

Overview

Comprising more than 50 lawyers, the UK corporate group at Dentons offers a complete corporate service to a wide variety of UK and global clients. Working with public and private companies, private equity firms and other investment houses, we combine first-rate transactional expertise with a deep knowledge of the industry sectors in which our clients operate.

Particularly well known for our emerging markets and cross-border work, we leverage our international presence with extensive local knowhow to work with global, national and emerging businesses. We draw on our specialists in tax, intellectual property, competition, real estate, employment and pensions so that our clients can execute their chosen strategies and deal structures on time and with minimum disruption to their day-to-day operations.

We advise on all types of corporate transactions, including mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, private equity, IPOs and public offerings, takeovers and tender offers, privatizations, business structures and cross-border deals. We focus our work in the key sectors of energy, financial institutions, government, infrastructure and PPP, manufacturing, media and sport, mining, private equity, real estate, retail, technology, telecoms and transportation.

Representative Experience

- **Adjarabet:** Advising this market leader in online betting and gaming in the regulated Georgian market on a £101 million acquisition by Paddy Power Betfair plc's for an initial 51% controlling stake.
- **Autonomous Research:** Advising the partners of this pre-eminent financial services focused investment research boutique on an offer made by Alliance Bernstein to acquire all the partnership interests and shares of Autonomous.
- **Calsonic Kansei:** Advising this KKR owned company on the proposed acquisition of Magneti Marelli S.p.A., the automotive components business of Fiat Chrysler Automobiles N.V.
- **Canopy Growth:** Advising this Canada-based cannabis company on its acquisition of skincare and well-being business This Works for £43 million and subsequently on its acquisition of shares in global cannabinoid-based medical research company Beckley Canopy Therapeutics.
- **Ho Bee Land:** Advising on £650 million acquisition of Ropemaker Place in the City of London.
- **Jadestone Energy:** Advising this independent oil and gas production company focused on the Asia Pacific region on its US\$110 million fundraising and AIM listing. The fundraising was upsized from the initially announced US\$95 million.
- **KPS Capital Partners:** Advising on its acquisition of Brunswick Corporation's leading fitness brands, including Life Fitness, for US\$490 million and subsequently on its acquisition of Glasgow-headquartered Howden from Colfax Corporation for an enterprise value of US\$1.8 billion.
- **KSL Capital Partners:** Advising on the acquisition of French boutique hotel group Les Hôtels d'en Haut from London-based developer Perseus Group.
- **Natixis:** Advising one of the world's largest asset management firms on its acquisition of MV Credit, the UK-based, European credit specialist.
- **Nova Ljubljanska Banka DD:** Advising the Republic of Slovenia as selling shareholder in connection with the share sale and public offer of €608.6 million GDRs in Nova Ljubljanska Banka DD and subsequently on a €109.5 million placement of shares and GDRs in Nova Ljubljanska Banka d.d. by way of accelerated bookbuild.

- **RA International:** Advising this construction services provider on its AIM IPO. The offering raised £18.8 million, giving it a market capitalization on admission of £97.2 million.
- **Science in Sport plc:** Advising on its £32 million acquisition of PhD Nutrition Ltd and its equity placing of shares to raise £29 million on AIM.
- **Sonco Gaming:** Advising this Canadian casino management and development group, which represented a consortium of international investors in the acquisition of Maxims Casino Club in Kensington & Chelsea from Genting, the Malaysian owned leisure and hospitality group, for £35 million.
- **Souter Investments and Manfield Partners:** Advising this leading UK family investment office specialising in private equity, and Manfield Partners, on reaching an agreement to sell Mobius Life, the leading independent provider of investment administration services to UK pension schemes, to Phoenix Equity Partners.
- **Tenaga Nasional Berhad:** Advising on the Malaysian energy provider's first foray into onshore wind in the UK.

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