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Trusted by clients to be “very practical, very knowledgeable and good at thinking things through,” Rob brings a combination of commercial insight and practical know-how to his clients’ critical capital markets matters.

Client – *Chambers Canada*

Rob advises clients on a broad range of transactions, including public and private offerings of equity and debt securities and structured products, asset acquisitions and divestitures, joint ventures, equity monetizations, corporate governance and loan financings.

Known for his expertise in securities law, Rob is regularly consulted by public companies – including mining and oil and gas companies – on disclosure issues and general commercial matters. He also acts for issuers and underwriters in major cross-border transactions and advises major U.S. investment banks on securities law compliance issues concerning Canadian offerings.

Rob is an adjunct professor at Osgoode Hall Law School. He is a former member of the Ontario Securities Commission’s Continuous Disclosure Advisory Committee and Small Business Advisory Committee.

Representative Work

Agnico Eagle Mines Limited
Acted for **Agnico Eagle Mines Limited** in its property-level arrangements with and investment in Idaho-based Scout Discoveries Corp., which included an earn-in agreement on Scout's Elk City projects, an option to enter into an earn-in agreement in respect of Scout's Muldoon project and a concurrent equity investment in Scout.

Barclays Capital Inc.
Acted as Canadian counsel to the initial purchasers, led by **Barclays Capital Inc.**, in the private placement of US$750,000,000 of senior notes of GFL Environmental Inc.

Agnico Eagle Mines Limited
Acted for **Agnico Eagle Mines Limited** in the sale of its 55% ownership interest in the Barsele project in northern Sweden to Goldsky Resources Corp for consideration of approximately $199 million.

Waste Management of Canada Corporation
Acted for **Waste Management of Canada Corporation**, an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Waste Management Inc., in its Canadian private placement of $700-million of senior notes.

Merrill Lynch Canada Inc.
Acted for a **syndicate of initial purchasers** co-led by Merrill Lynch Canada Inc. in the C$500-million private placement offering of senior notes by Molson Coors International LP.

Agnico Eagle Mines Limited
Acted for **Agnico Eagle Mines Limited** in its US$325-million acquisition from B2Gold

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Corp. of its 70% interest in Fingold Ventures Ltd., a joint venture held by B2Gold together with its 30% joint venture partner Aurion Resources Ltd., as part of a comprehensive consolidation of properties in the Central Lapland Greenstone Belt of Northern Finland that establishes Finland as a multi-asset, multi-decade regional platform within Agnico Eagle's portfolio.

Agnico Eagle Mines Limited

Acted for **Agnico Eagle Mines Limited in** its strategic alliance and earn-in agreements with Cascadia Minerals Ltd. to form a strategic alliance regarding generative exploration and an opportunity to earn in to property-level joint venture in respect of properties in the Yukon, together with a concurrent equity investment in Cascadia and the negotiation of an investor rights agreement.

RBC Dominion Securities Inc. and BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc.

Acted for a syndicate of agents co-led by **RBC Dominion Securities Inc.** and **BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc.** in the C$1-billion public offering of medium-term notes in two series by 407 International Inc.

Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC, CIBC Capital Markets, Cohen & Company Capital Markets and JonesTrading

Acted as Canadian counsel to lead placement agent, **Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC**, on the PIPE financing supporting Xanadu Quantum Technologies' US$3-billion business combination with Crane Harbor Acquisition Corp.

Government of Canada

Acted for the syndicate of underwriters, co-led by **CIBC World Markets Inc.**, **National Bank Financial Inc.**, **RBC Dominion Securities Inc.** and **The Toronto-Dominion Bank**, in the Government of Canada's C$2-billion Series E green bonds offering.

J.P. Morgan Securities LLC

Acted as Canadian counsel to the initial purchasers, led by **J.P. Morgan**, in the private placement of US$1 billion of senior notes of GFL Environmental Inc.

Avenir Metals Limited

Acting for **Avenir Metals Limited**, a wholly owned subsidiary of Agnico Eagle Mines Limited, in its joint venture with Grid Metals Corp. for the exploration and development of the Falcon West cesium property located in southeastern Manitoba.

