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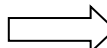
Ramiro Blazquez is currently Head of Research & Strategy at BancTrust & Co. He holds an MSc in Financial Engineering from Birkbeck College, The University of London, and an MA in Economics from Universidad Torcuato Di Tella (Argentina). In addition, he pursued graduate studies in Finance at Universidad de San Andrés, where he also obtained his Economics degree.

Prior to joining BancTrust, Ramiro was leading the research team at an Argentine brokerage house. In the previous ten years, he worked as Senior Latam Economist for HSBC Global Research, covering the major South American countries. He was also an economist at the IMF's Argentina office, Managing Director at Universidad Di Tella's Center for Financial Research (CIF) and adviser for the Presidential office during Fernando De la Rúa's term.

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Richard Cooper is the Global Head of the Restructuring Group at Cleary Gottlieb. His practice focuses on international and domestic restructurings both in the private and public sectors. He has represented corporate, sovereign and municipal debtors, creditors, creditor committees, buyers and sellers of distressed assets and securities, DIP lenders, and other participants in out-of-court and in-court bankruptcy proceedings.

Mr. Cooper advised the US Treasury in its bail-out of the US airline industry at the beginning of the pandemic and he led the team that advised the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico with the restructuring of approximately \$73 billion of indebtedness from 2014 –17. He also played a lead role in the development and passage of the federal statute known as the Puerto Rico Oversight, Management and Economic Stability Act, or "PROMESA", which creates the first federal debt restructuring regime available to U.S. territories, including Puerto Rico. Mr. Cooper has represented, among others, sovereign and state-owned enterprises in Argentina, Mexico, Indonesia, Colombia, Lebanon and many others.

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Mr. Cooper has advised on many of the most high profile restructuring transactions in recent years, including leading the team that represented Latam Airlines in its Chapter 11 restructuring, Apollo Capital in the restructuring of Aeromexico, M&G Chemicals in its Chapter 11 restructuring and Garuda in its recent \$10 billion restructuring. In Latin America, he has been involved in most of the major cross border restructurings over the last two decades, including Samarco, Oi, OGP, Andrade, GVO, OAS, Odebrecht Oil and Gas, Constellation Energy, Rioprevidencia, Embraport and Tonon in Brazil; ICA, GEO, Tangelo, Alfapredit, Idesa, Oceanografía, Oro Negro, Grupo R, Cemex, Comerci Mexicana and Vitro in Mexico; Stoneway, San Antonio Oil and Gas, Edenor, Metrogas, Telecom Argentina and Easa in Argentina; and Alto Maipo, Gildemeister and Alsacia and Express in Chile, among others.

Mr. Cooper was recognized by *Law360* as an MVP in bankruptcy and restructuring, by TMA as one of a handful of outstanding restructuring lawyers in the U.S four times in recent years, by *Global M&A Network* as a Top 100 Restructuring Professional and by the *Financial Times* as its Innovative Lawyers Report. He is internationally distinguished as one of the world's leading restructuring lawyers by Chambers, *The Legal 500 Latin America*, *Latin Lawyer 250*, *Latinvex's* Top 100 Lawyers, *Global M&A Network*, *IFLR 1000* and other periodicals.

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