronal Energy.

## Pan American Energy S.L.

- Disposition of service stations in Paraguay.

## PJSC LUKOIL

- \$850 million acquisition of a 25 percent working interest in the Marine XII license in the Republic of Congo from New Age M12 Holdings Limited.
- \$500 million acquisition of a 5 percent working interest in the Ghasha oil and gas concession offshore UAE from ADNOC.

## Rattler Midstream LP

- \$355 million acquisition of Reliance Gathering, LLC in joint venture with Oryx Midstream.
- Natural gas and processing joint venture with Amarillo Midstream, LLC.
- Acquisition of a 10% interest in the multi-billion dollar EPIC Pipeline project.
- Acquisition of a 10% interest in the multi-billion dollar Gray Oak Pipeline project.
- Acquisition of a 4% interest in the multi-billion dollar Wink to Webster Pipeline project.

## SRC Energy Inc.

- \$1.7 billion strategic combination with PDC Energy, Inc.

## Summit Midstream Partners, LP

- Conflicts committee of Summit Midstream Partners in a series of simplification transactions and restructurings of its deferred purchase price obligation relating to a 2016 drop-down transaction.

## SunCoke Energy Partners, L.P.

- Conflicts committee of SunCoke Energy Partners in its merger with SunCoke Energy, Inc.

## Twenty First Century Utilities

- Acquisition by I Squared Capital of the pipeline of investment opportunities of Twenty First Century Utilities, a privately held development and asset operations firm active in the power and utilities sectors.

## Valero Energy Partners LP

- Conflicts committee of Valero Energy Partners in its \$950 million merger with Valero Energy Corporation.

## Viper Energy Partners LP

- \$150 million acquisition of certain mineral and royalty interests from Santa Elena Minerals, LP.

## Vitol S.A.

- Proposed \$1.407 billion acquisition, as part of a consortium with Africa Oil Corp and Delonex Energy Limited, of an ownership interest in Petrobras Oil and Gas B.V. and their subsequent withdrawal from such consortium.

## VLC Energy

- Sale by VLC Energy, a joint venture between VPI Immingham (a Vitol portfolio company) and Low Carbon Limited, of two operational battery storage facilities totaling 50 MW to Gresham House Energy Storage Fund.

## Westlake Chemical Partners LP

- Conflicts committee of Westlake Chemical Partners in its \$201 million acquisition of an additional approximately 4.5 percent limited partner interest in Westlake Chemical OpCo LP.
- Conflicts committee of Westlake Chemical Partners in its \$62.9 million private placement of common units.

## Wintershall DEA

- \$35 million acquisition of certain interests in Block 5 in the Salina Basin offshore Mexico from Ophir Energy Plc.



## Cimarex Energy Corporation

- \$500 million public offering of 4.375 percent senior notes due 2029 and redemption of \$600 million 8.50 percent senior notes due 2020.

## Diamondback Energy, Inc.

- \$1 billion 2.875 percent senior notes due 2024.
- \$800 million 3.25 percent senior notes due 2026.
- \$1.2 billion 3.5 percent senior notes due 2029.

## Rattler Midstream LP

- \$765 million initial public offering, one of the largest energy IPOs of 2019.

## Noble Energy, Inc.

- Negotiation and documentation of its \$4 billion commercial paper program.
- \$1 billion tender offer of 4.15 percent notes due 2021.
- \$1 billion senior notes offering, comprised of \$500 million 3.25 percent notes due 2029 and \$500 million 4.20 percent notes due 2049.

## Spire Inc.

- Entry into an “at-the-market” equity distribution agreement with RBC Capital Markets and Merrill Lynch for the sale from time to time of up to \$150 million of the company’s common stock.
- \$250 million registered public offering of 10 million depositary shares representing the company’s cumulative redeemable perpetual preferred stock.

## Tellurian Inc.

- \$200 million common stock purchase agreement with Total Delaware, Inc.

## Viper Energy Partners LP

- \$500 million public offering of 5.375 percent senior notes due 2027.
- \$350 million public offering of 10,925,000 common units.

# Financing

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## Canadian Solar Inc.