Government of Canada

Acted for the syndicate of underwriters, co-led by **BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc.**, **Desjardins Securities Inc.**, **Scotia Capital Inc.** and **The Toronto-Dominion Bank**, in the Government of Canada's fifth offering of green bonds, consisting of the re-opening of its Series C Green Bonds in the principal amount of C$1.5 billion and a new issuance of C$1 billion Series D green bonds.

Agnico Eagle Mines Limited

Acted for **Agnico Eagle Mines Limited** in its acquisition of the Detour East property from Wallbridge Mining Company Limited.

McDonalds Corporation

Acted for **McDonald's Corporation** in the private placement of C$750-million of its fixed rate "Maple bonds".

Le Carrefour Laval Rec Inc.

Acted for **Le Carrefour Laval Rec Inc.**, a Cadillac Fairview entity, in its C$525-million

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offering of first mortgage Series A bonds.

Aecon Group Inc.

Acted for **Aecon Group Inc.** in its acquisition of Bodell Construction Company, an industrial construction company headquartered in Salt Lake City, Utah.

BMO Capital Markets and National Bank Financial Markets

Acted for the agents led by **BMO Capital Markets and National Bank Financial Markets** in the Canadian private placement by SmartStop OP, L.P. of C$500-million of senior unsecured notes, guaranteed by its parent, SmartStop Self Storage REIT, Inc. and certain of its subsidiaries.

Beanfield Technologies Inc.

Acted for **Beanfield Technologies Inc.** and its subsidiaries in connection with the securitization of certain fibre network asset and related customer contracts through the private placement of C$565-million of secured fibre network funding notes.

Toromont Industries Ltd.

Acted for **Toromont Industries Ltd.** in its C$300-million private placement offering of senior unsecured notes.

RBC Dominion Securities Inc. and RBC Capital Markets, LLC

Acted for **RBC Dominion Securities Inc.** and **RBC Capital Markets, LLC** on the US$900-million cross-border secondary offering of subordinate voting shares of GFL Environmental Inc., where certain of the offered shares were repurchased for cancelation by GFL.

Russel Metals Inc.

Acted for **Russel Metals Inc.** in its C$300-million private placement offering of senior unsecured notes.

Government of Canada

Acted for the syndicate of underwriters, co-led by **BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc.**, **CIBC World Markets Inc.**, **National Bank Financial Inc.** and **RBC Dominion Securities Inc.**, in the Government of Canada's offering of Series C Green Bonds in the principal amount of C$2-billion.

Government of Canada

Acted for the syndicate of underwriters, co-led by D **esjardins Securities Inc.**, **National Bank Financial Inc.**, **RBC Dominion Securities Inc.** and **Scotia Capital Inc.**, in the re-opening of the Government of Canada's offering of Series B Green Bonds in the principal amount of C$2-billion.

Oxford Properties Group and Canada Pension Plan Investment Board

Acted for **Oxford Properties Group** and **Canada Pension Plan Investment Board** in the C$325-million sale of Les Galeries de le Capitale, a super regional enclosed shopping centre located in Quebec City, to Primaris Real Estate Investment Trust. Primaris agreed to fund C$155 million of the purchase price with equity, comprised of (1) 2.5 million Primaris units, subject to Primaris' right (which was exercised) to instead pay C$34 million in cash, and (2) C$100 million aggregate face value of 6.25% preferred units exchangeable into Primaris units.

J.P. Morgan Securities Inc.

Acted as Canadian counsel to the initial purchasers, led by **J.P. Morgan**, in the private placement of US$500 million of senior notes of GFL Environmental Inc.

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Scotia Capital Inc and TD Securities

Acted for a syndicate of underwriters, co-led by **Scotia Capital Inc.** and **TD Securities Inc.** in an offering of C$200-million aggregate principal amount of Series L Notes of Crombie Real Estate Investment Trust due March 29, 2030.

RBC Capital Markets, LLC and RBC Dominion Securities Inc.

Acted for **RBC Capital Markets, LLC** and **RBC Dominion Securities Inc.** on the US$723.4-million cross-border secondary offering of subordinate voting shares of GFL Environmental Inc.

BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc, CIBC World Markets Inc., RBC Dominion Securities Inc., Scotia Capital Inc. and The Toronto-Dominion Bank

Acted for the syndicate of underwriters, co-led by **BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc.**, **CIBC World Markets Inc.**, **RBC Dominion Securities Inc.**, **Scotia Capital Inc.** and **The Toronto-Dominion Bank**, in the Government of Canada's offering of Series B Green Bonds in the principal amount of C$4-billion.

