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About Jayson

Jayson Marks is a partner in our Corporate Practice, based in the London office. He is ranked as a leading individual by Chambers & Partners 2026 for Capital Markets: AIM and is a member of the Consulting Editorial Board (CEB) for Lexis+ UK Corporate.

Jayson specialises in public and private M&A, equity investments and joint ventures, as well as Initial Public Offerings (IPOs), secondary fundraisings and other equity capital markets transactions on AIM and the main market. He has over 20 years of experience advising on a broad range of corporate transactions and across various jurisdictions and industries, including natural resources, financial services, commodities and shipping.

"Jayson is an excellent lawyer and adviser; he's very commercial, he understands our business needs, and he's very responsive". *Chambers & Partners* 2026

"He's very pragmatic and he's unflappable under pressure". *Chambers & Partners* 2026

"Jayson Marks is our relationship partner, who is an excellent lawyer, with very good expertise and experience, detailed knowledge of our industry sector, excellent knowledge of our business and understanding of our business activities and objectives. He is always available when we need him and very responsive. Overall, we have great confidence in his advice, and he provides us with an excellent service". *Legal 500* 2026

"Jayson Marks is extremely knowledgeable, responsive, and commercial. He is easy to work with and knows which areas of a transaction involve risk and focus. Would always recommend him". *Legal 500* 2025

Experience

Equity Capital Markets

- Advised Canaccord Genuity Limited and Zeus Capital Limited as joint brokers on three separate placings, and subscriptions to raise US$67.25 million in aggregate by Pantheon Resources plc, and convertible bond redemption.

- Advised Zeus Capital Limited on placings by Ariana Resources Limited, 80 Mile plc, Celsius Resources Limited, Strategic Minerals plc, Alien Metals Limited and Active Energy Group plc.
- Advised Metals Exploration plc on its £19.7 million buy back of the 18.6% shareholding of a single shareholder and related circular and Rule 9 whitewash.
- Advised Canaccord Genuity Limited as sole bookrunner on a block trade agreement to dispose of a 22% stake in Atalaya Mining plc on behalf of ICBC Standard Bank plc, following its enforcement of security over the shares held by Yanggu Xiangguang Copper Co. Ltd (XGC) for £98.2 million.
- Advised Berenberg and WH Ireland Limited as joint brokers on a placing to raise £13 million for Jubilee Metals Group plc to fund its metals processing and recovery projects.
- Advised WH Ireland Limited in its capacity as nominated adviser and broker on the AIM dual listing of ASX listed, Artemis Resources Limited (a gold and copper exploration and development company with assets in Pilbara, Paterson Province of Western Australia) with a market capitalisation of £52 million and £5 million placing.
- Advised Canaccord Genuity Limited and H&P Advisory Limited as joint brokers on a US$31 million secondary placing by AIM and TSX-V quoted Southern Energy Corp, together with a simultaneous "bought deal" underwritten prospectus offering in Canada (together with over-allotment option) to fund the development of its US shale gas assets in the Gwinville field, Mississippi and to fund potential future acquisitions.
- Advised WH Ireland Limited on the accelerated bookbuild placing by Jubilee Metals Group plc to raise gross proceeds of £30 million to fund the strategic acquisition of interests in the Kitwe, Ndola and Mufulira copper and cobalt tailings projects in Zambia.
- Advised WH Ireland Limited in its capacity as nominated adviser and broker on the AIM IPO of Various Eateries plc (a hospitality group operating restaurants and hotels) with a market capitalisation of £65 million, £25 million fundraising and subsequent £10.1 million secondary placing and £11.4 million debt for equity swap.
- Advised Hurricane Energy plc on its court-approved reduction of capital and capital return programme involving distributions of up to $70 million to shareholders.
- Advised WH Ireland Limited in its capacity as nominated adviser and broker on the AIM IPO of itim Group plc (an omni-channel SaaS IT company) on its £48 million AIM IPO and £8 million placing.

