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## **About Joe**

Joe Abbott is a lawyer in the Corporate Practice Group based in our London office. He focuses his practice on corporate matters including corporate finance, mergers and acquisitions and private equity.

Joe has previously completed secondments at Yum! Restaurants International, EDF Energy Renewables, Renaissance Capital and the Royal Mail Group.

# **Experience**

- Advising the management shareholders and NorthEdge Capital on the sale of Helios Global Group, a global healthcare communications business, to Telemos Capital.
- Advising Alcuin Capital on its investment in Mar-Key Group, a leading designer, manufacturer and provider of temporary structures for events and structural solutions for commercial clients.
- Advising HC-One on the acquisition of Ideal Carehomes from Warwick Capital Partners and LNT Group, and advising on the sale of various other care home assets.
- Advising the shareholders of Global Perspectives, a leading global provider for patient search and engagement business providing support for clinical studies, on the sale to IQVIA (NYSE:IQV).
- Advising M&A advisory firm Results International Group LLP and its partners on the sale of the business to Canaccord Genuity Limited.
- Advising the shareholders of Republic M! on an investment by Queen's Park Equity.
- Advising Prescient Healthcare on its acquisition of global healthcare market research and commercial strategy consultancy Strategic North.
- Advising the shareholders of Datapharm, a leading provider of regulatory-driven medicines information and software solutions to the pharmaceutical industry, on the sale to CGE Partners.
- Advising Grafton Group plc on the acquisition of Stairbox, a UK manufacturer and distributor of bespoke wooden staircases, for circa £44 million, the acquisition of Leyland SDM for £82.4 million, the disposal of Plumbase, a specialist UK plumbing and heating business, for circa £60 million and the disposal of its traditional merchanting business for an enterprise value of £520 million to Huws Gray.

- Advising management of LRQA on the buyout of the LRQA Group, backed by funds managed by Goldman Sachs.
- Advising the shareholders of Lane4, a UK consultancy business, on the sale of the company to Ernst & Young.
- Advising global video ad management platform Peach (backed by Inflexion) on its acquisitions of Stockholm-based advertisement delivery company Adtoox and advertisement product provider Advalidation.
- Advising the shareholders of Entura International, a global online anti-piracy business, on the sale to Corsearch Inc.
- Advising the shareholders of Prescient Healthcare Group on an investment by Baird Capital and a subsequent investment by Bridgepoint.
- Advising on the sale of Helios Medical Communications, a global healthcare communications business, to NorthEdge Capital.
- Advised the shareholders of PHMR on the sale to UDG Healthcare plc (LON: UDG).
- Advising on the sale of 90TEN, a global independent healthcare communications consultancy, to Envision Pharma Group (backed by Ardian and GHO Capital).
- Advising Tenzing Private Equity on the buyout of MPLC, the world's largest non-theatrical TV and movie licensing company.
- Advising Live Nation on the acquisitions of (i) Dreamlands, a live music venue and amusement park, (ii) Rewind Festival from Global, and (iii) MCD Productions.
- Advising Citron Hygiene, a provider of washroom hygiene, pest control, ware-washing and chemical solutions, on five UK acquisitions.
- Advising the shareholders of Inside Ideas Group on the sale of a majority stake in the company to You & Mr Jones.
- Advising the shareholders of CRM Students Limited, the UK's largest independent student accommodation provider, on the sale of the company to CORESTATE Capital Holding S.A.
- Advising the shareholders of BaseCase GmbH on the sale of this Software-as-a-Service provider to pharmaceutical and medtech companies to Certara USA, Inc.
- Advising the shareholders and management of Alston Elliot, a leading provider of premium datadriven graphics solutions for live sports broadcasts, on the management buyout by Inflexion Private Equity.
- Advising the shareholders on the sale of Market Data Services Limited, a technology expense management services company, to US private equity firm Sumeru Equity Partners.
- Advising the management team of Davies Group on an investment by HGGC.
- Advising the management team of Lane Clark & Peacock LLP on an investment by Inflexion Private Equity.
- Advising the management team of CitySprint on the secondary buyout of the business (backed by LDC and Dunedin).
- Advising the management team of Style Research Limited on the buyout of the business (backed by Lyceum Capital).
- Advising the shareholders of MacDonald Humfrey (Automation) Ltd on the sale of the company to L-3 Communications (NYSE:LLL) for up to approximately £288 million.
- Advising the shareholders of Stem Marketing Limited, a leading global provider of commercial, marketing and medical audits, on the sale of the company to UDG Healthcare plc (LON: UDG) for up to approximately £84 million.

- Advising Inflexion Private Equity on the buyout of Group IMD from Vitruvian Partners.
- Advising the shareholders of BaxterBruce Limited, a management consultancy firm, on the sale of the company to Crowe Horwath Global Risk Consulting LLP.
- Advising the shareholders of National Hickman, a leading supplier of doorkits, on the sale of the company to Masonite International Corporation (NYSE:DOOR) for approximately US\$82 million.
- Advising the shareholders of MLex Limited, a global legal media organisation, on the sale of the company to Lexis Nexis.
- Advising Coats Group plc, a leading industrial thread and consumer textile crafts business, on its acquisition of GSD.
- Advising management on the MBO of Airwair International (Dr Martens) by Permira.
- Advising the shareholders of Abacus International, a health market access consultancy company, on the sale of the company to Decision Resources Group.

## **Credentials**

### **Education**

- BPP Law School, L.P.C., 2010
- BPP Law School, Graduate Diploma, Law, 2009
- University of London, B.A., Honors, 2008

#### **Admissions**

• England and Wales, 2013

# **Expertise**

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