Agnico Eagle Mines Limited

Acted for **Agnico Eagle Mines Limited** in its earn-in agreement with FireFox Gold Corp. to form a property-level joint venture in respect of the Kolho property located in northern Finland, together with a concurrent equity investment in FireFox Gold Corp. and the negotiation of an investor rights agreement.

J.P. Morgan Securities Inc.

Acted as Canadian counsel to the initial purchasers, led by **J.P. Morgan**, in the private placement of US$1 billion of senior secured notes of GFL Environmental Inc.

New York Life Insurance Company

Acted for **New York Life Insurance Company**in the Canadian private placement of C$1.05 billion of floating-rate and fixed-rate notes by New York Life Global Funding, a special purpose statutory trust organized under Delaware law, secured by a funding agreements issued by New York Life Insurance Company.

Metropolitan Life Insurance Company

Acted for **Metropolitan Life Insurance Company**, CIBC World Markets Inc., TD Securities Inc. BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc. and Scotia Capital Inc. in the Canadian private placement of C$1 billion of floating-rate and fixed-rate notes by Metropolitan Life Global Funding I, a special purpose statutory trust organized under Delaware law, secured by a funding agreements issued by Metropolitan Life Insurance Company.

Goldman Sachs & Co.

Acted for **Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC** on the US$658-million cross-border secondary offering of subordinate voting shares of GFL Environmental Inc.

TD Securities Inc., Scotia Capital Inc. and BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc.

Acted for a syndicate of underwriters, led by **TD Securities Inc.**, **Scotia Capital Inc.** and **BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc**. in an offering of C$200-million aggregate principal amount of Series K Notes of Crombie Real Estate Investment Trust due September 28, 2029.

Lithium Royalty Corp

Acted for **Lithium Royalty Corp.** in its C$150-million initial public offering of common shares underwritten by a syndicate co-led by Canaccord Genuity Corp and Citigroup Global Markets Canada Inc.

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WideOrbit Inc.

Acted for **WideOrbit, Inc.**, a California-based media vertical software provider, in its sale to Constellation Software Inc. and its subsidiary Lumine Group Inc., and the related spin-out of the combined Lumine Group Inc. as a new public company listed on the TSX-V.

BMO Capital Markets

Acted for the underwriters led by **BMO Capital Markets** in the offering of C$500-million Ukraine Sovereignty Bonds by the Government of Canada to offer Canadians an opportunity to directly support Ukraine.

Agnico Eagle Mines Limited

Advised **Agnico Eagle Mines Limited** in its US$580-million investment in Minas de San Nicolas (MSN) (previously a wholly owned subsidiary of Teck Resources Limited), which owns the San Nicolas copper-zinc development project located in Zacatecas, Mexico. As a result of the transaction, Agnico Eagle and Teck will own 50% of MSN. The proceeds of the subscription will be used by MSN to fund the first US$580 million of post-closing development and construction costs.

Birch Hill Equity Partners and Kicking Horse Capital

Acted for **Birch Hill Equity Partners** and **Kicking Horse Capital** in connection with their respective investments in Tidewater Midstream and Infrastructure Ltd.

Metropolitan Life Insurance Company

Acted for **Metropolitan Life Insurance Company**, **RBC Dominion Securities**, **Merrill Lynch Canada Inc.** and **CIBC World Markets Inc.** in the Canadian private placement of US$300 million of fixed-rate notes by Metropolitan Life Global Funding I, a special purpose statutory trust organized under Delaware law, secured by a funding agreements issued by Metropolitan Life Insurance Company.

BofA Securities, Inc.

Acted for the initial purchasers, led by **BofA Securities, Inc.**, in the Canadian private placement of C$500-million senior secured notes of Maxar Technologies Inc.

Agnico Eagle Mines Limited

Acted for **Agnico Eagle Mines Limited** in its acquisition of a 35% interest in Green Star Royalties Ltd., a company focused on the origination of carbon sequestration projects and other green technology opportunities. In connection with its investment, Agnico was granted certain investor rights, including representation on Green Star's board and an ability to co-invest alongside Green Star in its future projects and investments.

