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With a particular focus on cross-border transactions, Paul regularly counsels public and private companies and investors on key strategic deals. His substantial experience includes M&A, equity capital markets, joint ventures, private equity, and venture capital investments.

Paul advises public and private companies and permanent capital investment vehicles, entrepreneurs, and other strategic investors on their key transactions across a wide range of sectors. Such transactions have included acquisitions, disposals, joint ventures, private equity investments (including acting for fundless sponsors), venture capital investments, initial public offerings, and secondary securities offerings on the London Stock Exchange (Main Market and AIM). He has particular experience in advising on special purpose acquisition companies (SPACs) and cross-border transactions.

Key Matters

Some of the experience represented below may have been handled at a previous firm.

Highlights of Paul's recent work include:

- Representing Financials Acquisition Corp, a special purpose acquisition company, on its £150M IPO on the London Stock Exchange (April 2022 - click [here](#) for further information) and on its proposed business combination with London Innovation Underwriters Limited (November 2023 - click [here](#) for further information).
- Representing Best of the Best plc, an AIM listed online competition hosting company, on its £43M recommended takeover by Globe Invest Limited (July 2023).
- Representing SunCap a UK based private equity house on its acquisition of Adventure Forest, trading as “Go-Ape” in the US (May 2022). Click [here](#) for further information.
- Representing a NYSE listed special purpose acquisition company Broadstone Acquisition Corp. on its US\$2.2B business combination with Vertical Aerospace Ltd (December 2021). Click [here](#) for further information
- Representing Abercross Holdings a UK based private equity house in the restructuring of Typhoo Tea Limited and related acquisition of a controlling interest in Typhoo by Zetland Capital (July 2021).
- Representing the UK based sponsor of special purpose acquisition company Broadstone Acquisition Corp, on its US\$300M IPO on the New York Stock Exchange (September 2020). Click [here](#) for further information.
- Representing Vanbrugh Trustees, the owners of The Blenheim Estate, on its acquisition of UK house builder Pye Homes Ltd (December 2018).
- Representing General American Capital Partners on its €100M acquisition of Football Club des Girondins De Bordeaux SA (Bordeaux FC) (October 2018).
- Representing the family offices of Stephens and Van Tuyl on their US\$100M investment into Firethorn Trust a real estate investment company (July 2018).
- Representing behavioural science business Mind Gym plc on its £145 million AIM IPO and related £50 million vendor placing (June 2018). Click [here](#) for further information.
- Representing the management of UK-based housebuilder Vanderbilt Homes Limited on its £50M restructuring and refinancing by Cheyne Capital (April 2018).
- Representing New York and San Francisco based private equity firm, Argand Partners, on its £150M acquisition of UK-based carpet maker, Brintons Carpets, from The Carlyle Group (July 2017).

Other notable transactions include representing:

- Auctus Industries on its US\$220M acquisition of Shimtech Industries in an independent sponsor transaction that was backed by Inflexion Private Equity and Ares Management.
- Horizon Acquisition Company plc on its £850M acquisition of U.S. based APR Energy (the team were shortlisted for “Corporate Team of the Year” at the *Legal Business Awards*).
- Horizon Acquisition Company plc on its £400M IPO on the Main Market of the London Stock Exchange.

Recent Experience

London Innovation...

GIO World...

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Financials Acquisition...

Allwyn Entertainment...

I2PO, First...

Broadstone Acquisition...

Recognitions

Paul is recommended in *The Legal 500 UK* where he is described as a “safe pair of hands in a tricky situation.” Clients were particularly impressed by Paul and go on to say he is “easy to deal with, results orientated, and good at bringing parties to the table.”

He is described in the 16th edition of *Global Arbitration Review's GAR100* as a “smart corporate partner” who is “able to bring the temperature down in difficult negotiations.”

Activities

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Paul spoke at The SPAC European Conference 2022 where he hosted a fireside discussion entitled “SPACs - The Opportunity for London”.

Credentials

EDUCATION

Paul received a J.D. from the University of Law, Guildford and a B.A. from Durham University.

ADMISSIONS

- England & Wales

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