- \$45 million bridge and \$69 million long-term project financings.

## Energy Alloys

- First lien credit facility.
- Second lien credit facility.

## Global Coal Supplier

- Five-year, \$561.8 million senior secured term loan facility.

## Guinea Alumina Corporation

- \$750 million loan in connection with the Republic of Guinea's largest-ever project financing for a greenfield mining project.

## Otto Energy (USA), Inc.

- \$55 million term loan facility to finance exploration and development in the Gulf of Mexico.

## Privately Held Energy Company

- \$250 million revolving credit facility.

## Privately Held Exploration & Production Company

- As the borrower in a \$1 billion senior secured revolving credit facility.

## Privately Held Oil & Gas Company

- \$600 million private placement of senior secured first lien notes due 2023.

## Rattler Midstream LP

- \$600 million senior secured revolving credit facility.

# Project Development

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## Anadarko Singapore Pte. Ltd.

- Signing of a sale and purchase agreement with JERA Co., Inc. in Japan and CPC Corporation in Taiwan. The agreement calls for the delivered ex-ship supply of 1.6 million tons per annum of liquefied natural gas for an initial term of 17 years.

## Apache Corporation

- First-ever bid round in the Dominican Republic.

## Coastline Exploration

- Advising on a significant project to explore for oil and gas in offshore Somalia. Coastline Exploration signed a seismic option agreement with the government of Somalia and then acquired seismic data covering an area in offshore Somalia. Coastline Exploration is now in negotiations with the federal government of Somalia for the acquisition of up to 12 production sharing agreements covering deepwater blocks in offshore Somalia. Once negotiations are complete, Coastline Exploration will enter into farmout agreements with international oil companies whereby they will jointly conduct exploration activities on those blocks.

## Diamondback Energy, Inc.

- Long-term crude oil sales agreements with Vitol Inc. involving delivery obligations on the Gray Oak Pipeline, EPIC Pipeline and certain other systems.
- Long-term crude oil sales agreements with Shell Trading (US) Company involving delivery obligations on the EPIC Crude Pipeline and certain other systems.
- Long-term crude oil sales agreement with Plains Marketing, L.P.

## Energy Capital Vietnam

- Memorandum of Understanding with Korea Gas Corporation to provide the framework for the development of a privately funded liquefied natural gas regasification terminal, storage, gas supply system and 3,200 MW gas-fired power project in Vietnam.

## Global Commodities Trader

- A long-term low sulfur natural gasoline purchase and sale agreement that backstopped the construction of hydrotreating facilities by the seller.

## Independent Exploration & Production Company

- Negotiating project documents for the construction of a behind-the-meter solar project at an operating facility.

## Infrastructure and Solar Project Developer

- Safe harbor purchase of over \$10 million worth of transformers to be used at four new project locations.

## J-Power (Electric Power Development Co., Ltd.)

- A \$496 million world-first project in producing hydrogen from Australia's vast brown coal reserves in the Latrobe Valley in Victoria, Australia.

## New Urban Communities Authority of the Government of Egypt

- Development and financing of Phases 1 and 2 of Egypt's new administrative capital city. This is a landmark project, high in complexity and value. The Phase I financing totaled approximately \$834 million and the Phase II financing totaled approximately \$1.36 billion.

## Palestine Power Generating Company

- A ground-breaking transaction to develop an approximately 450 MW power plant in Jenin in the northern part of the West Bank of Palestine, initially fueled by natural gas from offshore Israel and then by natural gas from offshore Gaza.

## Renewable Projects Arm of a Prominent Hedge Fund

- Safe harbor purchase, shipment and storage of solar project components to support approximately 700 MW of photovoltaic nameplate capacity.

## Shams Ma'an Power Company

- Ongoing matters in connection with the operation of the 52.5 MW Shams Ma'an solar PV project, the largest solar project in Jordan.

## Southern California Edison

- Negotiation of 195 MW of storage capacity agreements.

## Supermajor

- Offshore deepwater rig contract.

## Wentworth Clean Power

- Structuring, drafting and negotiating equity and joint development arrangements regarding the development and financing of two waste-to-energy projects in the UK.

