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BIOGRAPHY

Benjamin Lee is Co-Leader of the firm's Global Corporate Transactions Practice. He has 29 years' experience with corporate practice based on domestic and international M&A, private equity and public markets work. He focuses on mergers and acquisitions, disposals and public takeovers, and advises investors, selling shareholders and management teams on private equity and venture capital transactions.

Ben is ranked by Chambers and Partners UK for mid-market M&A.

ADMISSIONS

- England and Wales

RELATED CAPABILITIES

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EXPERIENCE

- **Dundee Precious Metals Inc.** on its cash and shares offer for Adriatic Metals plc. The transaction values the entire issued share capital of Adriatic at approximately USD1.3 billion.

- **Thesis Holdings Limited** on its acquisition of Evelyn Partners Fund Solutions Limited from Evelyn Partners Group Limited. Thesis operates a UK-based authorized corporate director business, managing 170 funds with over £40 billion of assets. Evelyn Partners Fund Solutions Limited is the fund solutions business of the Evelyn Partners group, and has assets under governance of £10.6bn (as of 31 December 2024).
- **Ventiga Capital Partners**, a UK-based private equity firm with a track record of investing in the European technology sector, on its strategic partnership with the Omnevo Group lead by Omnevo GmbH in Germany.
- **Playtech plc**, the market leader in the gambling and financial trading industries, on multiple transactions including its acquisition of approximately 70.6 per cent of the issued share capital of Snaitech S.p.A, a leading operator in the Italian gaming and betting market which is listed on the Milan Stock Exchange (the aggregate enterprise value of the transaction was €846m), and the sale of Snaitech S.p.A. to Flutter Entertainment Holdings Ireland Limited, a subsidiary of Flutter Entertainment plc, for a total enterprise value of EUR€2.3 billion in cash.
- **BCA Marketplace plc**, a premium listed automotive business that operates across the post-factory value chain through the purchase and remarketing of vehicles throughout the UK and Europe, in connection with a £1.9bn offer made by TDR Capital LLP.
- **Thesis Group**, a UK financial services group, on the disposal of its private client discretionary portfolio management services business by way of hive out to a new company, and then share sale, to Sanlam UK.
- **BT Group plc** on the carve out from BT and sale of non-core division, BT Fleet Solutions, and a long term outsourcing arrangement to continue management of BT's own fleet worth with, Aurelius Group, a pan-European investment group.
- **Vaalon Capital**, a private equity and advisory firm, on its minority investment in MyMoneyMantra, an Indian Fintech company.
- **The Foschini Group** on its acquisitions of ladieswear businesses, Phase Eight, Hobbs, Whistles, and White Stuff.
- The shareholders of **BestX/State Street Corporation** on the disposal of the company to State Street Corporation. BestX's clients include 60-plus banks and investment firms with more than \$17tn in assets under management. Its transaction cost analysis service is designed to help users secure the best trades for end-investors.

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BCLP advises Thesis Holdings on its acquisition of Evelyn Partners Fund Solutions

BCLP advised client Thesis Holdings Limited on its acquisition of Evelyn Partners Fund Solutions Limited from Evelyn Partners Group Limited.