

Since its establishment in 2005, PONTES Budapest has been assisting major international investors across various business sectors with their most complex legal needs.

We are at our best when it comes to structuring pioneer deals or transactions – and we love to see if a structure jointly worked out with a client is actually implemented. We draft contracts for real life, always keeping in mind that a contract may actually be relied upon once – and that is a test that each of our deliveries pass.

We are a boutique firm, often mentioned among the market leaders with regard to energy related matters and infrastructure finance, PE/VC transactions, treaty arbitrations and public procurement.

KEY PRACTICES

→ Arbitration → Banking & Finance → Bankruptcy → Capital markets → Competition law
→ Corporate and M&A → Dispute resolution → Distressed asset → Employment → Energy law → Fiscal law
→ Health law → IP/IT → Insolvency → Litigation → NPL portfolios → Private equity → Public procurement
→ Regulatory → Sports law

PEOPLE

Csaba Polgár → Partner

Csaba Polgár is one of the founding partners of Pontes Budapest. He leads the energy, infrastructure and project finance and arbitration groups in the Budapest office. His main areas are renewable project developments, acquisitions, divestments and financings, with special emphasis on solar projects. Before establishing Pontes Budapest, Csaba spent more than seven years with Allen & Overy's Budapest and London Offices working on energy matters and cross border M&A deals.



Gábor Bebők → Partner

Gábor Bebők is a founding partner of Pontes Budapest and now leads the Corporate and M&A practices. He is also in charge of conducting an extensive PE/VC activity of the firm. Before establishing Pontes Budapest, Gábor spent more than eight years with Hayhurst Berlad Robinson, a spin-off of Stikeman Elliott in Hungary.



Katalin Sirály → Of-counsel

Katalin is an of-counsel of Pontes Budapest. She leads the public sector, public procurement, European Union law, and state aid practices. A licensed public procurement adviser, she often represents both contracting authorities and tenders in complex, high value public procurement procedures. She also regularly advises all stakeholders with relation to various EU subsidy programmes. Her main clients include large utility companies; local government owned companies in the field of public transport, road operation, maintenance and cultural organizations.



Tibor Szántó → Of-counsel

Tibor is of-counsel at Pontes Budapest. Tibor is a specialist in competition law and regulated industries, with more than 20 years of experience gained as a private practitioner and as a regulator. He spent a decade at various positions with the European Commission and the Hungarian Competition Authority, including for years as member of the Competition Council of the Hungarian authority. Before starting his competition boutique, he spent a decade with various international law firms.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Advising **OXO Technologies Holdings**, a leading investment firm of the tech sector in Hungary. Its investment policy targets the funding, partial or full buyout of early stage tech ventures, accelerate their growth and market expansion and prepare them for subsequent funding rounds and exits
- We advised **Warner Media, LLC** (the Buyer) on the acquisition of 100% indirect stake in a Hungarian subsidiary being active in the marketing, sale, development, design, testing and manufacturing of Over-the-Top (OTT) video streaming applications and streaming media services
- We worked with **PortfoLion**, a Budapest-based venture capital and private equity firm which is part of the OTP Group, one of the largest banking groups in the CEE region with respect to their various FinTech and digital technologies investments in Hungary
- We have been advising **Pannonia Solar**, a subsidiary of Pannonia Bio (Europe's largest bio refinery) with the acquisition of a substantial solar power plant portfolio in Hungary
- Advising a **leading solar power plant developer** with regard to the divestment 126 × 0.5 MW (AC) Hungarian solar power plants under development
- We have been advising **Renesola Group** with the acquisition, financing, construction, commissioning and subsequent divestment of more than 40 MWp of solar power plants in Hungary
- Advising the **PHOTON Energy Group** with the acquisition, financing, construction and commissioning of more than 30 MWp of solar power plants in Hungary
- Advising **major Hungarian solar developers** with regard to the development and sale of their KÁT, METÁR and METÁR-KÁT projects. Overall AC capacity of the solar projects where PONTES Budapest has been involved exceeds 300 MW
- Representing the **Export-Import Bank of the US and the Overseas Private Investment Corporation** with regard to the USD 240.000.000 project financing and subsequent refinancing of the largest bioethanol production facility in Central-Eastern Europe
- Advising the **APS Group** with regard to the acquisition of an EUR 139 million residential mortgage NPL portfolio from Unicredit Bank, Hungary. Pontes Budapest advised APS with regard to the financing, regulatory and JV related issues of the transaction, together with advising APS on their day-to-day operations in Hungary

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