The New York Life Insurance Company

Acted for **The New York Life Insurance Company** and **New York Life Global Funding**, a special purpose statutory trust organized under Delaware law, in the Canadian private placement of $150 million of fixed-rate notes by New York Life Global Funding secured by a funding agreement issued by The New York Life Insurance Company.

Royal Bank of Canada

Acted for the underwriters led by **Royal Bank of Canada** in the inaugural green bond offering of C$5 billion by the Government of Canada.

Pacific Life Insurance Company

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Acted for **Pacific Life Insurance Company** in the Canadian private placement of $600 million of floating-rate notes by Pacific Life Global Funding II, a special purpose statutory trust organized under Delaware law, secured by a funding agreements issued by Pacific Life Insurance Company.

Crombie REIT

Acted for a syndicate of underwriters, led by **Scotia Capital Inc.** and **BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc.** as joint bookrunners, in an offering of an aggregate of $200 million of trust units of Crombie REIT and Class B LP units of Crombie Limited Partnership exchangeable for trust units of Crombie.

Metropolitan Life Insurance Company

Acted for **Metropolitan Life Insurance Company**, **BMO Nesbitt Burns**, **RBC Dominion Securities**, **Scotia Capital** and **TD Securities** in the Canadian private placement of $450 million of fixed-rate notes by Metropolitan Life Global Funding I, a special purpose statutory trust organized under Delaware law, secured by a funding agreements issued by Metropolitan Life Insurance Company.

J.P. Morgan

Acted for **J.P. Morgan** on the US$503-million cross-border secondary offering of subordinate voting shares of GFL Environmental Inc.

Nevada Gold Mines

Acted for **Nevada Gold Mines** (NGM), the Barrick-Newmont joint venture, in its asset exchange agreement to acquire the remaining 40% of the South Arturo property from i-80 Gold Corp in exchange for NGM's Lone Tree and Buffalo Mountain Properties, and in its conditional up to $50-million private placement in i-80 common shares.

CIBC Capital Markets, Scotia Capital Inc. and TD Securities Inc.

Acted for syndicate of agents, co-led by **CIBC Capital Markets, Scotia Capital Inc. and TD Securities Inc.**, in a $150-million offering of series J senior unsecured notes of Crombie REIT.

Morgan Stanley

Acted as Canadian counsel to **Morgan Stanley** in a private placement of $1 billion in fixed-to-floating-rate senior notes due 2027 (maple bonds).

BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc., CIBC World Markets Inc., and RBC Dominion Securities Inc.

Acted for **BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc., CIBC World Markets Inc., and RBC Dominion Securities Inc.** as joint solicitation agents for the solicitation of consents and proxies with respect to proposed amendments to the Greater Toronto Airports Authority's Master Trust Indenture.

Canaccord Genuity and Needham & Company

Acted for a syndicate of underwriters, led by joint bookrunners **Canaccord Genuity and Needham & Company**, in a marketed public offering of US$57.5-million of common shares of AcuityAds Holdings Inc. in the United States and Canada, representing AcuityAds' initial public offering in the United States.

BofA Securities, J.P. Morgan and BMO Capital Markets

Acted for **BofA Securities, J.P. Morgan and BMO Capital Markets** in a $400-million offering by Intertape Polymer Group of senior unsecured notes.

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Acted for a syndicate of underwriters led by **TD Securities Inc.** and **Goldman Sachs Canada Inc.**, as joint bookrunners, on the C$402.5-million initial public offering of Softchoice Corporation, a leading technology solutions provider in North America.

Scotia Capital Inc. and BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc.

Acted for a syndicate of underwriters, led by **Scotia Capital Inc. and BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc.** as joint bookrunners, in an offering of an aggregate of $141.5 million of trust units of Crombie REIT and Class B LP units of Crombie Limited Partnership exchangeable for trust units of Crombie.

BMO Capital Markets, RBC Capital Markets and Scotiabank

Acted for **BMO Capital Markets**, **RBC Capital Markets** and **Scotiabank** on the US$594-million cross-border secondary offering of subordinate voting shares of GFL Environmental Inc.

The New York Life Insurance Company and New York Life Global Funding

Acted for **The New York Life Insurance Company** and **New York Life Global Funding**, a special purpose statutory trust organized under Delaware law, in the Canadian private placement of $1 billion of fixed-rate notes by New York Life Global Funding secured by a funding agreement issued by The New York Life Insurance Company.

