

CAJA LOS ANDES OBTAINS FINANCING FOR USD145 MILLION

Caja Los Andes secures loan for social financing in Chile

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Linklaters in New York and Carey in Santiago have helped Chilean non-profit social security compensation fund Caja Los Andes obtain a credit facility worth US\$145 million.

A syndicate of banks, featuring HSBC and Banco Santander, enlisted Cuatrecasas (Chile) in the deal.

Latin Lawyer understands that Milbank also advised lenders in the transaction but could not confirm this before publication.

The deal closed on 27 November.

Caja Los Andes will use the proceeds from the facility to finance, or refinance, lending operations associated with its social loan programme.

Through this scheme, the financial group helps to fund loans that social security organisations offer to disadvantaged members of the population. The financing helps cover the cost of those individuals' personal, family and social needs – including costs relating to education, housing, food or work.

Headquartered in Santiago, Cajas Los Andes is a family allowance compensation fund which was inaugurated in 1953 by the Chilean Chamber of Construction. The fund counts over four million members to date and was recognised as the sixth largest provider of consumer loans in Chile in March 2022, having issued more than US\$1.7 billion in loans since it began operating. Back in March, the fund secured regulatory approval for a capital increase of US\$24 million.

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