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FINANCIAL SPONSOR

Stirling Square Capital Partners

SENIOR DEBT LENDERS

Barclays Leveraged Finance
Credit Suisse

MEZZANINE DEBT LENDERS

Allianz Capital Partners

**ACCOUNTING DUE
DILIGENCE**

Ernst & Young

INDUSTRY CONSULTANT

L.E.K Consulting GmbH

SPONSOR LEGAL ADVISOR

Clifford Chance

BANK LEGAL ADVISOR

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**FINANCIAL ADVISOR TO THE
COMPANY**

Augusta & Co plc

Augusta & Co plc advised Stirling Square Capital Partners on the debt financing of their acquisition of the Ionbond Group from Saurer AG, Switzerland. Ionbond is a leading thin film surface technology business in Europe and the USA.

On behalf of Stirling Square Capital Partners and the management of Ionbond, Augusta & Co structured and placed CHF85 million senior and mezzanine acquisition finance facilities with a syndicate of three lenders.

The syndicate includes Barclays Bank and Credit Suisse as joint-mandated lead senior arrangers and Allianz Capital Partners as mandated lead mezzanine investor.

Thomas Warnholtz, the Augusta & Co Partner leading the transaction said: "The financing used in this transaction is a further example of the growing penetration of powerful institutional mezzanine investors into the middle market segment in Europe."

The transaction closed in June 2004.

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