# Financial Restructuring

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## **Aegean Marine Petroleum Network Inc.**

- The official committee of unsecured creditors of an international marine fuel logistics company.
- Approximately \$855 million in funded debt.

## **China Singyes Solar Technologies Holdings Limited**

- An ad hoc committee of noteholders of \$420 million senior notes issued by China Singyes Solar Technologies Holdings Limited, a HKSE-listed provider of renewable energy solutions, in respect of the financial restructuring of the senior notes and certain other debts of the China Singyes group, which has substantial operations in China.

## **CW Group Holdings Limited**

- A HKSE-listed, Singapore-headquartered group with entities in provisional liquidation in the Cayman Islands and Hong Kong and s211B moratorium proceedings in Singapore. CW Group is a one-stop precision engineering and renewable energy solutions company with production facilities in the PRC.

## **DOF Subsea**

- Nordic Trustee AS, as bond trustee with respect to the DOFSUB07 Bonds on the potential amendment, modification, or refinancing of DOFSUB07 and other financial indebtedness of the DOFSUB group.

## **Dolphin Drilling ASA (formerly Fred. Olsen Energy ASA)**

- Strategic Value Partners, as the single largest senior secured lender, in relation to the successful restructuring of a \$611 million senior secured credit facility advanced to Dolphin Drilling ASA (formerly Fred. Olsen Energy ASA), an Oslo Børs-listed international drilling contractor.

## **Elk Petroleum Inc.**

- The pre-petition administrative agent and lender of a subsidiary of an oil and gas producer operating in the Rocky Mountains.
- Approximately \$270 million in debt.

## **Endeavour Energy UK Limited**

- The secured term loan lenders to Endeavour Energy UK Limited (EEUK), the owner of several North Sea oil and gas producing assets.

## **FirstEnergy Solutions Corp.**

- An owner and operator of multiple fossil and nuclear power generating facilities throughout Ohio and Pennsylvania, as debtor.
- Approximately \$5 billion in debt to be restructured.

## **G3 Exploration Limited (formerly Green Dragon Gas Ltd.)**

- The majority holder of Norwegian high yield bonds issued by G3 Exploration Limited (formerly Green Dragon Gas Ltd.), the London-listed largest independent producer and distributor of coal bed methane in China.

## **Hyflux Limited**

- A committee of holders of S\$265 million Medium Term Notes issued by Hyflux Limited, an SGX listed Singaporean company with more than S\$2 billion debt subject to s211B moratorium proceedings in Singapore. Hyflux provides sustainable solutions, focusing on the areas of water and energy.

## OSX-3

- Nordic Trustee AS, on behalf of the bondholders of OSX-3 Leasing BV, the charterer of an FPSO to OGX in Brazil, in relation to the second round restructuring of OGX, including settlement and acquisition of the remaining debt claims against OGX of its financial creditors and of OSX-3's significant claim with respect to outstanding charter payments.

## Pacific Gas and Electric Company

- The ad hoc committee of senior unsecured noteholders of the nation's largest utility in one of the industry's largest, highest profile ongoing bankruptcies.
- Approximately \$30+ billion in potential liabilities.

## Parker Drilling Company

- An ad hoc group of unsecured bondholders of an energy industry provider of drilling solutions, rental tools and project management including rig design, construction and operations management.
- Approximately \$695 million in total funded debt obligations.

## PetroQuest Energy Inc.

- An ad hoc group of noteholders of an independent oil and natural gas exploration, development, acquisition and production company with operations in Texas and Louisiana.
- Approximately \$300 million in funded debt.

## Premier Oil

- An ad hoc group of creditors on M&A transactions and the debt restructuring of Premier Oil, an independent UK exploration and production company with worldwide oil and gas interests, through Scottish schemes of arrangement.

## Sanchez Energy Corporation

- An independent exploration and production company focused on the acquisition and development of oil and natural gas resources in the onshore United States, as debtor.
- Approximately \$2.3 billion in total funded debt obligations.

## Telford Offshore

- Nordic Trustee AS, in its capacity as bond trustee, in connection with bonds issued by Telford Offshore Limited, an international offshore service provider.