Public M&A

- Advising Metals Exploration plc on its recommended offer by way of scheme of arrangement to acquire Condor Gold plc (listed on AIM and TSX) for a consideration of up to £90 million, paid by way of cash, shares and the issue of contingent value rights to receive up to £28.8 million over a period of 5 years by reference to the increase in gold resources and first production of gold at Condor's Nicaraguan gold projects.
- Advising Hannam & Partners as financial adviser to Nioko Resources Corporation on its recommended unconditional US$17 million cash offer for the 22% of the issued share capital (not already owned by Nioko) of AIM-quoted Hummingbird Resources plc, following a US$30 million debt for equity swap and Rule 9 whitewash.
- Advising Asia Coal Energy Ventures on its successful US$200 million hostile takeover to acquire Asia Resource Minerals plc (formerly Bumi plc) which owns one of the largest thermal coal producing assets in Indonesia.
- Advising IP Group plc on its £87.8 million takeover by way of scheme of arrangement of Fusion IP plc and firm placing, placing, open offer and offer for subscription to raise £100 million.
- Advising Regal Petroleum plc on its competitive takeover process, resulting in the recommended increased partial offer by Energees Management to acquire 70%of the company (£85.3 million).

M&A and Joint Ventures

- Advising WH Ireland Limited on the business and assets sale of its wealth management business.
- Advising Jarvis Securities plc and Jarvis Investment Management Limited on the business and assets sale of its retail execution-only broking business to Interactive Investor Services Limited, for a consideration of £11 million.
- Acting for the buyer on the acquisition of the owner of a bauxite mine in Guinea (including a life of mine royalty arrangement).
- Advising WH Ireland Limited on the business and assets sale of its equity capital markets division to Zeus Capital Limited.
- Advising Metals Exploration plc on its acquisition of 72.5% of the issued share capital of Yamang Mineral Corp., a Philippine company that holds the Abra gold/copper exploration tenement.
- Advising the Saudi Ministry of Industry and Mineral Resources on its auction process for the licensing of the Khnaigiuyah copper/ zinc exploration project (the largest exploration site in Saudi Arabia).
- Advising ArcelorMittal SA, the world's largest steel trader, on the sale of 50% of Global Chartering in order to form a 50:50 joint venture in respect of its dry bulk shipping business (deal value of US$530 million).
- Advising Enwell Energy plc on its acquisition of LLC Arkona Gas-Energy, which holds the Svystunivsko-Chervonolutskyi exploration licence in the Poltava region in north-eastern Ukraine.
- Advising Singapore Marine Pte Ltd on its private fundraising and the simultaneous acquisition of the Bermudan and Swiss entities forming the SwissMarine group, to form a new dry bulk shipping operator with around 175 vessels.
- Advising Motor Fuel Group on its £143 million acquisition of the UK retail fuel supply business of Murco Petroleum Limited, comprising 228 petrol stations and a 200+ independent dealer network.
- Advising Blue Coast Hotels on the £720 million proposed acquisition of a portfolio of 42 Marriott signature-branded hotels, with a syndicate involving Deutsche Bank and Starwood.
- Advising Mitsui OSK Lines in respect of its powership joint venture arrangements with Karadeniz.
- Advising on the establishment of a new freight parcelling shipping business in Switzerland, related joint venture agreement between the investors and equity and debt fundraising.
- Advising a major infrastructure investor on its joint venture to finance the engineering, procurement, construction, installation and operation of an FPSO for the Barossa gas field, offshore Australia.
- Advising Aker Solutions AS on its joint venture to provide local content EPC services and subsea systems in Angola to Total (in respect of the Kaombo project, a US$2 billion plus contract) and other oil companies.
- Advising Seven Energy International Limited on a restructuring of an existing upstream joint venture and establishing a new midstream joint venture in respect of the producing Uquo oil field and related processing facilities.

Credentials

Education

- College of Law, L.P.C.
- University of Exeter, LL.B.

Admissions

- England and Wales, 2003

Expertise

Services

- Financial Services
- Corporate
- Capital Markets

Industries

- Commodities & Shipping
- Construction & Engineering
- Mining

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