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BIOGRAPHY

Benjamin Lee is Co-Leader of the firm's Global Corporate Transactions Practice. He has 27 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.

Benjamin has extensive experience in advising public companies on M&A and governance and shareholder activism issues. He has strong experience in the financial services, real estate and retail sectors.

Benjamin is the practice group leader for Corporate Transactions, London.

ADMISSIONS

- England and Wales

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EXPERIENCE

- **Playtech** - Advised Playtech, the market leader in the gambling and financial trading industries, 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 which is listed on the Milan Stock Exchange. The aggregate enterprise value of the transaction was €846m.
- **BCA** - Advised 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** - Advised 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.
- **British Telecom** - Advised 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** - Advised private equity and advisory firm Vaalon Capital on its minority investment in MyMoneyMantra, an Indian Fintech company.
- **The Foschini Group** - Advised on its acquisition of Phase Eight, Hobbs and Whistles.
- **BestX/State Street Corporation** - Advised the shareholders of BestX 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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