

## Representative Legal Matters

Melanie Howard

Prior to joining the Firm, Melanie has handled the following significant matters:

- Advised AB Inbev in relation to its business combination with SABMiller.
- Advised Skyepharma PLC on its merger with Vectura Group plc.
- Advised one of the world's largest snacks companies on the combination of its global coffee business with a major tea and coffee producer, to form the world's leading pure play coffee company, with revenue in excess of GBP 5 billion.
- Counseled a large global bank on the disposal of interests in a major music label to another recording company for EUR 1.2 billion, and the music publishing business to a consortium and a multinational electronics, gaming, entertainment and financial services conglomerate for USD 2.2 billion.
- Advised a multinational food and beverage company on its GBP 11.9 billion successful offer to a multinational confectionery company.
- Advised a major bank on the sale of its European locomotive and electric passenger train leasing business to Alpha Trains.
- Advised Abertis on the sale of Luton Airport, and on the sale of airport assets in Europe and the US to ADC & HAS Airports Worldwide.
- Advised Meggitt on its acquisition of Pacific Scientific Aerospace from Danaher Corporation and an equity placing of USD 250 million.
- Advised E. Stanley Kroenke in connection with his recommended mandatory cash offer for Arsenal Holdings, the holding company of Arsenal football club.
- Advised Brixton on the successful takeover of Brixton by SEGRO.
- Advised private equity firm CVC on its possible offer to Spanish bus company National Express.
- Advised a multinational bank and financial services firm on its USD 13.5 billion sale of its fund management business for USD 4.4 billion.
- Assisted a multinational bank and financial services firm on its GBP 7.2 billion issue of reserve capital instruments and mandatory convertible notes and its acquisition of investment banking and capital markets businesses.

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- Advised global staffing firm Adecco on its possible offer for recruitment company Michael Page International.
- Advised UK multinational Aon on its acquisition of the Benfield Group, a major insurance and reinsurance company.
- Counseled a large global bank as lead arranger of the financing of an advertising and marketing firm's GBP 1.158 billion offer to a market research firm.
- Advised 3i Quote Private Equity on its investment in Phibro at the time of its AIM IPO and its proposed investment in Hydrogen to finance its takeover offer for Imprint, and 3i Group on its successful GBP 229 million takeover of Inspicio.
- Advised Electra on its acquisition of Premier Asset Management.
- Advised Duke Street Capital on its acquisition of CI Traders.