Corporate & M&A

Did you know?

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We are one of very few genuine alternatives to the magic circle for high end M&A. The quality of our work and our ability to handle complex, high value work differentiates us from many of our competitors.

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Over 70 per cent of our corporate and M&A deals have an international element.

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Private equity clients come to us because of our deep knowledge of the industry and because we have in-depth in-house specialist support in areas which can be key to transactions (such as regulatory, funds, finance and tax).

What does the team do?

- Cross-border mergers and acquisitions (both public and private)
- Corporate governance and regulatory requirements
- Professional practices and LLPs
- Equity capital markets (including initial public offerings (IPOs))
- Corporate advisory work
- Secondaries

Client base

Private and public corporates: UK and global

Work highlights

Visa Inc.
Advising Visa Inc. on its acquisition of Visa Europe Limited, in a transaction with a total value of up to €21.2bn.

Altria Group, Inc.,
Advising Altria Group, Inc., the largest shareholder in beer and soft drinks producer SABMiller, on the £71bn offer from rival brewer AB Inbev and Altria's investment in the enlarged group.

Verizon Communications Inc.
Advising Verizon Communications Inc. on its acquisition of Vodafone's interest in Verizon Wireless for $130bn. The transaction, one of the largest corporate deals in history, provides Verizon with 100 per cent ownership of Verizon Wireless, a leading wireless carrier in the US.

Game Digital Plc
Advising Game Digital plc, the leading omni-channel specialist retailer of video games in the UK and Spain, on its IPO on the premium segment of the London Stock Exchange, with an initial market capitalisation of £340m.

Improbable
Advising Improbable, a UK-based virtual simulation start-up, on the raising of $502m in its latest financing round. This is the largest ever Series B investment in Europe and the biggest venture financing round by a private British company in history.

Virgin
Advising Virgin Group, providing both corporate and tax advice, on numerous strategic transactions and joint ventures.

Formula one
Advising certain members of senior management of Formula One on its sale to US firm Liberty Media for $4.4bn.

> Working as an M&A trainee on deals of this size is uniquely dynamic and interactive. It requires focus, stamina and the ability to manage time and relationships well, both in and out of the office. There is a real buzz to playing an integral part in such intensive and challenging projects.

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