Points International Ltd.

Acted for **Points International Ltd.** in its $31.6-million bought deal public offering of common shares.

TD Securities Inc. and Canaccord Genuity Corp.

Acted for a syndicate of underwriters led by joint bookrunners, **TD Securities Inc.** and **Canaccord Genuity Corp.**, in a $23-million bought deal treasury and secondary offering of common shares of AcuityAds Holdings Inc.

Agnico Eagle Mines Limited

Acted for **Agnico Eagle Mines Limited** in its joint venture agreement with Newmont Corporation to form a 50-50 joint venture in respect of Newmont's earn-in agreement regarding the Anza gold exploration project and to seek other prospective gold targets of district-scale potential in Colombia.

Fine Capital Partners LP

Advised **Fine Capital Partners LP**, acting as investment manager for certain funds, in its financing of up to approximately US$18.5-million in exchangeable secured debentures issued by a newly formed subsidiary of WildBrain Ltd., a Canadian media production, distribution and broadcasting company.

Metropolitan Life Global Funding I, Bank of America Securities and TD Securities

Acted for **Metropolitan Life Global Funding I**, a special purpose statutory trust organized under Delaware law, **Bank of America Securities** and **TD Securities** in the Canadian private placement of $500 million of fixed-rate notes by Metropolitan Life Global Funding I secured by a funding agreement issued by Metropolitan Life Insurance Company.

Agnico Eagle Mines Limited

Acted for **Agnico Eagle Mines Limited** in connection with its completed private

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placement of US$100-million 2.78% guaranteed senior unsecured notes due 2030; and US$100-million 2.88% guaranteed senior unsecured notes due 2032.

Bank of Montreal, Royal Bank of Canada and The Bank of Nova Scotia

Acted for **Bank of Montreal**, **Royal Bank of Canada** and **The Bank of Nova Scotia**, as lenders, in the establishment of approximately $1.1 billion in secured margin loan facilities made available to a number of shareholders of GFL Environmental Holdings Inc. The margin loans were established in connection with the initial public offering of subordinate voting shares and tangible equity units of GFL Environmental Inc.

CIBC World Markets and BMO Capital Markets

Acted for **CIBC World Markets** and **BMO Capital Markets** as joint bookrunners with the offering of $100 million of trust units of Crombie REIT undertaken by a combination of a "bought deal" prospectus offering and a concurrent private placement.

BofA Securities, Inc., Barclays, J.P. Morgan and TD Securities

Acted as Canadian counsel to the syndicate of initial purchasers led by **BofA Securities, Inc.**, **Barclays**, **J.P. Morgan** and **TD Securities** in an offering of US$450 million of senior secured notes of Garda World Security Corporation.

TD Securities Inc., National Bank Financial Inc. and Scotia Capital Inc.

Acted for a syndicate of agents, led by **TD Securities Inc.**, **National Bank Financial Inc.** and **Scotia Capital Inc.** in a private placement of a $150 million of senior unsecured Series G notes due June 21, 2027, issued by Crombie Real Estate Investment Trust.

Agnico Eagle Mines Limited

Acted for **Agnico Eagle Mines Limited** to establish a base shelf prospectus qualifying up to US$1 billion of securities in Canada and the United States under the multi-jurisdictional disclosure system.

Fine Capital Partners LP

Advised **Fine Capital Partners LP**, acting as investment manager for certain funds, in providing a standby share purchase facility regarding a private placement rights offering in Canada by DHX Media Ltd., operating as WildBrain, a Canadian media production, distribution and broadcasting company. Under the standby share purchase facility, Fine Capital agreed to acquire up to $60 million of DHX shares in respect of rights that holders do not exercise.

BofA Securities, Inc., Barclays, J.P. Morgan and TD Securities

Acted as Canadian counsel to the syndicate of initial purchasers led by **BofA Securities, Inc.**, **Barclays**, **J.P. Morgan** and **TD Securities** in an offering of US$779 million of 9.50% senior notes due 2027 of Garda World Security Corporation and to the solicitation agents in respect of the offer to purchase and consent to solicitation in respect of Garda World's US$625 million 8.75% senior notes due 2025.

