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ABOUT

James is an experienced corporate finance lawyer, with experience in public and private mergers, acquisitions and disposals, joint ventures, private equity and corporate finance.

He qualified with Freshfields where he worked for ten years, before subsequently joining Rosenblatt, Clintons and Newlawslegal (prior to its merger with Acuity) in partner positions. He has also worked at Simpson Thacher in New York.

James has a strong track record in advising companies in a variety of sectors, including property development, retail, manufacturing and media.

EXPERTISE

- Public and private mergers, acquisitions and disposals (domestic (UK and US) and cross-border)
- AIM listings and secondary fundraisings
- Joint ventures and shareholder arrangements
- Private equity and venture capital
- Corporate reorganisations, demergers and share buybacks
- General corporate, corporate finance, commercial, corporate governance

WORK

- Advising digital PR agency, Sideshow Limited, on various digital marketing agency acquisitions (Bunnyfoot, Thinking Juice, Vertical Leap)
- Advising Thames Bank Property on its redevelopment of Derry's Cross, Plymouth
- Advising leading pantomime producer and theatre operator, Qdos Entertainment Limited, on various corporate and commercial matters
- Advising the owners of luxury travel and lifestyle PR agencies, Grifco PR and Ophir PR, on the sale of those companies to MMGY Global
- Advising Pointr Limited on its venture capital funding from Livingbridge/Baronsmead VCT
- Advising Techhub Europe Limited on its funding from a private equity fund

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- Advising Finn Partners, a major US marketing agency, on various UK acquisitions.
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