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DLA Piper LLP in New York, Santiago, Mexico City and Lima have helped US company Giddings Fruit obtain a US\$90 million loan to fund its operations in Latin America.

Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP in London, Washington, DC and Los Angeles was lead advisor to the lenders, UK's biggest insurance company Prudential and US health insurer Cigna. The lenders also relied on Creel, García-Cuéllar, Aiza y Enriquez SC in Mexico City, Guerrero Olivos in Santiago and Rodrigo, Elías & Medrano Abogados in Lima for the deal, which closed on 20 December.

The fruit producer will use the loan to fund the operations of its Latin American subsidiaries.

Aside from its Latin American locations, Giddings Fruit has several fruit production sites across the US, UK and China. It is headquartered in the US state of Oregon.

Giddings Fruit was formed in 2017 and imports and exports produce from its Latin American and international locations.

### Counsel to Giddings Fruit

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Rodrigo, Elías & Medrano Abogados

Partner Luis Enrique Palacios and associate Juan Antonio Pinilla in Lima

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