



LEGAL 500 2014 RECOMMENDS ARAOZ & RUEDA IN:

BANKING AND FINANCE

- Guillermo Yuste

CORPORATE AND M&A

- Francisco Aldavero
- Pedro Rueda

DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- Alejandro Fernández de Araoz
- Clifford Hendel
- Eduardo de León

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- Alfonso Suárez
- Pilar Albert

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- Francisco Solchaga

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- Javier Prieto



BANKING & FINANCE

Araoz & Rueda's **Guillermo Yuste** 'does an excellent job'. Recent clients include BNP Paribas, IFC and Zobebe Group.

CORPORATE AND M&A

Araoz & Rueda's name partner **Pedro Rueda** is 'a very able, personable and extremely well-trained professional'. He recently advised Deoleo on its acquisition of the Hojiblanca extra virgin olive oil brand and assets from major producer Hojiblanca Cooperative Group; and **Francisco Aldavero** assisted Wilmington Group with its acquisition of Inese's trading assets. **The two partners form a 'reliable and knowledgeable pair'.**

DISPUTE RESOLUTION

At Araoz & Rueda **Alejandro Fernández de Araoz** and **Eduardo de León** are recommended for litigation, and **Clifford Hendel** for his international arbitration capabilities. The firm successfully represented Puma's Spanish distributor in an ad hoc arbitration against a German multinational over a breach of contract, and continues to act in ongoing litigation for the bondholder syndicates in the Pescanova insolvency.

COMPETITION / ANTITRUST

Araoz & Rueda advised Brazil's Votorantim on the implementation of an antitrust compliance programme in Spain in relation to its cement operations in Europe, and acted for Deoleo in merger clearance proceedings before the CNC relating to its acquisition of the Hojiblanca extra virgin olive oil brand. **Ainhoa Veiga** heads the team.

TAX

Boutique firm Araoz & Rueda has strength in depth beyond lead partner **Javier Prieto**, who has 'extremely deep knowledge of Spanish taxation' and gives 'accurate and realistic' advice. The team assisted Mexico's ICA with international tax issues; and Stage International on the tax aspects of the restructuring of its Spanish entities.



EMPLOYMENT

Araoz & Rueda advised Becara on a workforce restructuring, and acted for Chanel in proceedings over the termination of contracts. **Alfonso Suárez** and the 'business-savvy and vastly experienced' **Pilar Albert**, who joined from Deloitte in October 2012, are recommended.

PROJECTS AND ENERGY

"Versatility" and "dedication" are the hallmarks of Araoz & Rueda's practice, which has transactional and financing expertise. **Francisco Solchaga** 'personally handles his clients' matters' and has 'excellent knowledge of the energy sector'. His team recently advised Sun Edison on the assignment of several O&M contracts from BP Solar; and acted for Renovatio on the acquisition of six photovoltaic plants in Canada.