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Overview

James is a partner in Dentons' London office. He is a member of the Corporate Tax practice. He has a broad practice and advises a variety of clients in relation to the tax issues facing their businesses and transactions.

James focuses on the tax aspects of corporate and real estate transactions, including mergers and acquisitions, group reorganizations, joint ventures, venture capital and private equity from both a UK and cross-border perspective.

His corporate tax practice includes advising private companies and their shareholders on tax issues arising on acquisitions or disposals, and involves reorganizations and demergers and tax planning. His real estate tax practice includes advising companies, their shareholders or funds on the tax issues relevant to structuring, financing or developing land and also advising on the transactional tax issues which can arise, including VAT and SDLT.

Experience

- **US private equity fund:** Advising on the simultaneous acquisition of two worldwide groups and a subsequent post-completion reorganization.
- **Mid-market UK private equity fund:** Advising on numerous acquisitions for a mid-market private equity fund in a number of industry sectors, including pre- and post-sale reorganizations acquisitions.
- **US multi-national financial and payment cards company:** Advising from a UK tax perspective on a cross-border pre-IPO reorganization.
- **Non-UK real estate investor:** Advising on the acquisition of UK real estate and advice on the structuring of the subsequent development of student accommodation and hotel.
- **UK REIT:** Advising on the conversion of a non-UK property holding structure to a UK REIT.
- **UK training provider:** Advising in relation to a dispute with HMRC regarding the VAT liability of supplies made.
- **Management:** Acting for management in the sale by majority owners of a hedge fund to a family office and an incentive arrangement for the remaining managers.

- **Individual and family trusts:** Advising on the sale of properties and companies to a newly incorporated UK REIT and leasebacks to operating companies with a different shareholder base.

Activities and Affiliations

- James is a member of the Chartered Institute of Tax.

Areas of focus

Practices

- Banking and Finance Taxation
- Business Structures and Tax Planning
- Corporate Taxation
- Individual Taxation
- Partnerships and Other Pass-Through Entity Taxation
- Real Estate Taxation
- Tax Litigation and Dispute Resolution
- Taxation in Mergers and Acquisitions
- Venture Capital

Industry sectors

- Private Equity

Education

- University of Law, 1996, LPC
- Cardiff University, 1995, LLB (Hons)

Languages

- English