## Weatherford International plc

- The informal committee of holders of senior unsecured notes of Weatherford International plc in the company's chapter 11 cases and parallel restructuring processes in Ireland and Bermuda.

# Energy Litigation

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## Integrity Wireline

- Akin Gump served as lead counsel for Integrity Wireline in a dispute against several former executives who quit and started a competing wireline company. In the lawsuit, Integrity Wireline sought to enforce restrictive covenants and brought claims for breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty, tortious interference, conspiracy and violations of the Texas Uniform Trade Secrets Act. In response, the defendants filed a motion to dismiss under the Texas Citizens Participation Act, which was denied and then appealed to the 5th Circuit. The appeal was argued on May 14, 2019 and a favorable settlement was negotiated shortly thereafter.

## Laredo Petroleum, Inc.

- Akin Gump obtained a significant victory through its prosecution of counterclaims on behalf of Laredo Petroleum, Inc. (Laredo) in a lawsuit originally filed by Shell Trading (US) Company (Shell). Shell sued Laredo in Texas state court asserting claims for fraud, breach of contract and reformation arising from a crude oil purchase agreement. Shell sought damages in excess of \$70 million. Akin Gump successfully developed counterclaims that Shell breached the parties' agreement and sought over \$150 million in damages on behalf of Laredo. After extensive discovery and favorable court rulings for Laredo, our team secured an extremely favorable settlement requiring Shell to pay Laredo to resolve the counterclaims and to dismiss its original claim.

## Quintana Minerals Corporation

- Akin Gump defended Quintana Minerals Corporation (QMC) and four related entities against a former QMC employee's claims related to bonus payments, severance pay and the valuation of restricted incentive units. The former employee filed separate lawsuits in Delaware and Texas state court, alleging nearly \$2 million in total damages for alleged breaches of contract and misrepresentations. Despite initially arguing for a piercing of the corporate veil and that several individuals affiliated with QMC and the other corporate defendants were jointly liable, the plaintiff's claims against the individual defendants were ultimately dismissed. After engaging in discovery, Akin Gump secured an extremely favorable settlement of the multiyear dispute.

## SRC Energy Inc.

- Akin Gump represented SRC Energy in a series of securities litigation matters stemming from a proposed merger with PDC Energy. SRC's shareholders filed suit in courts across the country, including Colorado state court, as well as the U.S. District Courts for the District of Delaware, Colorado and the Southern District of New York. Plaintiffs in these lawsuits filed claims for violation of Sections 14(a) and 20(a) of the Securities Exchange Act and breach of fiduciary duties among others. Akin Gump was able to obtain favorable settlements with plaintiffs in all actions, and the shareholder vote on the merger was able to proceed without any delay.

## CHAMBERS USA

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### Energy and Natural Resources: Nationwide

#### Energy: Oil and Gas (Transactional), Band 2

*“Offers clients a diverse energy practice. Known for expertise in transactional matters, routinely acting for public and private companies in both domestic and foreign markets. Possesses particular strength in the upstream arena, as well as in pipeline and LNG matters, plus the MLP sector.”*

A client says: *“They do exceptional work and provide great client service.”*

A source reports that Akin Gump’s energy attorneys are *“all of high caliber; they work well together and deliver a good product and service.”*

Others say the team is *“well qualified and integrated. Their knowledge of the oil and gas industry, as well as their bench strength, gives us certainty that a transaction or financing can happen quickly with the most favorable terms.”*

#### Energy: Electricity (Regulatory & Litigation), Band 5

*“Remains well regarded for FERC advice in the power space. Provides expertise on approvals, rate case litigation and compliance. Noted experience in matters involving the production and delivery of electric energy from both traditional and renewable energy sources.”*

*“They’re terrific, responsive and attentive,”* attests a client.

