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About Matthew

Matthew Dalzell leads our European Real Estate Practice Group.

His experience covers a wide array of sectors, most notably hospitality, student accommodation, residential and build to rent and retail/mixed use, predominantly in areas of development and funding. Matthew advises on transactions alongside a strong team locally, nationally and across the European continent.

Experience

Student Accommodation

- Advising The Mansion Group from its formation and first site acquisition in 2007, the launch of its first associated offshore student accommodation fund, and the subsequent acquisition, financing and developments/refurbishments of sites into the fund.
- Advising The Mansion Group in connection with the Deutsche Bank refinancing of the portfolio of assets in the Mansion Student Accommodation Fund, and the subsequent disposal of the assets comprised in the fund to Mapletree for £417 million.
- Advising The Mansion Group in connection with a number of joint ventures and closed ended investment vehicles for acquisition, development, operation and subsequent disposal of student accommodation assets.
- Acting on behalf of the Victus European Student Accommodation Fund in the acquisition and development of student accommodation assets in the UK, France and Germany.
- Advising the Victus European Student Accommodation Fund on the managed disposal of its student accommodation portfolio in the UK and Europe.
- Advising UK developer in connection with the acquisition, development and forward funding of a 200-bed student accommodation development in Nottingham.
- Advising Collegiate (UK and European specialist student accommodation management company) in respect of their management contracts and development management contracts.
- Acting on behalf of the investor group in connection with the proposed disposal of £1 billion portfolio of student accommodation assets and operations across the US, UK and Australia.

Hospitality Development

- Advising Catalyst Capital in connection with acquisition, pre-letting and forward funding of hotel developments across the UK, through joint venture vehicles or within the Catalyst European Property Fund II.
- Advising Capital and Centric in respect of acquisition and development of hotels in Manchester and Sheffield.

Residential/Build to Rent

- Acting on behalf of Citu Group of companies in connection with the acquisition, financing and development of residential accommodation and associated infrastructure/services provisions in Leeds and Sheffield, including Citu's landmark scheme at Kelham Island Sheffield and the backbone of the Climate Innovation District in Leeds.
- Advising Cheyne Capital's Social Impact Fund in respect of the acquisition and development of affordable and below-market rental accommodation developments in various regional cities of the UK, including the award winning former Dunmail Primary School development in Bristol, in joint venture with United Communities, forward funded by the JV partners as to the majority of the units, and with a number of other units pre-let to a Community Innovation Fund.
- Acting on behalf of Jomast Group in respect of the conditional acquisition or acquisition via options of a number of residential developments across the north of England, either for development and sale to the market or onward disposal to the large housebuilder sector.

Investment/Mixed Use/Retail/Owner Occupier

- Advising Co-operative Group in connection with the disposal of a number of non-core business stream, including the milk business Associated Co-operative Creameries, the motor dealership group Priory Motor Group and a number of their then remaining superstores and departments stores.
- Acting for the retail acquisition team of Co-operative Group on the acquisition of trading small and mid-sized stores across the UK or acquisition of sites for self-development of stores, and advising the Group in connection with the disposal programme of more than 200 former Alldays and Balfour stores, both individually and in small portfolios.
- Advising Watchmoor Estates Limited in relation to its acquisition of multi-let office business park Watchmoor Park, Camberley, Surrey funded via Capmark private equity and Capmark's real estate debt team.
- Acting on behalf of Jomast Group in connection with the conditional acquisition and subsequent development of a number of retail food stores in the midlands and north of England, and on the town centre redevelopment of the former Co-op department store in Chesterfield to provide a Premier Inn hotel and accompanying retail and leisure units.
- Advising the Mayborn Group (Tommee Tippee) in connection with their head office relocation in the north east of England.
- Advising Pharmacy2U in relation to the leasing of a number of large warehousing facilities in the UK.
- Acting on behalf of Forward Investments LLP in relation to their strategic landholding at Flaxby, North Yorkshire, and its intended development as a science and technology business park.

Credentials

Education

- Newcastle University, LL.B., 2003

Admissions

- England and Wales, 2003

Recognitions

- "Matthew is excellent at managing progression and unlocking complex matters." *Chambers* 2024
- "He is an outstanding partner; he knows how to get a deal done and how to protect his clients' interests." *Chambers* 2024

Expertise

Services

- Real Estate

Industries

- Hospitality & Leisure
- Retail

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