

GC COUNSELS ON €437M FINANCING TO FILA

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Gonzalez Calvillo has counselled Banca Nazionale del Lavoro, as agent, and a group of lenders, on the syndicated financing for approximately €437 million granted to Fabbrica Italiana Lapis ed Affini (FILA).

The transaction, closed on 24 October, involved the jurisdictions of Mexico, Italy, Germany, and France, and included the accession of FILA's Mexican subsidiary, Grupo FILA-Dixon, to the syndicated loan agreement, as guarantor.

The consultancy consisted in reviewing and negotiating the foreign documents in order to ensure their legal viability in Mexico. In addition, it required adapting different concepts of foreign law in a transaction governed by Mexican law.

Other firms involved were Sainz Abogados, as advisors in Mexico to FILA; Bonelli Erede, as advisors in Italy to FILA; and Linklaters as advisors in Italy to the agent and the accreditation group.

FILA is a leading Italian company in the art and writing products industry, listed on the "Borsa Italiana" (the Italian stock exchange).

GC's team was led by partner **José Ignacio Rivero Andere** (pictured left), with the support of managing associate **Jacinto Ávalos Capín** (pictured right), associate **Luis Ernesto Briño Jiménez** and law clerk **Maite Robledo Saldívar**.