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Banking and Finance

In the banking field the firm is strongest in acquisition finance and real estate deals in particular. Regarding name partner **Marc Kleyr**, one client says: *"Marc is very astute, commercial, responsive and technically very strong. He goes in to bat for clients on contentious issues, so really understands the restructuring gamut."*

M&A

Kleyr Grasso Associates is a firm one client describes as *"not resting on their laurels"*. It is traditionally known for its capital markets work but has built up an impressive M&A practice in recent years and is increasingly seen as player in that field by peers. One client says: *"The firm is probably one of the most responsive as well as being technically very good and this pervades the whole team from top down to bottom."* Although it doesn't move up a tier this year the M&A team is gaining a reputation among competitors. One peer describes the firm as *"up and coming"* while another says that *"**Marc Kleyr** and **Patrick Chantrain's** corporate practice is well recognised in the market"*. Clients, too, are full of praise. *"I think he's very good at interpreting what we're saying and what the tax guys are saying very quickly; he's been quite a key person in most of our structures,"* says one financial client of **Chantrain**. Another says: *"He cuts to the chase and reaches a sensible conclusion to get things done. He is strongly protective of clients' interests."*