Metropolitan Life Global Funding I and Merrill Lynch Canada Inc.

Acted for **Metropolitan Life Global Funding I**, a special purpose statutory trust organized under Delaware law, and **Merrill Lynch Canada Inc.** in the Canadian private placement of $100 million of floating rate notes by Metropolitan Life Global Funding I secured by a funding agreement issued by Metropolitan Life Insurance Company.

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Waste Management of Canada Corporation

Acted for **Waste Management of Canada Corporation**, an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Waste Management, Inc., in its Canadian private placement of $500 million of 2.60% notes due 2026, which were fully guaranteed by Waste Management, Inc. and Waste Management Holdings, Inc.

BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc.

Acted for the syndicate of underwriters, led by **BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc.**, in a $150-million bought deal public offering of common shares of New Gold Inc.

Scotia Capital Inc., CIBC World Markets Inc. and TD Securities Inc.

Acted for a syndicate of agents, led by **Scotia Capital Inc.**, **CIBC World Markets Inc.** and **TD Securities Inc.**, in a private placement of a $200 million senior unsecured Series F notes due August 26, 2026 issued by Crombie Real Estate Investment Trust.

Agnico Eagle Mines Limited

Acted for **Agnico Eagle Mines Limited** in its exploration, earn-in and option agreement with Arcelia Gold Corp. to form property-level joint venture in respect of the La Millionaria property in the State of Chihuahua, Mexico.

CIBC Capital Markets and Eight Capital

Acted for **CIBC Capital Markets** and **Eight Capital** as joint bookrunners, in the public offering of approximately $55 million of subordinated voting shares of Canopy Rivers Inc., an investment and operating platform structured to pursue investment opportunities in the emerging global cannabis sector, and the concurrent private placement, on an agency basis, of $30 million of subordinated voting shares of Canopy Rivers to Canopy Growth Corporation.

TD Securities Inc. and Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated

Acted as Canadian counsel for the dealer managers, **TD Securities Inc.** and **Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated**, in Thomson Reuters' substantial issuer bid/tender offer for up to US$9 billion of its common shares and the subsequent US$2 billion return of capital by Thomson Reuters' effected by way of plan of arrangement.

Scotia Capital Inc., BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc., National Bank Financial Inc., and RBC Dominion Securities Inc.

Acted for a syndicate of agents, led by **Scotia Capital Inc.**, **BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc.**, **National Bank Financial Inc.**, and **RBC Dominion Securities Inc.**, in a private placement of a $175 million senior unsecured Series E notes due January 31, 2025 issued by Crombie Real Estate Investment Trust.

Bank of America Merrill Lynch

Acted as Canadian counsel to the syndicate of initial purchasers, led by **Bank of America Merrill Lynch**, in the US$250-million offering by Intertape Polymer Group Inc. of 7.00% senior notes due 2026 by private placement in the United States and Canada.

The Carlyle Group

Acted as Canadian counsel to **The Carlyle Group** for the term loan and senior note offering financing for its joint acquisition with GIC of the global specialty chemicals business of Akzo Nobel N.V.

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tZERO.com, subsidiary of Overstock.com

Acting as Canadian counsel for **tZERO.com**, the financial technology subsidiary of Overstock.com, in its USD$250-million offering of security tokens using blockchain technology by way of a Simple Agreement for Future Equity (SAFE).

Equibit Group Ltd.

Acted for **Equibit Group Ltd.**, a blockchain development company focused on building a decentralized securities network that facilitates the issuance and transfer of securities on the blockchain.

Agnico Eagle Mines Limited

Acted for **Agnico Eagle Mines Limited** in its US$80-million acquisition of the Santa Gertrudis gold project in Mexico from GoGold Resources Inc. In connection with the acquisition, Agnico Eagle provided GoGold with a US$7.5 million term loan, secured by a second ranking charge on all of GoGold's assets, which will be set off against the purchase price at the closing of the acquisition.

Titan Mining Corporation

Acted for **Titan Mining Corporation** in its $52-million initial public offering of 36,950,000 common shares.

McDonald's Corporation

Acted for **McDonald's Corporation** in its offering by private placement in Canada of $1 billion of 3.125% notes due 2025, which were issued under McDonald's global MTN program.

Merrill Lynch Canada Inc., HSBC Securities (Canada) Inc. and TD Securities Inc.

