

## ABOUT

Simon is an experienced corporate lawyer with a strong track record in advising senior executives and business owners on corporate and commercial legal matters, managing and executing high value corporate transactions and reorganisations and implementing complex international legal projects.

He often works closely with accountants and other finance professionals, having previously worked for a top-tier accountancy firm serving mostly owner managed businesses and start-ups.

Simon has also advised leading multinational corporates during his time as a corporate associate at Baker McKenzie.

He has gained invaluable corporate, insurance and financial services experience through his work with AIG in the EMEA region particularly.

Simon has advised clients across a range of sectors during his career including technology, financial services, property (including property/building services and estate agency), energy, retail/leisure and sport.

## EXPERTISE

- Corporate transactions – including mergers, acquisitions and disposals
- Corporate investments, finance, and shareholder arrangements – including private equity, management buy-outs and joint ventures
- Corporate reorganisations – including demergers/spin offs, post-acquisition integrations and group simplifications
- Capital markets – including IPOs, Alternative Investment Market (AIM) procedures and the Takeover Code
- Commercial/business lending and finance arrangements
- Financial regulation and corporate governance
- Employee incentives and share schemes
- Commercial projects and contracts – including service agreements, transitional service agreements and business terms and conditions
- LLP structures and partnerships

## WORK:

- Advising a leading multi-national insurance and investment group on various high value and strategic acquisitions/disposals in the EMEA region; and complex corporate restructuring projects, including the reorganisation of a European group valued in the billions of dollars
- Advising board of an international oil & gas group on their IPO and listing on a junior UK stock exchange
- Leading the corporate legal aspects and the buy-side legal and tax team on the management buyout of Artic Building Services at significant value. The deal included a complex finance element
- Advising the owners of bespoke furniture business, Isokon Plus, on the sale of their business to British furniture manufacturer, Very Good & Proper
- Advising the management of an IT/technology business in connection with private equity investment, including advice on all core documentation
- Lead legal adviser on an international holding company restructuring project involving the imposition of a new Maltese holding company for a leading furniture wholesaler; and the transfer of entities based in Singapore, Vietnam and the UK
- Leading the legal aspects of a corporate demerger of property investment and development businesses within a multi-million-pound group. The demerger culminated with a section 110 Insolvency Act 1986 solvent liquidation and a tax reconstruction
- Advising Ellis David Insurance on a group reorganisation and capital reduction demerger
- Advising AIM listed Jarvis Securities Plc on general corporate, capital markets, regulatory and commercial legal matters
- Advising a services business in the football industry on the implications of various FA regulations. Advising various other sporting professionals and businesses on corporate and commercial matters
- Implementing employee incentive share schemes, including EMI and growth share schemes for a variety of businesses

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