# Corporate

> "What I like about them is their ability to grasp the situation quite quickly, their clarity of thought and the advice they give."
> Chambers UK, 2016

# Core strengths

Our Corporate team operates across the firm's network of offices in Europe, the Middle East and Asia with more than two-thirds of our lawyers based outside of London. Our clients include national and multinational corporations, governments and regulatory bodies and many leading funds and financial institutions.

Our experience covers a broad range of M&A transactions, public or private and complex cross-border. We have developed a reputation for handling complex innovative transactions and regularly represent issuers and financial institutions as sponsors and finance providers.

# Our services

Our Corporate practice focuses on the following core areas:

**M&A**

We advise on:

- domestic and cross border M&A, including public takeovers
- due diligence
- auction sales
- joint ventures and strategic alliances
- demergers and corporate restructurings
- investments by hedge funds

Joint ventures and strategic alliances are often a more strategic option for many businesses and we can assist at every stage, from inception through business planning, evaluation and implementation.

**Private equity**

We advise on:

- MBOs, MBIs, LBOs
- early and late stage funding
- primary and secondary buy-outs
- exits
- public to privates

Our private equity specialists offer fund service advice. They not only understand the risks involved in structuring an investment and planning an exit, but also the regulatory framework for private equity and venture capital funds.

**US Securities**

Our US securities practice has extensive experience in debt and equity capital markets. We regularly advise a wide range of investment banks, UK and international corporates and other financial institutions on US securities law issues with a particular focus on Rule 144A and Regulation S offerings, cross-border tender offers and general compliance with US securities laws.

**Equity capital markets**

We advise on:

- issuer and sponsor on IPOs and other fundraisings
- acquisition IPOs
- pre-IPO planning and restructuring and post-IPO support
- privatisations

With a focus on, and knowledge of, investment banks we appreciate the environment in which they operate and understand the issues they face as deal originators, sponsors, underwriters and advisers.

**Stock Exchange and Takeover Panel**

We have a broad international understanding of the way in which the dynamics of stock exchanges and regulatory bodies work ensuring that our clients comply with local legal requirements.

**Corporate governance**

We advise on:

- compliance and risk management
- securities

The proliferation of codes, guidance and legislation brings with it some real challenges and opportunities for companies, their directors and their investors. Our dedicated team is at the forefront of corporate governance issues and can apply their experience and expertise at a local level.

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>
> The UK Legal 500

# Expertise in practice

**Alcatel-Lucent**

- on the €145m sale of its worldwide Dunerkermotoren business to Triton, and on its acquisition of Velocix

**Becton Dickinson**

- on the sale of its US$730m BD Biosciences – Discovery Labware unit

**Chinatex**

- on the subscription of 34% shares in Fountain Set (Holdings) Limited for HK$511m and the application to the Securities and Futures Commission for a whitewash waiver

**Equinix**

- on their acquisition of a data centre facility in Dubai and alliance with Emirates Integrated Telecommunications Company PJSC (du) to deliver data center and interconnection services to customers in the Middle East

**Gartmore Investment Limited**

- on the £4.1bn merger of its private equity business with that of Hermes by way of a joint venture arrangement

**Gilde Equity Management**

- on the sale of Salad Signature N.V. (Salad Signature), the Benelux producer of chilled salads and convenience food, to AAC Capital Partners

**J.P. Morgan Cazenove and Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc**

- as joint sponsors to FTSE 100 natural resources group Vedanta Resources plc on the all share merger of its Group companies, Sesa Goa Limited and Sterlite Industries (India) Limited and a consolidation of the Vedanta Group

**Kasai Kogyo**

- the listed Japan-based auto interior components maker, on the acquisition of all the shares of R-TEK

**NBCUniversal**

- on the acquisition of a controlling interest in Kidsco Limited, in which it already held a minority interest, from Cookie Jar

**Oakley Capital**

- on the sale of the Emesa Group to Dasym funds, managed by Cyrte Investments, for an enterprise value of €95m

**ONGC Videsh Limited and Oil India Limited**

- on the US$2.475bn acquisition of Videocon Rovuma 1 Limited, the company holding a ten percent participating interest in the Rovuma Offshore Block in Mozambique ("Area 1"), from Videocon Mauritius Energy Limited

**Perform Group**

- on securing rights to broadcast all league tournaments for Japan's top three soccer divisions. The 10 year US$2m deal, starting from the 2017 season, is the first time that all games from all leagues will be broadcast in Japan

**Sealed Air**

- in association with TMI Associates on the cross border (Japan, Netherlands and the US) £238m divestiture of its subsidiary Diversey GK, the Japanese market leading provider of cleaning solutions

**Truphone**

- the international mobile telecoms company, on a £70m investment in the company by Roman Abramovich

**Veolia Environment**

- on its €1.45bn disposal of its UK regulated water business, by way of auction, to Rift Acquisitions Limited, a special purpose vehicle of Infracapital and Morgan Stanley Infrastructure

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