

Manchester Corporate Practice

Q1 2023 Transactions Highlights



Clear Group (Holdings) Limited – Advised on the acquisition of a Cork- and Kerry-based insurance broker.



Concept Life Sciences – Advising the management team of Concept Life Sciences on the investment by Limerston Capital Partners.



Ciphr Group Limited – Advising on the acquisition of Marshall ACM Ltd, a specialist diversity and inclusion online learning provider.



Shareholders of UK-based Tharstern Group – Advised this management information system (MIS) software provider on its acquisition by eProductivity Software (ePS).



CMS Distribution Limited – Advising on the acquisition of Cables Direct Limited.



Endless LLP – Advising on the acquisition of Smithfield Poultry Limited.



LDC (Managers) Limited – Advising on the acquisition of Horsefly Analytics.



Halcyon Limited – Advised on the acquisition of FingerPrint Global Limited, a provider of track and trace solutions in the public and private healthcare markets.



Twinkl – Advising on the minority investment by private equity sponsor, Vitruvian Partners, in Twinkl.



Miss Group – Advising Miss Group, an international fast-growth web hosting business, on the acquisition of Sered Hosting, S.L and Domene AS.



Cloud Technology Solutions Limited – Advising on the sale by NorthEdge Capital LLP and Management to a Marlin backed newco and their reinvestment into the CTS Group.

£1billion + aggregated deal value in Q1 2023

Our Corporate Practice

We are a leading global corporate law firm with more than 390 corporate lawyers spanning our firm, including 90 corporate lawyers across four UK offices.

We are ranked among the 20 law firms that had "the largest global presence and were involved in the largest, most significant and groundbreaking international and cross-border matters" over the past year, and consistently, by *Law360*.

"The team know our business extremely well, which means they tailor their advice to our risk appetite. They are responsive and pragmatic." *The Legal 500* 2023

"High-quality, timely, practical advice provided throughout the team. Key issues identified early and pragmatic solutions offered." *The Legal 500* 2023

Law Firm of the Year (Transactions) at the recent Unquote PE Awards Ceremony, 2022.	Ranked Tier 1 by <i>The Legal 500</i> US and UK for Corporate M&A.
Ranked Top 20 by deal count in the Global	Ranked 3rd in UK by deal count,
Legal Adviser Rankings, Mergermarket,	Mergermarket Global & Regional M&A
during 2022.	League Tables, during 2022.

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Our Team



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Giles Chesher is a partner in the Global Corporate Practice. He is based in our Manchester office, where he heads up the Manchester Corporate team. Giles' particular expertise covers mergers and acquisitions, IPOs and private equity. He has worked on a number of high-profile private equity and M&A transactions in the local, national and international markets, acting for a wide variety of corporate and institutional clients. Giles also acts as a trusted business adviser to corporate clients on structural, organisational and strategic legal matters, assisting with dynamic growth strategies, defensive cost-cutting measures and everything in between.

"Giles Chesher's client relationship management is second to none. He is also an extremely able deal lawyer, with a very effective negotiating style that combines commercial pragmatism with tenacity when required to get the best outcome for his client. He manages cross-border deals seamlessly, bringing in colleagues from various departments to provide specialist advice and translating its impact into practical risks that our business colleagues can assess."

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James Fitzgibbon

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James Fitzgibbon is a partner in our Corporate Practice based in the Manchester office, specialising in all aspects of corporate acquisitions, disposals and joint venture arrangements, with particular expertise in private equity transactions. He advises a mixture of private equity investors, corporates, entrepreneurs and individuals on acquisitions, investments, disposals and strategic partnering arrangements across a range of sectors. James' clients benefit from the significant experience he has developed through dealing with institutional investors from all sides of a transaction.

James is known for his straightforward, commercial approach to transactions and the huge commitment he displays to delivering for his clients.

"I trust the partners there they do things in the right way (i.e. they have morals) and they give advice, not just options."

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Andrea Cropley has more than 25 years' experience as a corporate finance lawyer in London and the North of England. Her experience includes advising on takeovers, flotations, M&A, venture capital, private equity and joint ventures for a wide range of public and private companies, financial institutions and entrepreneurs. Andrea has particular experience in the financial services, healthcare, technology and manufacturing sectors.

"Andrea Cropley is a trusted advisor and valued partner. Highly skilled, has presence and gravitas and a 'let's get this done' attitude."

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Darren Warburton is an EMEA lead of our Chemicals Group and a partner in our Global Corporate Practice Group, based in our Manchester office. He is the relationship partner for a number of major clients, including INEOS, Innospec, Kemira Oyj and BASF. His particular expertise covers a range of corporate transactions, including international and domestic mergers, acquisitions and joint ventures, regularly undertaking work in Europe, Asia and North America.

"Their dedication is unmatched and their commitment to getting the deal over the line is commendable."

Chambers UK





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Louise Barber practices a wide range of corporate work, with particular focus on crossborder public and private mergers and acquisitions (including public takeovers), equity capital markets transactions and joint ventures.

Louise's M&A experience includes advising UK, US and European companies on crossborder public and private transactions. Her capital markets experience includes advising on a number of initial public offering and secondary fundraising transactions on both the London Stock Exchange's Main Market and AIM. Louise's broader corporate experience includes advising on domestic and international joint ventures and advising companies on the FCA Listing Rules, Disclosure Guidance and Transparency Rules, UK Corporate Governance Code, Prospectus Regulation Rules, AIM Rules and the Takeover Code.

"We find all the people we deal with to be extremely engaged and responsive. They provide real guidance and are helpful."

Chambers UK



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E matthew.canipa@squirepb.com Matt Canipa is a partner in our Corporate and Private Equity teams in the UK. Matt's expertise covers all types of corporate work in particular private equity and mainstre

expertise covers all types of corporate work, in particular private equity and mainstream mergers and acquisitions on both a domestic and international basis. On the corporate side, Matt's clients range from owner-managers to listed companies. On

the private equity side, Matt's clients range from owner-managers to instea companies. On the private equity side, Matt has a breadth of experience advising private equity houses/ sponsors, their portfolio companies and management teams on private equity investments and buy and build/growth strategies.

Matt was nominated for the Young Dealmaker of the Year award at the Insider Awards 2021 and the Rising Star award at the Rainmakers Awards 2021.

About Us

We are one of the world's strongest integrated law firms, providing insight at the point where law, business and government meet. We give our clients a voice, support their ambitions and are committed to working alongside them to achieve successful outcomes.

Firm Overview

- One of the largest global footprints of any law firm, with over 40 offices across four continents
- A multidisciplinary team of more than 1,500 lawyers, including 500 partners
- Practice law in 140 jurisdictions, speaking more than 40 languages
- Seamlessly connected service that operates on any scale locally or globally encompassing virtually every matter, jurisdiction and market
- Advise a diverse mix of clients, from long-established FTSE 100 and Fortune 500 corporations to emerging businesses, startup visionaries and sovereign nations



2,600 global employees



More than 1,500 lawyers across four continents



partners

Global Coverage

We have one of the largest global footprints of any law firm in the world, with 14 offices in Europe - including four full-service offices in the UK - 17 offices in the US and Central America, two in the Middle East and eight in Asia Pacific. This presence, coupled with informal relationships with a network of independent firms across the globe and country desks, means we can advise our clients wherever they do business.

"The firm is outstanding. This starts at the first point of contact with reception and then progresses with the expert lawyer, who has specialist knowledge. This is a global company that has not lost its personal touch."

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