

# Christopher Winn

## Senior Associate



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## Overview

Christopher is a senior associate in Dentons' London Corporate practice. He focuses on M&A, private equity and joint ventures. He is also experienced in hospitality and corporate finance, and is regularly involved in cross-border transactional work for both private and listed companies. Christopher has spent time working in Italy and has acted on a number of transactions for Italian clients, working in both English and Italian, as well as having experience working on transactions in Russia and the CIS region.

Christopher was also seconded to Hilton Worldwide for a period in 2011/12, during which he supported Hilton's Europe, Middle East and Africa in-house legal team.

## Experience

- **Groupe Lactalis:** Advising this French dairy group on its 2019 €740 million multi-jurisdictional acquisition of the nutritionals business of listed African drugmaker, Aspen Pharmacare. Businesses were based in Latin America, Africa and Asia.
- **Ambridge Europe:** Advising this private M&A warranty and indemnity insurance underwriter on numerous buy and sell side W&I policies for M&A transactions in respect of varied businesses and assets across Europe.
- **Enel SpA:** Advising on the sale of its interest in Arctic Russia B.V., a joint venture which owns an interest in four licenses for the exploration and production of hydrocarbons in the region of Yamalo-Nenets, in Russia, to Rosneft. The sale price was US\$1.8 billion.
- **Westermann Group:** Advising on its acquisition of Blue Duck Education, a London-based educational software development company, which developed and operates Mangahigh.com, an online games-based maths learning system.
- **Otkritie Financial Corporation JSC:** Acting for one of Russia's leading banking groups on its proposed purchase of Latvian bank "GE Money Bank" from SIA GE Money Latvia Holdings, from GE Capital.
- **Sahaviriya Steel Industries Plc:** Advising in relation to its acquisition of Tata Steel's Teesside steel

manufacturing plant in Redcar, England (ex-British Steel and Corus) through an asset sale transaction, including the complex separation of steel manufacturing assets situated on some 3,000 acres of industrial land, continuing shared services and assets.

- **AccorHotels:** Advising this leading international hospitality group on its equity investment into Oasis Collections, a short-term rental platform with more than 1,500 properties in operations across Latin America, the US and Europe.
- **Cashpro SpA:** Advising this Italian software and cash services business on its acquisition of UK-based software development company Finsolint Limited.
- **Cepsa Quimica:** Advising on its acquisition of a minority interest in SIL Chemical Holdings Ltd, a chemicals producer based in Nigeria, including advising on the shareholders' agreement with founders, chemical supply agreements between Cepsa and the target group, and assisting with satisfaction of Nigerian conditions to the investment.
- **European Bank for Reconstruction and Development:** Advising on the equity aspects of a convertible loan facility to Cotton Way, a leading Russian industrial laundry and textile company, which was jointly funded by the Russian Direct Investment Fund.
- **Informa plc.:** Advising this FTSE-listed publishing and events company on various acquisitions of events management businesses in the UK and continental Europe.
- **ONGC Videsh Limited:** Advising in a competitive auction scenario on the corporate aspects of a potential acquisition of oil and gas assets located primarily in Mexico.

## Recognition

### In the Media

- "Dentons advises AccorHotels on its equity investment into Oasis Collections", March 7, 2016

## Activities and Affiliations

### Prior and Present Employment

- Senior Associate – Dentons, London (2014 to date)
- Associate – Dentons [formerly Salans], London (2010-2014)
- Lawyer – Withers LLP (2006-2010)

## Areas of focus

### Practices

- Corporate
- Hotel Financing
- Joint Ventures
- Mergers and Acquisitions

### Industry sectors

- Luxury, Fashion and Beauty
- Private Equity
- Oil and Gas
- Hotels and Leisure

## Education

- Nottingham Law School, 2003, Legal Practice Course
- University of Reading, 2002, LLB, Law

## Admissions and qualifications

- Solicitor, Senior Courts of England and Wales, 2006

## Languages

- English
- Italian