

## **Creel advises KKR in historic sale-leaseback with Pemex**

Creel represented Global Private Equity Fund KKR in the structuring and financing of a US\$1.3 billion sale-leaseback transaction with Petroleos Mexicanos (Pemex), Mexico's state-owned oil company, a first-in-kind transaction for Pemex under its new regime derived from Mexico's Energy Reform in 2014, kicking off a new era in funding for Pemex. Our involvement with the project began with the structuring of the 15 year sale-leaseback asset transaction under Pemex legal framework, the negotiation of all transaction documents, and the US\$980 million financing that was funded through a bond issuance and a bank syndicated loan. This transaction has paved the way for other private equity firms to invest in Mexico's Energy sector.

This past January the transaction was awarded the "*Private Equity Deal of the Year Award 2016*" by *Latin Finance* in their Deal of the Year Awards Ceremony which recognizes the top Latin America Capital Markets transactions, and more recently *IJ Global* awarded the transaction their "*Oil & Gas Latin America Deal of the Year Award 2016*" at their Deal Awards Dinner held in New York City recognizing the top companies and deals in the energy and infrastructure sector. Our Firm has been shortlisted in the *Private Equity* category by both *Latin Lawyer 250* and *International Financial Law Review (IFLR 1000)* for our representation of KKR in this transaction.

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