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Mexican firms in Italian stationery refinancing

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Linklaters in Milan and González Calvillo, SC in Mexico City have helped German lender Unicredit in a refinancing to Italian stationery company Fabbrica Italiana Lapis ed Affini (FILA), worth 585 million euro (US\$663 million).

Cervantes Sainz SC in Mexico City and four Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP offices advised FILA and its Mexican subsidiary Grupo Fila-Dixon, which guaranteed the refinancing.

The deal closed on 5 June.

The transaction involved multiple jurisdictions where FILA has subsidiaries, including the UK, US, Spain and Italy.

Founded in 1920, Italian art supplier FILA has a presence in over 150 countries. Its Latin American subsidiaries are in Argentina, Brazil, Chile and the Dominican Republic, as well as Mexico.

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