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BIOGRAPHY

Tom is a partner in BCLP's M&A and Corporate Finance team and a member of the firm's Public Markets Focus Team. His practice includes advising on IPOs and secondary issues (Main Market and AIM) both in London and internationally, public company takeovers, investment funds, domestic and cross border private M&A and advising quoted companies on their obligations to the FCA and the London Stock Exchange. Tom acts both for listed issuers as well as for investment banks and financial advisers in their capacity as sponsors, nomads and brokers. Tom works across a wide range of sectors but has particularly strong experience in Real Estate, Energy and Natural Resources, Technology and Investment Funds.

Tom is also closely involved with UK regulatory and corporate governance developments and provides regular advice and training to clients on the FCA's sponsor regime, the UK Listing Rules, the

AIM Rules, the UK Prospectus Regulation as well as ESG disclosure and governance issues, the UK Market Abuse regime and Corporate Governance requirements.

ADMISSIONS

- England and Wales

RELATED PRACTICE AREAS

- M&A & Corporate Finance
- Mining & Metals
- Corporate
- UK Public Company
- Crypto and Digital Assets
- ESG Governance, Compliance & Reporting
- Healthcare & Life Sciences
- Energy Transition

EXPERIENCE

EQUITY CAPITAL MARKETS

- **Wheaton Precious Metals**, on its admission to the standard listing segment of the Official List and the Main Market of the London Stock Exchange;
- **Industrials REIT** on its transfer from the specialist fund segment to the premium list of the Main Market of the London Stock Exchange and migration to a secondary listing on the Main Board of the Johannesburg Stock Exchange;
- **Stifel Nicolaus Europe** as nominated adviser, broker and sole bookrunner for AEX Gold Inc. in relation to AEX's £42.5 million placing and admission to AIM;
- **Kape Technologies plc** on its US\$115 million cash-box placing and separate retail offer for subscription through online platform PrimaryBid;
- **Singer Capital Markets** as nominated adviser and joint bookrunner to Eckoh plc on its £31 million acquisition of Syntec Holdings Limited and its oversubscribed £13 million placing;

- **Raven Property Group Ltd** on its share buy-back from Invesco Asset Management Ltd;
- The founders of a **FinTech and E-commerce focused SPAC** on its proposed IPO on Euronext Amsterdam;
- **Greatland Gold plc** in its upsized US\$35 million Placing;
- **Amiad Water Systems**, on an investment of £17.6 million through a subscription of shares by FIMI, a leading Israeli private equity firm;
- **Singer Capital Markets** as sponsor and settlement agent to The Investment Company plc in relation to the change of investment manager, board changes, buyback and issue of new shares;
- **Peel Hunt** and **Tamesis Partners** on the US\$17.5 million cash-box placing for AIM listed Serabi Gold plc. Peel Hunt and Tamesis acted as the joint bookrunners on the transaction;
- **Peel Hunt**, **finnCap** and **FirstEnergy Capital** on the approximately £16.6 million placing for Independent Oil and Gas plc;
- **Peel Hunt** and **Auctus Advisors**, on the US\$11.7 million cash-box placing for premium listed Pharos Energy plc. Peel Hunt and Auctus Advisors acted as joint bookrunners on the transaction.

PUBLIC M&A

- **Industrials REIT** on its £500 million take private by Blackstone;
- **Secure Income REIT plc** on its recommended merger with LXI REIT plc;
- London-listed **Playtech plc** on its agreed takeover by Australian company Aristocrat Leisure. The offer values the issued and to be issued share capital of Playtech at £2.1 billion and gives Playtech an enterprise value of £2.7 billion;
- **Daejan Holdings PLC**, a FTSE 250 company, in connection with the recommended public offer by the controlling Freshwater concert party, valuing the target at just over £1.3 billion;
- **Redde** on its £680 million all-share merger with Northgate;
- **Playtech plc**, on 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. The aggregate enterprise value of the transaction was €846 million.

PRIVATE M&A

- **Land Securities Group plc** on its disposal of One New Street Square to Chinachem Group for a total consideration of £349.5 million;
- **Land Securities Group plc** on its disposal of 21 Moorfields to an investment vehicle managed by global real estate and investments group, Lendlease;
- **Land Securities Group plc** on its disposal of 1 and 2 New Ludgate to Sun Venture for a cash consideration of £552 million;
- **Aedifica NV/SA** on the £450 million acquisition of a portfolio of 93 care homes portfolio from Lone Star. The deal was notable as being one of the largest UK healthcare transactions of 2018;
- On the sale of privately owned **Express Vending Group**, a commercial vending machines supplier within London & the UK, to KKR backed Selecta AG, a European vending services operator;
- **Keppel DC REIT** on its acquisition of a Dutch company owning a data centre in the Schiphol area of Amsterdam for approximately €30 million;
- **Aedifica UK Limited**, the UK-subsiidiary of Aedifica NV/SA, on its £61 million acquisition of Sapphire Properties 2016 Limited, a special purpose vehicle holding a portfolio of 5 fully operational purpose-built care homes in the UK;
- **Aedifica NV/SA** on the internalization of its local property manager, Layland Walker Limited;
- On the sales of **Star Payroll**, the payroll software solution provider, and Star Professional Software Solutions, a leading global provider of practice management software for professional firms.

RELATED INSIGHTS

Insights

Apr 07, 2025

London Stock Exchange Discussion paper – Shaping the future of AIM

The 'Jewel in the Crown' of London's markets, AIM has been a central feature of UK capital markets for the last 30 years providing growing companies with access to capital and liquidity. Now the London Stock Exchange would like stakeholders to provide feedback on the overall functioning and positioning of AIM along with input on a number of specific proposals for changes to the AIM Rules. Comments are requested by 16 June 2025. After significant reform to the UK Listing Rules, this discussion paper is the next step in getting the UK's capital markets ecosystem 'match fit'. With AIM companies contributing approximately £68bn to the UK economy (more than agriculture, fishing and forestry combined), the importance of this paper cannot be overstated in the context of the UK's growth agenda.

Insights

Mar 14, 2025

FCA: Unlawful disclosure of inside information and M&A transactions

The FCA has published Primary Market Bulletin (PMB) No 54 outlining its concerns around the unlawful disclosure of inside information during the course of M&A transactions.

Insights

Nov 12, 2024

Takeover Panel response on the application of the Takeover Code

The Takeover Code (the "Code") has published its response to its consultation on the application of the Code and is adopting the amendments previously proposed in PCP 2024/1 subject to some modifications. The changes will take effect on 3 February 2025 and transitional arrangements will run for two years until 2 February 2027. The Code has been amended to refocus its application on companies which are registered in the UK, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man ("UK registered") and either: any of the company's securities are admitted to trading on a UK regulated market ie. the Main Market, a UK multilateral trading facility ie. AIM and Aquis Growth Market, or a stock exchange in the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man ie. TISE ("UK quoted"); or the company was UK quoted at any time during the two years prior to the relevant date. Subject to transitional provisions, the Code will no longer apply to a pu...

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Article on Public M&A in the real estate sector featured in PLC Magazine

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Sep 17, 2024

BCLP advises Playtech plc in connection with the proposed sale of Snaitech S.p.A. for a total enterprise value of EUR€2.3 billion

BCLP has advised client Playtech plc (Playtech), in connection with the proposed sale of Snaitech S.p.A. (Snaitech) to Flutter Entertainment Holdings Ireland Limited, a subsidiary of Flutter Entertainment plc (Flutter), for a total enterprise value of EUR€2,300 million in cash.

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Aug 19, 2024

BCLP advises Shore Capital Markets and Zeus Capital

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