



LEGAL 500 2015 RECOMMENDS ARAOZ & RUEDA IN:

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- Guillermo Yuste

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BANKING & FINANCE

Araoz & Rueda's 'very good and accessible finance specialists' recently advised the borrower, Unitronics, and its majority shareholder, Baring Equity Partners, on the company's debt refinancing. Practice head **Guillermo Yuste** is 'quick, efficient and professional'.

CORPORATE AND M&A

Araoz & Rueda's historically strong private equity offering is proving to be the mainstay of the firm's work in the current market. Foreign mid-market investors and Spanish corporates instructed a team on a number of acquisitions and divestments. The group acted for 3i on the €590m sale of its stake in Everis to NTT. Other clients include Aurum Mining and Baring Private Equity Partners. **Pedro Rueda** and **Francisco Aldavero** are the practice co-heads

DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Araoz & Rueda's **Alejandro Fernández de Araoz** and **Clifford Hendel** represented ENI in judicial and arbitral proceedings against Unión Fenosa Gas over corporate governance issues. **Eduardo de León** heads the team.

COMPETITION / ANTITRUST

Ainhoa Veiga heads Araoz & Rueda's 'very competent team', which has 'a practical approach' and 'knowledge of the domestic authority'. Highlights included advising Apollo on merger control matters concerning its acquisition of Evo Banco.

TAX

Araoz & Rueda has 'strength in depth' and provides 'thoroughly reasoned and accurate advice'. The team primarily assists clients with the tax aspects of corporate, private equity and finance transactions, and recently advised 3i on the sale of its stake in Derprosa Film to Taghleef Industries. **Javier Prieto** heads the practice.



EMPLOYMENT

Araoz & Rueda's 'response times are excellent' and 'clients' needs are understood'. The firm is 'extremely knowledgeable in employment matters' and is 'great value for money'. Clients include Ingeniería y Economía del Transporte, Chubb Insurance and Group Demos. **Pilar Albert and **Alfonso Suárez** are the names to note.**

PROJECTS AND ENERGY

Araoz & Rueda advises sponsors on the development and financing of renewable energy projects and recently assisted China-based Huadian Fuxin Energy with the acquisition of a 40MW wind farm in Cuenca, Spain. **Francisco Solchaga** heads the team.