

## IFLR1000 2019

International legal directories IFLR1000 has released its Financial and Corporate 2019 rankings. The guide to the world's leading financial and corporate law firms and lawyers covers 120 jurisdictions and is developed based on transactional evidence provided by law firms, as well as the evaluation of peer and client feedback.

IFLR1000 recognizes DERLING PRIMUS and PRIMUS DERLING alliance as leading firms in the Baltic legal market in the fields of finance and corporate.

## FINANCIAL AND CORPORATE (LITHUANIA)

PRIMUS DERLING is strong and experienced in all types of financial and corporate transactional work. In particular, the team is recognised for its expertise in banking and M&A work.

The firm primarily works on the lenders' side in the banking space, and has represented the likes of ABLV Bank, Bank Zachodni and LHV Bank in recent financing deals. In a further notable deal the firm advised telecommunications company Cgates on completing its recapitalisation with new senior debt raised from Swedbank.

In the M&A space the firm notably advised Europe's largest organic food producer Auga Group on the acquisition of Arginta Engineering, a company specialising in the design and production of customised metal constructions.

Energy, natural resources and transport are the sectors where the firm's project development team is most active. A standout deal saw the firm provide assistance to Rafako in an international public procurement project by Lietuvos Energija for the construction of a cogeneration plant in Vilnius.

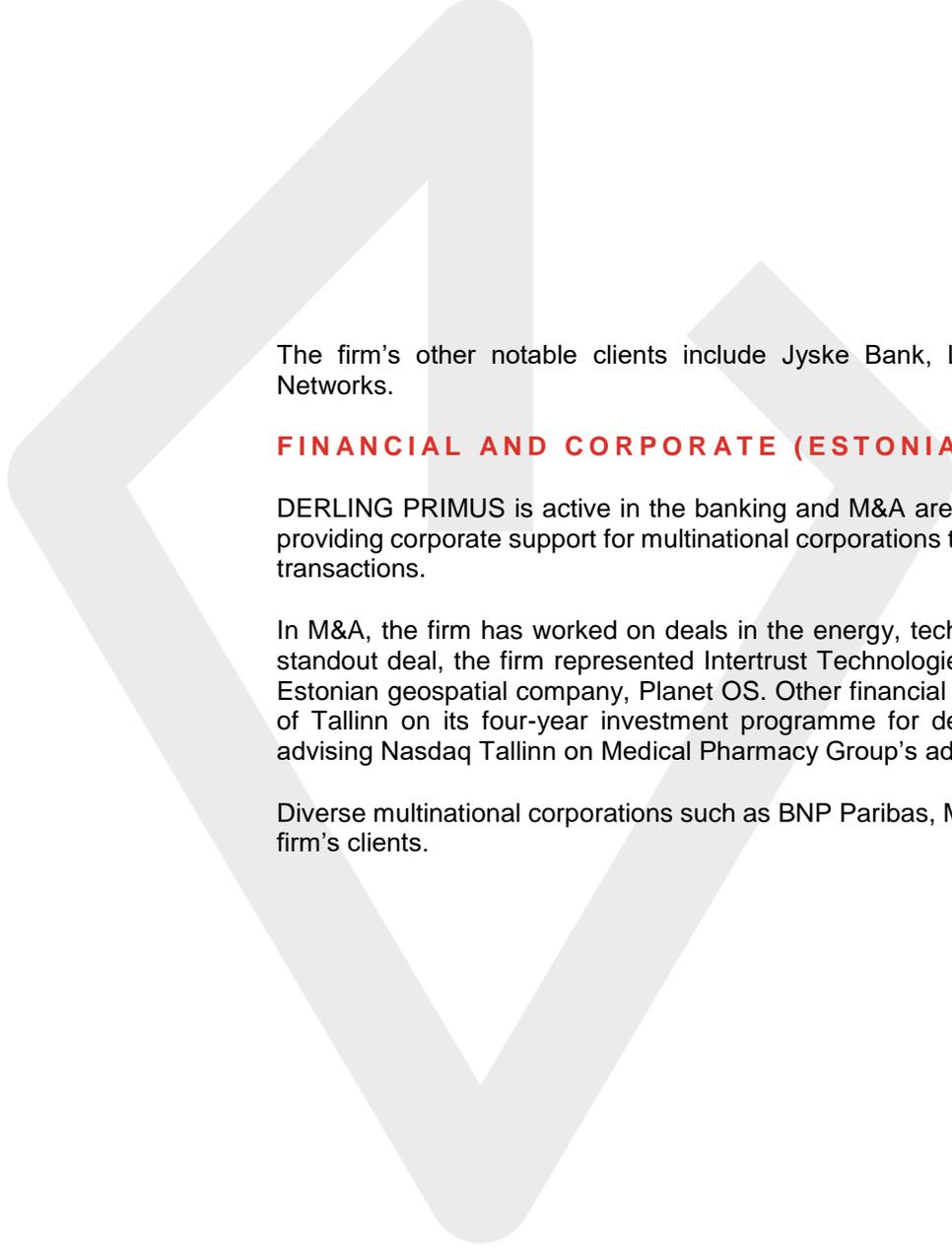
Some of the firm's key clients include Accor Hotels, Eesti Energia and restaurant chain, Vapiano.

## FINANCIAL AND CORPORATE (LATVIA)

The Riga office of pan-Baltic firm PRIMUS DERLING is widely recognised for its presence in banking and finance and M&A work in Latvia. Financial services, energy, and infrastructure are sectors in which the firm is active.

The firm's corporate team was active throughout the research period, working on mergers, capital markets deals and financial restructurings. Highlights included advising Madara Cosmetics on its IPO and working for Sapiens International Corporation on its merger with Knowledgeprice.com.

In the projects space, the firm notably worked with EG Energia, as it took on a part of the functions of the state in the field of gas supply. In another standout energy matter, the firm represented the developer, Energia Verde, on the development of a cogeneration plant.



The firm's other notable clients include Jyske Bank, Luminor Bank and Santa Monica Networks.

### **FINANCIAL AND CORPORATE (ESTONIA)**

DERLING PRIMUS is active in the banking and M&A areas, with its mandates ranging from providing corporate support for multinational corporations to working on cross-border financial transactions.

In M&A, the firm has worked on deals in the energy, technology and transport sectors. In a standout deal, the firm represented Intertrust Technologies Corporation on its acquisition of Estonian geospatial company, Planet OS. Other financial highlights include advising the City of Tallinn on its four-year investment programme for developing urban infrastructure and advising Nasdaq Tallinn on Medical Pharmacy Group's admission to trading.

Diverse multinational corporations such as BNP Paribas, Michelin and Miniclip are among the firm's clients.