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About Matt

Matt Canipa is a partner in our Private Equity and Corporate teams in the UK. Matt's expertise covers all types of private capital-related corporate work.

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. In particular, Matt has a depth of experience advising UK management teams on US growth capital and equity investments.

On the corporate side, Matt's clients range from owner-managers to listed companies, where Matt has extensive experience in private M&A (both buy and sell sides), joint ventures and reorganisations.

"Partner Matthew Canipa is highly skilled, with an excellent commercial focus and always pushing the deal forward." (*Legal 500 Client Testimony*).

Matt was nominated for the Young Corporate Lawyer of the Year award at the 2024 NW Young Professionals Awards.

Experience

- Representing ECI Partners on its investment in TAG, the market leading high-touch travel management company to the entertainment and corporate markets, providing an exit for Apiary Capital.
- Representing ECI Partners on its investment in CMap, a market leading provider of professional services automation (PSA) software, providing an exit for NorthEdge.
- Representing Perwyn on its acquisition of Atec Group in a bilateral transaction, providing an exit for Kester Capital.
- Representing Perwyn-backed Locumtap on its acquisition of L2P.
- Representing Miss Group and its management team on investments from BGF, Perwyn and over 30 international acquisitions.

- Representing MirrorWeb and Maven Capital Partners on MirrorWeb's US\$63 million growth capital investment from US based Mainsail Partners.
- Representing Deskpro on its US\$25 million growth capital investment from US based Elsewhere Partners.
- Representing ECI Partners on its investment in Commify, Europe's leading provider of business messaging solutions to local enterprises, in a deal valued at €300 million, from Hg.
- Representing Maven Capital Partners on its investment into ProofID, and ProofID on its subsequent sale of Ideiio and acquisition of Regatta Solutions.
- Representing BGF on its investment into Komi Group.
- Representing BGF on its investment into Besseges Ltd.
- Representing the management team of Adler & Allan on its management buyout backed by Sun European Partners.
- Representing the management team of Concept Life Sciences on its investment by Limerston Capital.
- Representing the shareholders of AnyVan (Celeres Investments, CEO/founder, management) on its £125 million growth capital investment by Vitruvian Partners.
- Representing the management team of Twinkl on its investment by Vitruvian Partners.
- Representing the selling shareholders (including Great Hill Partners) of Reward Gateway on its sale to Castik Capital and Abry Partners.
- Representing the founders and other selling shareholders of Qmee (one of the top 100 fastest-growing tech companies in Europe according to the *Financial Times* 1000 2021) on their sale to funds advised by private equity sponsor, CapitalD.
- Representing the Six Nations management team on the investment by CVC.
- Representing ECI Partners on its investment in Clear Insurance, Arkessa, KB Associates, Moneypenny and Send For Help.
- Representing Regis Group PLC and its founders on their multibillion-dollar joint venture with Blackstone in the PRS real estate sector, Leaf Living.

Credentials

Education

- University of Northumbria at Newcastle, LL.B., 2012

Admissions

- England and Wales, 2014

Expertise

Services

- Corporate
- Private Equity

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clients, from long-established leading corporations to emerging businesses, startup visionaries and sovereign nations. More than 1,500 lawyers in over 40 offices across four continents provide unrivaled access to expertise.