Acted for a syndicate of underwriters, comprising **Merrill Lynch Canada Inc.**, **HSBC Securities (Canada) Inc.** and **TD Securities Inc.**, in connection with the offering by United Parcel Services, Inc., of $750 million of 2.125% notes due 2024.

HSBC Securities (Canada) Inc., RBC Dominion Securities Inc. and TD Securities Inc.

Acted for a syndicate of underwriters, comprising **HSBC Securities (Canada) Inc.**, **RBC Dominion Securities Inc.** and **TD Securities Inc.**, in connection with the offering by PepsiCo, Inc., of $750 million of 2.150% notes due 2024 by private placement in Canada.

Arizona Mining Inc.

Acted for **Arizona Mining Inc.** in connection with its $36-million public offering of common shares.

BMO Capital Markets, Credit Suisse Securities Canada and Scotiabank

Acted for a syndicate of underwriters **BMO Capital Markets**, **Credit Suisse Securities Canada** and **Scotiabank** in connection with Centerra Gold Inc.'s $195-million public offering of subscription receipts. The proceeds of the offering were used to partially finance Centerra's $1.1 billion purchase of Thompson Creek Metals Company Inc.

Merrill Lynch Canada Inc., BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc. and RBC Dominion Securities Inc.

Acted for a syndicate of purchasers, led by **Merrill Lynch Canada Inc.**, **BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc.** and **RBC Dominion Securities Inc.**, in connection with the $1-billion

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private placement of senior unsecured notes issued by Molson Coors International LP.

Unique Fabricating, Inc.

Acted as Canadian counsel to **Unique Fabricating, Inc.** in connection with its $27.5-million acquisition of all of the assets of Intasco Corporation and all of the outstanding capital stock of Intasco-USA Inc., Intasco's U.S. affiliate, and in connection with a related US$62-million senior credit facility.

Morgan Stanley and RBC Capital Markets

Acted for a syndicate of underwriters co-led by **Morgan Stanley** and **RBC Capital Markets** in connection with a cross-border US$86-million public offering of trust units of Sprott Physical Silver Trust.

Xplornet Communications Inc.

Acted for **Xplornet Communications Inc.** in connection with its private placement of an aggregate of over $100 million of securities consisting of $51 million of two series of unsecured high yield notes and $53 million of a new class of non-voting, convertible, redeemable preferred shares.

Merrill Lynch Canada Inc., BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc. and RBC Dominion Securities Inc.

Acted for **Merrill Lynch Canada Inc.**, **BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc.** and **RBC Dominion Securities Inc.** in connection with the $900-million private placement of senior unsecured notes issued by Molson Coors International LP.

RBC Dominion Securities Inc. and CIBC World Markets Inc.

Acted for a syndicate of agents led by **RBC Dominion Securities Inc.** and **CIBC World Markets Inc.** in connection with the initial public offering of Energy Credit Opportunities Income Fund, a closed-end investment fund which is managed by Purpose Investments Inc.

Agnico Eagle Mines Limited

Acted for **Agnico Eagle Mines Limited** in connection with its acquisition of Cayden Resources Inc. under a plan of arrangement for approximately $205 million.

HSBC Securities (USA) Inc. and Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC

Acted for a syndicate of underwriters led by **HSBC Securities (USA) Inc.** and **Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC** in connection with an offering by Goldcorp Inc. in the United States under the multi-jurisdictional disclosure system of US$1 billion in aggregate principal amount of notes, consisting of US$550 million aggregate principal amount of 3.625% notes due June, 2021 and US$450 million aggregate principal amount of 5.450% notes due June, 2044.

Edgecrest Capital Corporation and Canaccord Genuity Corp.

Acted for a syndicate of agents consisting of **Edgecrest Capital** and **Canaccord Genuity** in connection with a two tranche public offering of $62-million of convertible unsecured subordinated debentures and common share purchase warrants of North American Palladium Ltd. The securities were offered in Canada by way of a prospectus and in the United States by way of a registration statement filed under the Multi-Jurisdictional Disclosure System.

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Birch Hill–Backed Softchoice Corporation Closes IPO in Canada
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Multijurisdictional Disclosure System: Offering Securities and Reporting in the United States Using MJDS
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Bar Admissions

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