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Overview

Hamish Walton is a corporate partner in Dentons' Melbourne office. Hamish has more than 25 years' experience in advising clients on high profile complex corporate transactions in Australia and offshore across a range of industries including financial institutions, education, renewable energy, life sciences and health care, media, entertainment and sports, technology, automotive and real estate.

Hamish specialises in public and private M&A, private equity and joint ventures. He has detailed experience in assisting clients on major cross border M&A transactions.

Hamish also specialises in equity capital markets including initial public offerings, backdoor listings, rights issues and securities based employee incentives. His experience includes advising underwriters and issuers in connection with the IPO and rights issue process, GDR offerings, dual listings, bookbuilds, market stabilization and co-ordinating securities offering opinions across various jurisdictions.

Experience

M&A/Private Equity

- **Transurban:** Advising on its global restructure, including the complete restructure of equity and debt facilities.
- **Listed Australian company:** Advising in connection with its participation in an equity consortium bidding for a multi-billion dollar toll road concession in Melbourne.
- **Listed Australian company:** Advising on a number of cross border M&A deals, including in the Middle East, China and Singapore.
- **Various renewable energy companies:** Advising on the acquisition of a range of solar farm holding structures across Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria.
- **Ownership consortium:** Advising the Australian sellers on the sale of the world's largest operator in a significant leisure industry with assets across eight jurisdictions for AUD\$140 million.

- **Agricultural client:** Advising on the merger by scheme of arrangement of two of Australia's largest listed agricultural companies.
- **Australian private equity house:** Acting on a range of acquisitions in the pharma, financial services and IT sectors and subsequent listings on the ASX.
- **Middle East investor:** Advising on a AUD\$150 million investment into a global social infrastructure company.
- **Middle East real estate developers:** Advising on real estate joint ventures with combined deal values in excess of AUD\$3 billion.
- **Lamprell plc:** Advising on the acquisition of Maritime Industrial Services (MIS) listed on the Oslo Stock Exchange for value equal to AUD\$450 million.
- **Khayyat:** Acting for the family on the acquisition of Lafarge's interest in the Al Safwa cement plant for an announced value equal to AUD\$185 million.
- **State owned petroleum company:** Advising on its acquisition of a global resources house with mining, oil and gas assets across Europe and the Middle East for an equivalent of AUD\$250 million.
- **Consortium of Middle Eastern telecommunications companies:** Acting on a successful joint venture bid for a major UAE asset in the telecoms sector.
- **Confidential client:** Acting for the purchaser on the acquisition of a cancer treatment centre in Abu Dhabi.
- **Global top five automobile manufacturer:** Advising on all aspects of its joint venture in Saudi Arabia including joint venture structure and dealer arrangements.
- **Kuwait based private equity house:** Acting on the acquisition of a stake in a European environmental remediation business.
- **Confidential client:** Advising the sellers of a GCC pharmaceuticals business on the sale of that business to a global industry player.

Equity Capital Markets

- **Australian investment bank:** Acting as underwriter's counsel on a number of substantial IPO's and rights issues, including drafting underwriting agreements and providing local and cross border securities opinions.
- **McMillian Shakespeare, Cellestis and others:** Providing advice on ASX IPO's and rights issues.
- **Various listed companies:** Advising on IPO's, SPP's, rights issues and convertible note issues across the ASX, LSE main board and AIM. Advising on dual listings on the SGX, TSX, Nasdaq and the London Stock Exchange and related depository receipts programs.
- **Various foreign issuers:** Advising on the offering of securities into Australia, the Middle East and the United Kingdom.

Recognition

- Hamish is recognized in *Chambers Global*, 2017 for his corporate/M&A work.

Insights

- "M&A in the renewable energy sector", June, 2019
- "Continuous disclosure and Class Actions in Australia," Dentons Client Alert, October 16, 2018
- "Guide to the IPO process in Australia", July, 2018

- "Comparison of the listing requirements of the major global stock exchanges", July, 2018
- "Trends in offshore M&A", February, 2018

Activities and Affiliations

Memberships

- Member, Australia Arab Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- Member, Law Institute of Victoria

Areas of focus

Practices

- Capital Markets
- Corporate
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Real Estate

Industry sectors

- Automotive
- Financial Institutions
- Life Sciences and Health Care
- Technology
- Media, Entertainment and Sports
- Renewable Energy
- Wind
- Solar

Region

- Melbourne
- Australia
- Global presence

Education

- University of Melbourne, 1990, Bachelor of Commerce
- University of Melbourne, 1990, LLB

- University of Melbourne, Graduate Diploma

Admissions and qualifications

- England and Wales
- Victoria, Australia