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## BIOGRAPHY

James is experienced in complex, big-ticket investment transactions across a range of real estate sectors and sub-sectors.

As a multi-disciplinary lawyer, James frequently acts on structured corporate and private equity real estate transactions. He has acted on some of the most high-profile deals in the market in recent years. His clients include private equity real estate firms, institutional investors, property companies, sovereign wealth funds, lenders and foreign investors investing in the UK market.

In addition to transactional work, James acts on development and leasing and leads the firm's asset management team for The Leadenhall Building (also known as "The Cheesegrater").

James is a co-head of the firm's UK Life Sciences Real Estate subsector team. He also has extensive experience in Senior Living and is a relationship partner for Riverstone, the Goldman Sachs-backed

Senior Living developer.

## ADMISSIONS

- England and Wales

## RELATED PRACTICE AREAS

- Real Estate Sector
- Real Estate Life Sciences
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## EXPERIENCE

- **C C Land** on its acquisition of The Leadenhall Building for £1.15 billion in 2017, at the time the second largest single asset transaction ever done in the UK real estate market.
- **C C Land** on its investment in Nine Elms Square, Battersea, a £470m property on entry and a multi-billion pound gross development value development project.
- **Magdalen College, Oxford** on the formation of its £400m joint venture with GIC to invest in and develop The Oxford Science Park.
- **The Oxford Science Park** joint venture on acquisitions, disposals, lettings and a refinancing at The Oxford Science Park.
- **Investcorp** on its acquisition of a portfolio of industrial properties.
- **Chancerygate** on the formation of a joint venture with Hines to acquire a develop a portfolio of logistics properties.
- **Tristan Capital** on its acquisition of the Point A Hotels portfolio for £420m.
- **Hines** on the sale of 60 Holborn Viaduct for £360m.

- **Tristan Capital** on the acquisition of Reading International Business Park for £140m.
- **Tristan Capital** on its acquisition of The Oren, Hampstead.
- **Auriens** on the financing and structuring of its development in Chelsea.
- **Riverstone** on the financing and structuring of its new development in Bishop's Avenue.
- **Riverstone** on the acquisition and financing of its development in Kensington.
- **Riverstone** on all aspects of its UK portfolio.

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