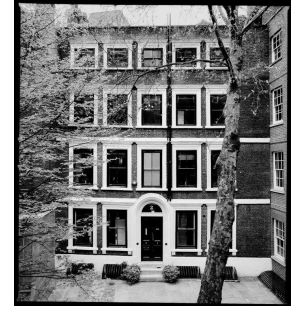


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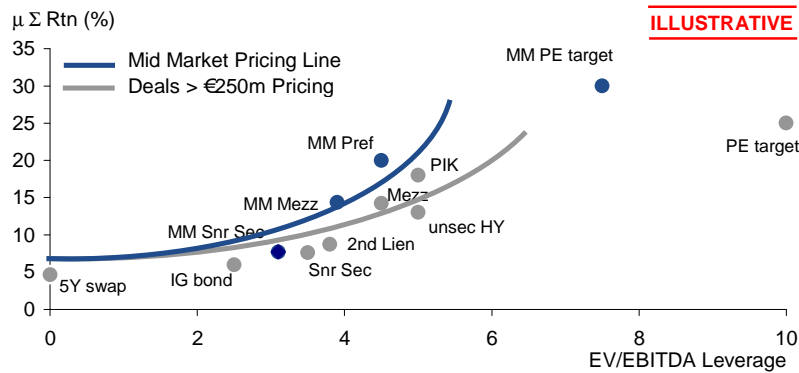
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Since formation in late 2002, Augusta has advised on and directly placed transactions in value over €3.5 billion and established itself as one of the leading independent advisers for middle market companies.



Advice and Placement Across the Capital Spectrum Curve



Independent Capital Advisory & Placement

Our capital markets professionals have worked on both the sell- and buysides of the European capital market for the leading houses. Our leverage finance team has worked on sellside at Bankers Trust/Deutsche Bank as part of one of Europe's leading leverage finance franchise, and on the buy-side at Europe's leading mezzanine investor, Intermediate Capital Group. Our corporate finance team variously worked at Close Brothers, Goldman Sachs, JP Morgan and Morgan Stanley. Consequently, we have the deep, long standing relationships with both lenders/investors that allow us to maintain a close and regular dialogue as to current appetite, risk preferences and pricing. Additionally, we have the deal skills to ensure tight and successful execution.

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Selection of Augusta & Co's Recent Capital Advisory & Placements Assignments

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