

Finance

Did you know?

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We advise across a broad range of finance disciplines and have a depth of understanding that comes from advising all key stakeholders and client types.

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We are rare in that our practice regularly advises on speciality finance transactions with a large proportion of our work taken up servicing the regular requirements of FTSE 350 clients.

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We focus on deals which are highly complex and market leading, rather than volume and value.

What does the team do?

- Corporate lending
- Capital markets
- Restructuring and insolvency
- Fund finance
- Speciality finance
- Real estate finance
- Structured finance
- Leveraged finance
- Distressed debt

Client Profile

- Private equity sponsors and their portfolio companies
- Institutional lenders
- Debt funds / alternative lenders and speciality lenders
- Real estate investors / borrowers
- Distressed investors / borrowers
- Hedge funds and other loan purchasers
- Corporate borrowers and management

Work highlights

Venn Partners LLP, PRS Operations Limited and PRS Finance Plc

Advising Venn Partners LLP, PRS Operations Limited and PRS Finance plc on a £265m, 1.75 per cent bond issuance, pursuant to the appointment by the Secretary of State for the Department for Communities and Local Government to operate the £3.5bn "Private Rented Sector Housing Guarantee Scheme" and the establishment of the related bond programme.

Opcapita

Advising Opcapita on its loan-to-own acquisition of the UK business and assets of the retailer GAME Digital, its operational turnaround, a ground-breaking dispute with landlords and on its exit by way of flotation. We have since advised on its financing arrangements.

Canary Wharf Group

Advising Canary Wharf Group in relation to the £200m infrastructure facility from the Homes and Communities Agency for the development of the infrastructure for the new Wood Wharf development in London.

Alchemy Special Opportunities Funds

Advising Alchemy Special Opportunities Funds in respect of various investor call bridge and acquisition finance bridging facilities.

Universities Superannuation Scheme Limited

Advising USS, the sole corporate trustee of one of the UK's largest pension funds, on the acquisition from Credit Suisse AG of a number of securitised middle-market fund financing facilities.

Regional REIT

Advising Regional REIT on its £50m retail eligible bonds issuance, with a fixed interest rate of 4.5 per cent per annum and maturity date of 2024.

A particular highlight as a trainee in finance was closing a complex, multi-jurisdictional deal with 90 seconds to go before the bank closed, prompting loud cheers and air punching from the whole team. This goodwill within the department was not restricted to inside the office; the air punching led to a few pints down the pub and the afternoon off.

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Winner of Knowledge Management Innovation Award at Legal Week Innovation Awards 2018
