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## BIOGRAPHY

Marie is a Partner in our M&A and Corporate Finance team and experienced in acting on a range of corporate finance transactions, including mergers and acquisitions, restructurings, joint ventures and project finance, as well as general corporate advisory work.

Marie has experience advising corporates and founders alike on acquisitions and disposals of businesses in a variety of sectors, including the retail, financial services and online regulated sectors.

Marie has previously gained extensive in-house experience by secondments as legal counsel with AIG's corporate strategic team and B&Q plc's legal team, during which time she was responsible for advising on a variety of regulatory, commercial and corporate governance matters.

## ADMISSIONS

- England and Wales

## RELATED PRACTICE AREAS

- M&A & Corporate Finance
- Private Equity
- Retail & Consumer Products
- Sports & Entertainment
- Corporate
- Litigation & Dispute Resolution
- UK Public Company
- Collegiate Sports Practice
- Olympic & National Governing Body Practice
- Professional Sports Team Practice
- Sports & Entertainment Contract, Endorsement & Celebrity Representation Practice
- Anti-Doping Practice
- Sports & Event Venue Real Estate Infrastructure and Operation
- Naming Rights & Sponsorship Practice
- Sports & Entertainment M&A Practice
- Sports & Entertainment Litigation Practice
- Sports & Entertainment Specialty Counseling Practice
- Entertainment Industry Practice
- Sports & Event Financing
- Hotels and Hospitality
- Real Estate Retail

## EXPERIENCE

- the founders of leading football agency business, the **Stellar Group**, on their sale of the group to US-based talent agency ICM Partners;

- the **Lewis Trust Group** on its acquisition of the ladies fashion brand, Mint Velvet;
- the **Foschini Group** on its acquisitions of ladieswear businesses, Whistles, Damsel in a Dress and Hobbs;
- **Secure Income REIT plc** on the acquisition of two substantial portfolios of assets at a total cost of £436 million. The portfolios comprise a leisure portfolio including Manchester Arena, The Brewery at Chiswell Street, EC1 (the largest catered events space in the City of London), 18 freehold pubs and 17 Travelodge hotels, together with a hotels portfolio consisting of a further 59 Travelodge sites;
- **Playtech Plc** on several acquisitions, including the acquisition of game maker YoYo Games Limited, and each of its acquisitions in the regulated financials trading sector beginning with the purchase of TradeFX Limited, the holding company behind the forex and CFD broker Markets.com and the group's subsequent complimentary acquisitions of B2B technology provider, Consolidated Financial Holdings Group, and market maker, Alpha Capital Markets;
- **Flybe** on the recommended cash offer from Connect Airways (the Virgin Atlantic, Stobart Group and Cyrus Capital consortium);
- **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; and
- **Adena Brands** on the acquisition of high street retailer Monsoon Accessorize through a pre-pack administration.

## RELATED INSIGHTS

News

Sep 12, 2023

### **BCLP advises QuintEvents in acquisition by Liberty Media**

Insights

Mar 07, 2023

### **Retail and consumer M&A insights: distressed and strategic M&A deals**

We have published a leaflet considering some of the key legal and practical considerations to take before gearing up for either a distressed or strategic M&A transaction in the retail and consumer goods sector.

News

Jul 08, 2022

### **BCLP advises RAW Charging on raising further growth capital**

International law firm BCLP has advised RAW Charging and its current shareholders on the successful raising of further growth capital to support its electric vehicle (EV) charger installation plan.

Awards

October 5, 2021

**Legal 500 UK 2022**

News

Mar 02, 2021

**BCLP Advises ironSource on Acquisition of Shares in Luna Labs**

News

Nov 06, 2020

**BCLP Elects 20 New Partners**