

## Ben Squires

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### About Ben

Ben Squires is a partner in the Corporate team in the UK, based in our London office. He advises on all aspects of corporate work and has a particular specialism in private equity.

Ben's expertise covers all types of corporate work, in particular private equity and mainstream mergers and acquisitions both domestically and internationally. On the private equity side, Ben advises on a wide range of transformational transactions, including leveraged buyouts, acquisitions and sales, continuation vehicles, joint ventures, restructurings and refinancings. He is trusted by a number of major international and domestic private equity firms and financial sponsors, and also frequently acts for portfolio companies on bolt-on acquisitions and other transactions. Ben is also a leading adviser to management teams and shareholders on sale processes to private equity sponsors.

"Ben Squires stays closer to the detail than partners at most legal firms. He is extremely commercial and has the ability to delineate between what is and isn't important on a transaction and focus resource accordingly to drive value. He is highly responsive and attentive to client needs." – *Legal 500 2023*

"Ben Squires is exceptional; very calm and composed. He is commercial and hardworking." – *Legal 500 2023*

"The team is responsive and highly commercial. It feels like we get good engagement at all levels of seniority. Paul Mann and Ben Squires remain engaged and available throughout our engagements. They are pragmatic and commercial individuals, as well as being well plugged into the market." – *Legal 500 2023*

### Experience

#### **Private M&A**

- Acting for FPE Capital on the sale of Intragen to Nomios (backed by Keensight).
- Acting for Higgs LLP on its sale to August Equity.

- Acting for the management team of APEM on its sale to Applus (backed by TDR Capital and I Squared Capital).
- Acting for the management team of Centralis on its sale to HGGC.
- Acting for Atec (a portfolio company of Perwyn) on its acquisition of Moorhouse Group.
- Acting for Andwis (a portfolio company of H.I.G. Capital) on its acquisition of Rock Compliance.
- Acting for LDC on its acquisition of Precise TV.
- Acting for Phoenix on its acquisition of SMH Group.
- Acting for Perwyn on its acquisition of Atec Group from Kester Capital and management shareholders.
- Acting for Astorg in a co-counsel capacity on its acquisition of Lebronze Alloys.
- Acting for the management team of Envisage Dental on its sale to a Phoenix continuation vehicle led by Kline Hill Partners and Ares Management.
- Acting for the management team and other individual shareholders of Portakabin on its management buyout backed by Antin Infrastructure Partners.
- Acting for Intragen (backed by FPE Capital) on its acquisition of AspisID BV.
- Acting for the management team of Anthesis on its management buyout backed by Carlyle.
- Acting for Volpi Capital on the acquisitions of Integral Partners and Grabowsky through its portfolio company, Xalient.
- Acting for Inspirit Capital on its acquisition of Capita PLC's resourcing businesses – Capita Resourcing, HR Solutions and ThirtyThree.
- Acting for H.I.G. Capital on its acquisition of Meesons Futures Limited.
- Acting for LDC and the management shareholders on the disposal of MSQ Partners to One Equity Partners.
- Acting for H.I.G. Capital on its acquisition of Classic Lifts.
- Acting for FPE Capital on the first institutional investment into 15gifts.
- Acting for the management team of B Medical Systems on the sale by Navis Capital to Azenta Inc.
- Acting for Inspirit Capital on its acquisition of Alpha3 Manufacturing group.
- Acting for H.I.G. Capital on its acquisition of CPS Building Services.
- Acting for Perwyn on its Series B funding round in Patchwork Health.
- Acting for Nuova Capital on its acquisition of VFX Financial.
- Acting for TPA Capital on the acquisition of Barwick Bathroom Distribution.
- Acting for the management team of atNorth on its management buyout backed by Partners Group.
- Acting for the management and institutional shareholders on the disposal of AnyVan to Vitruvian.
- Acting for D&C Brands on the disposal of Dr. Organic to Damier NV.

- Acting for the management team of Outright Games on its secondary buyout backed by EMK Capital.
- Acting for the management team of Pelsis on its management buyout backed by Pamplona Capital Management.
- Acting for Perwyn Growth Capital on its Series C funding round in Lookiero.
- Acting for TPA Capital on its acquisition of Bis Henderson.
- Acting for Inflexion on its acquisition of Sparta Global.
- Acting for H2 Equity Partners in connection with its acquisition of RAM Tracking.
- Acting for the management team of a KKR-controlled portfolio company on its management equity plan.
- Acting for the management team of IDHL on its management buyout backed by Bridgepoint.
- Acting for the management team of Adler & Allan on its management buyout backed by Sun European Partners.
- Acting for the management team of Matrix SCM on its management buyout backed by Bridgepoint.
- Acting for the incoming management team of the Addison Lee Group in connection with its acquisition by a consortium of investors.
- Acting for KKR on its disposal of LGC Science Group to a consortium led by Cinven and Astorg.
- Acting for Blackstone on its disposal of Intelenet to Teleperformance.
- Acting for Apax Partners on its acquisition of Solita Group from Vaaka Partners.
- Acting for Bridgepoint on the disposal of three portfolio companies – Rodenstock, Infinitas Learning and Protocol – to Compass Partners.
- Acting for Apax Partners on the disposal of Azelis to EQT and the Public Sector Pension Investment Board.
- Acting for Bridgepoint on the sale of a passive minority stake in itself to Dyal Capital Partners.
- Acting for Office Depot, Inc. on the disposal of its European business to Aurelius.

#### **Public M&A**

- Acting for Blackstone Real Estate on its take-private of Hansteen Holdings Plc.
- Acting for CBRE on its take-private of Telford Homes Plc.
- Acting for Silver Lake (in consortium with PSP and GIC) on its take-private of ZPG Plc.
- Acting for AXIS Capital on its take-private of Novae Group Plc.

#### **Joint Ventures**

- Acting for Rendesco on its fundraising from a consortium of institutional investors led by Clean Growth Fund and Eurazeo.
- Acting for Copley Point Capital on its UK logistics portfolio joint venture with Brookfield.

- Acting for Rendesco on its joint venture with Last Mile Infrastructure (a portfolio company of Infracapital).
- Acting for a real estate-focused investor and investment manager on its logistics joint venture with a US-based global institutional alternative asset management firm.
- Acting for Silver Lake on its joint venture arrangements with AltaOne Capital in connection with its acquisition of Cegid Group.

#### **Restructuring**

- Acting for Gates Industrial Corporation Plc on a group restructuring in preparation for its initial public offering on the New York Stock Exchange, and two subsequent group reorganisations.

#### **Management Incentive Plans**

- Advising Highview Enterprises Limited on the implementation of a management incentive plan in connection with a wider fundraising from a consortium of institutional investors, including the UK Infrastructure Bank and Centrica.
- Acting for the management team of Calyx (a CapVest-controlled portfolio company) on its management incentive plan.
- Advising Inspirit Capital on its management incentive plan for Alpha3 Manufacturing group.
- Advising the management team of Argenta (a KKR-controlled portfolio company) on its management incentive plan.

## **Credentials**

### **Education**

- BPP Law School London, Legal Practice Course, 2010
- BPP Law School London, Graduate Diploma in Law, 2009
- University of Nottingham BSc, Hons, 2007

### **Admissions**

- England and Wales, 2012

## **Expertise**

### **Services**

- Corporate
- Private Equity

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