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Mark advises clients on financings, mergers and acquisitions, and private equity transactions.

Mark is a senior UK law corporate finance partner in the London office of Dorsey & Whitney specialising in UK securities law and mergers and acquisitions. Areas of expertise include:

IPOs and secondary offerings: Mark has advised banks and issuers (including non-English domiciled companies) on over 40 flotations and secondary issues (rights issues and open offers) both on AIM and the main market of the London Stock Exchange and is listed in public equity 'Leaders in their Field' category in Chambers Directory. He is also experienced in pre-IPO placings and other funding arrangements.

Takeovers and Mergers: Mark is experienced in takeovers and mergers, having advised on recommended, hostile, and contested bids with an aggregate value of over £2.5bn.

Acquisitions and disposals: Mark has extensive experience of UK domestic and cross border private company acquisitions and disposals.

Private equity: Mark has advised on primary and secondary management buy-outs and buy-ins for companies in sectors ranging from leisure to construction industry.

Other: Mark's practice also covers corporate restructurings and joint venture and shareholder agreements.

Mark has been an active ambassador for the AIM market and has given seminars on AIM at conferences and other events both in the UK and abroad.

Education

- University of York, England (B.A.)

Bar Admissions

- England & Wales

Select Experience

Initial Public Offerings

- IPOs of Easynet Group plc, The Innovation Group plc, Bickerton plc, Concurrent Technologies plc, Goals Soccer Centres plc, Shed Productions plc, BNS Telecom Group plc, Biofutures International plc, Autoclenz Holdings plc, Monto Group plc, China Biodiesel, Northern Recruitment, Fonebak plc, The Local Radio Company plc, Spice Holdings plc, Excel Airways Group plc and others;
- Accelerated IPOs of Cello Group plc (£35m) and The Local Radio Company plc (£50m).
- Trombone rights issue by JJB Sports plc to fund the purchase of Sports Division plc (£448m); Open offer and placing by The Innovation Group plc (£181m).
- Offer by Xansa plc for Druid Group plc, Offer by Golden Rose Communications plc for London Jazz Radio plc; Offer by Meyer International plc for Grahame Group plc; Offer by GEAC Corporation for JBA Holdings plc; Offer by Guardian Media Group Limited for Jazz fm plc; Offer by Gladedale Holdings plc for Country & Metropolitan Holdings plc (combined value over £2.5bn).

Professional Affiliations

- Law Society of England & Wales
- Society for Computers & Law
- Radio Academy

Accolades

- *Chambers UK*, Corporate M&A, 2007-2026
- Thomson Reuters, “Stand-Out Lawyers,” 2024-2025
- *The Legal 500 UK*
  - Mergers & Acquisitions, 2014-2017, 2019-2022, 2024-2025
  - Equity Capital Markets, 2014-2017, 2019-2022, 2024-2025
  - Flotations, 2014-2017, 2019-2022, 2024-2025

- *IFLR1000* Notable Practitioner, 2018-2021; 2023
- "Excellence in Domestic Divestitures - UK," Corporate Livewire's International M&A awards, 2016
- "M&A Law Firm of the Year – UK," Finance Monthly Global Awards, 2016
- *Chambers Europe*, Corporate M&A, 2008-2015
- *The Legal 500 UK*, 2011
- *Chambers*, Public Equity "Leaders in their Field," 2006

Insights

December 5, 2025

United Kingdom's ECCTA Identity Verification Requirements Effective from 18

November 2025

March 20, 2025
Obtaining a Secondary Listing on the Main Market of the London Stock Exchange

September 7, 2022
FCA Fines Former Chairman of Convatec for Unlawful Disclosure of Inside Information

December 16, 2021
The UK National Security and Investment Act 2021: A New Regime For Acquisition and Investment Transactions: Update

December 14, 2021
Viasat/Inmarsat: UK Likely to Review Deal Under New Law, Delaying Probe's Start Until at Least January, Attorneys Say

April 6, 2021
UK To Adopt New Powers Over M&A Activity To Protect National Security

Regular contributor to legal periodicals focused on the public markets and takeovers and mergers.