Another commentator says Akin Gump is a *“full-service law firm with seasoned, expert attorneys who best help clients evaluate and protect against risk.”*

### Projects: Nationwide

#### Renewable and Alternative Energy, Band 2

*“An impressive renewables group that is adept at wind, solar, geothermal and biomass development and financing. Possesses good capability on the tax equity side of renewable matters that is so crucial to*

*the industry. Acts for significant institutional clients on domestic and international projects.”*

According to a client the team is *“very professional and highly regarded on all sides of the business.”*

Another source says the team has experience across a *“tremendous number of transactions. They know the market norms and are genuinely nice individuals who are pleasant to work with.”*

*“The firm is excellent; their key strengths are their domain knowledge, functional expertise, and breadth of transactional experience,”* attests a client.

### Texas

#### Capital Markets: Debt and Equity, Band 3

*“Global firm handling a broad range of debt and equity matters, including IPOs and secondary offerings, commercial paper transactions and debt restructuring. Acts for major companies, funds, issuers and underwriters and has particular expertise in MLP matters. Regularly represents a range of clients in the energy sector, from upstream exploration and production to oilfield services.”*

#### Corporate/M&A, Band 3

*“Long-established practice in Texas representing private equity funds, high-net-worth individuals and significant investors across a range of transactional matters. Experienced representing large entities in the energy market, often assisting with complex mergers, divestitures and acquisitions. Also offers expertise in representing clients operating in the healthcare, retail and telecommunications industries.”*

Clients note the team *“looks out for our best interests and calls out items or perspectives to ensure we fully understand the entire picture.”*

#### Bankruptcy/Restructuring, Band 2

*“Highly regarded for advising creditors and debtors on a wide range of bankruptcy and restructuring matters, including litigation and distressed asset acquisitions.”*

Frequently engaged on complex workouts and insolvencies in the energy sector. Sector expertise also covers healthcare, real estate and retail, among others. Noted for its particular expertise assisting bondholders, with additional experience representing creditors, debtors, liquidators and trustees."

Sources say: "It's a high-quality firm. The team is very commercial and pragmatic."

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## CHAMBERS EUROPE

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### Energy and Natural Resources

#### Energy and Natural Resources: Russia, Band 3

"Acts on high-value M&A deals, joint ventures and the negotiation of construction contracts. Has experience in significant contentious matters, including international commercial arbitrations and litigation tried in English courts. Maintains long-lasting relationships with significant domestic oil and gas clients, with Lukoil as a key client. Closely cooperates with the London and Houston offices, often assisting Russian clients with overseas projects in the CIS region and beyond."

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## CHAMBERS UK

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### Energy and Natural Resources

#### Oil & Gas, Band 2

"Impressive depth of market experience in oil and gas matters with significant expertise in upstream, midstream and downstream issues. Advises clients on commercial and corporate matters and offers deep knowledge of restructuring issues. Also fields a leading energy disputes team capable of handling major litigation and international arbitrations. Frequently acts for oil and gas majors and other international energy companies in cross-border work."

Clients remark: "The service is top class and they're incredibly responsive."

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## CHAMBERS GLOBAL

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#### Middle East-wide Projects & Energy, Band 4

"A full-service energy practice, advising on fossil fuel and renewable projects, most notably as counsel for project sponsors. Provides counsel on oil and gas projects across the supply chain, from financing to joint venture agreements. Practice also encompasses work on utilities projects."

Interviewees say the firm "shows a good understanding of contracts and has a very short response time; when they do come back to us it's with concrete answers and good advice."

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## CHAMBERS LATIN AMERICA

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#### Energy & Natural Resources, Band 4

"Recognized international practice with significant knowledge of the Latin American renewable energy and petrochemical industries. Notable expertise in sector-related M&A and project finance transactions, particularly those arising in the Mexican market."

Commentators are impressed by the firm's "excellent service," singling out its "lean teams, senior partner involvement and commercial advice."

The following attorneys who advise clients in the energy industry were ranked as leaders in their respective fields by *Chambers & Partners* in 2019.



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Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP is a global law firm and a leading advisor to energy companies. We provide a full range of legal services, including corporate and capital market transactions, project finance and development, and dispute and policy counsel. Our lawyers have represented every segment of the energy industry on issues ranging from energy policy to tax questions to environmental and land use challenges. Founded in Texas, Akin Gump has decades of experience counseling energy clients, including public and private companies, financial institutions, private equity firms and sovereign states working across the energy value chain from independent exploration and production activity to renewable energy investment.