

Expertise

Industries

Banking and Finance



Marif's deep expertise in the financial services sector allows us to provide tailored legal solutions to international and domestic banks, investment institutions, and other financial service providers. We have extensive knowledge of the regulatory environment governing the global financial system, as well as the evolving framework specific to Turkey.

Our practice covers a wide spectrum of financial disputes, including complex, multi-jurisdictional matters. We guide clients through litigation, arbitration, and mediation with carefully designed strategies that balance risk management and commercial priorities. When disputes arise, our team is skilled at securing favourable outcomes in highly technical and high-stakes scenarios.

Beyond dispute resolution, we provide forward-looking, preventive advice on regulatory compliance, financial structuring, and risk mitigation. Our lawyers assist clients in navigating capital markets regulations, banking and lending transactions, cross-border financing arrangements, and insolvency-related challenges. We also advise on regulatory investigations, enforcement proceedings, and sector-specific compliance issues impacting banks and financial institutions.

With a client-centric approach, we deliver not only responsive support in times of conflict, but also proactive strategies to safeguard long-term financial and business objectives. Marif's insight and experience enable clients to operate with confidence in an increasingly complex and regulated global financial landscape.

Services specific to banking and finance industry:

- Dispute resolution in relation to loan defaults, enforcement of security interests, guarantees, letters of credit, and other banking instruments
- Representation in disputes involving investment funds, derivative products, and cross-border financing transactions
- Advising on regulatory investigations, administrative sanctions, and enforcement proceedings initiated by financial regulators
- Litigation and arbitration concerning shareholder conflicts in financial institutions and joint ventures
- Regulatory and compliance advice regarding anti-money laundering (AML), counter-terrorist financing (CTF), sanctions regimes, consumer credit regulations, and payment services legislation
- Advising on fintech and digital finance matters including electronic money, payment institutions, crypto-asset service providers, and open banking frameworks
- Advising on insolvency, restructuring, and workouts, including strategies for distressed assets, non-performing loans, and debt recovery processes
- Establishment of financial institutions and investment vehicles; mergers & acquisitions and corporate reorganisations within the financial services sector
- Drafting and adapting internal policies on corporate governance, anti-bribery, anti-corruption, risk management, data protection, and compliance programs tailored for financial institutions
- Assisting clients in relations with the Banking Regulation and Supervision Agency (BRSA), Capital Markets Board (CMB), Central Bank of the Republic of Turkey (CBRT), and other relevant authorities
- Legal support in licensing applications and renewals, as well as ongoing relations with supervisory and regulatory authorities

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