

**Matúš Franko**

Associate

Matúš Franko specialises in banking, finance and capital markets law, corporate law, and M&A.

In the area of capital markets law, he focuses primarily on financial regulation and advising entities supervised by the National Bank of Slovakia. In this area, Matúš has experience in several proceedings before the NBS concerning granting prior approvals and advising on granting authorisations for alternative investment fund managers and investment firms.

In the area of corporate law, he has experience in establishing, setting up internal governance and making various changes within companies. In the area of M&A, Matúš has experience in participating in several transactions, where he was involved in drafting and commenting on transfer and security agreements. In addition to that, he has experience in preparing several merger notifications and representing clients in pre-notification proceedings and in merger notification proceedings before the Antimonopoly Office of the Slovak Republic.

Prior to joining HAVEL & PARTNERS in 2023, Matúš worked first as an in-house lawyer and later as a junior associate at a major Slovak law firm, and as an associate at a major international law firm.

Projects

- advising an investment firm from another EU Member State on a complex cross-border project concerning the freedom of establishment in Slovakia, including the set-up of the firm's internal procedures
- advising a bank from another EU Member State on regulatory obligations related to the entry into the Slovak market
- advising numerous payment institutions on the cross-border provision of payment services in Slovakia
- advising to numerous creditors in Slovakia on regulatory matters related to the provision of consumer credits (review of contractual documentation, APR, general terms of contract, and consumer protection)
- advising on numerous cross-border financing projects representing Slovak obligors
- advising a leading water supply company on the refinancing of its outstanding debts, with a total refinancing value of EUR 130 million
- advising a buyer on a complex M&A transaction involving regulatory aspects of the financial services sector
- representing numerous clients before the Slovak Antimonopoly Office in connection with a merger notification
- advising an insurance company in connection with the revision of insurance policies and a guarantee insurance policy
- advising numerous financial agents regarding the intermediation of insurance products
- advising numerous insurance and reinsurance companies on AML policies and ESG matters

Membership in professional associations

Slovak Bar Association

Languages

Slovak, English

Education

Pavol Jozef Šafárik University, Faculty of Law, Košice, Mgr. (2014)
Central European University, International Business Law, Budapest, LL.M. (2018)

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