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Recent publications
“Only connect - the importance of considering disclosure requirements in the light of their legal consequences” (Capital Markets Law Journal Volume 2 Number 1)
“The pan-European retail market - are we there yet?” (with Boyan Wells - Capital Markets Law Journal Volume 2 Number 3)

“Disclosure in the EEA securities markets - making sense of the puzzle” (Capital Markets Law Journal Volume 3 Number 2)

Forthcoming publications
“The Regulatory Framework in Europe” (part of “European Securities Law” edited by Raj Panasar and Philip Boeckman, OUP Spring 2010)
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IPOs, including Third Point Offshore Investors and Virgin Mobile.

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Recent notable experience includes advising the underwriters of sovereign bonds for the Republic of Turkey and the Republic of Hungary; advising the Kingdom of Sweden on its Euro debt shelf; advising the arranging banks and dealers on the £20bn Network Rail debt issuance programme; and advising on sovereign guaranteed bank issuance in the UK, Sweden and Denmark.

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The Emirate of Abu Dhabi – its debut USD1 billion global bonds due 2012. This was the first time the Emirate of Abu Dhabi had raised finance in the domestic or international market and the bonds were assigned the highest ratings ever assigned to debt securities issued in the United Arab Emirates.

General Electric Capital Corporation – the first Islamic bond by a western industrial company.

Government of Dubai – its establishment of a Euro MTN Programme and a sukuk programme.

Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank – the first Rule 144A deal by a bank from the GCC.

Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank PJ.S.C. – the first subordinated capital issue in the United Arab Emirates.

Abu Dhabi National Energy Company (TAQA) – the establishment of its USD9 billion global MTN programme, the first US commercial paper programme established in the Middle East.
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