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Adam is Co-Chair of Winston's UK Capital Markets and Public Company Transactions practice. He provides strategic counsel to international bidders, publicly listed targets, major shareholders and financial advisors on high-profile public M&A transactions. Additionally, Adam advises issuers, underwriters and controlling shareholders on a wide range of capital markets transactions across multiple sectors.

Adam routinely counsels listed companies and special committees on corporate and governance-related matters, including directors' duties, public reporting and disclosure-related issues arising in connection with shareholder activism, transformational transactions and crisis situations.

Key Matters

Some of the experience represented below may have been handled at a previous firm.

Adam's significant public M&A transactions include advising:

- **International Paper** in its US\$9B acquisition of DS Smith plc and secondary listing on the London Stock Exchange
- **Argus Group Holdings Limited** in its acquisition of a significant stake in BF&M Limited from Camellia plc, followed by an all-stock merger of Argus Group Holdings Limited with BF&M Limited
- **Phoenix Life Limited**, a major shareholder of UK Commercial Property REIT Limited, in connection with Tritax Big Box REIT plc's £3.9B recommended all-share combination with UK Commercial Property REIT Limited
- **AutoNation, Inc.** in connection with its US\$544M possible offer for Pendragon plc
- **Poltronesofà S.p.A.**, the leading sofa retailer in Italy, in connection with its £100M acquisition of ScS Group plc
- **Danaher Corporation** in its US\$5.7B acquisition of Abcam plc
- **Davidson Kempner European Partners**, a major shareholder of AVEVA Group plc, in connection with Schneider Electric's £9.9B acquisition of AVEVA Group plc
- **Globalworth** in a US\$1.88B unsolicited bid to acquire the company by two of its major shareholders, CPI Property Group and Aroundtown
- **Fortiana Holdings Limited** in connection with its US\$1.5B acquisition of Highland Gold Mining Limited, the UK's first-ever preconditional mandatory offer
- **Horvik Limited** in its preconditional mandatory offer to acquire Trans-Siberian Gold plc
- **Phoenix Group Holdings** in its:
 - £3.1B acquisition of ReAssure Group plc from Swiss Re AG
 - £950M rights issue and related £2.93B acquisition of Standard Life Assurance, strategic partnership with Abrdn plc and readmission to the London Stock Exchange
 - £735M rights issue and related £935M acquisition of Abbey Life from Deutsche Bank AG
- **Worldpay, Inc.** (formerly Vantiv, Inc.) in its:
 - US\$43B merger with Fidelity National Information Services, Inc
 - US\$10.4B acquisition of Worldpay Group plc and secondary listing on the London Stock Exchange
- **Waypoint GP Limited**, an investment fund created by the Bertarelli family, in its €730M acquisition of the remaining stake in Stallergenes Greer plc that it did not already own
- **Goldman Sachs** as financial advisor:
 - along with Cenkos Securities plc and Dean Street Advisers Limited, to Bain Capital in its £1.2B acquisition of esure Group plc
 - along with Greenhill & Co. International LLP, to a consortium of funds managed by Antin Infrastructure Partners and West Street Infrastructure Partners in their US\$732M acquisition of CityFibre Infrastructure Holdings plc
 - to Kennedy-Wilson Holdings, Inc. in its £1.5B merger with Kennedy Wilson Europe Real Estate Plc through a Jersey law scheme of arrangement
 - to the transaction committee of the board of directors of Reynolds American in its US\$49B acquisition by British American Tobacco
 - along with J.P. Morgan Securities plc, to Michael Kors in its US\$1.2B acquisition of luxury shoemaker Jimmy Choo
- **Morgan Stanley** as financial advisor to American Express Global Business Travel Holdings Limited in its £400M acquisition of Hogg Robinson Group plc

- **Eurasia Drilling Company Limited:**
 - in the proposed acquisition of a 51% stake in the company by Schlumberger Limited
 - in the acquisition of a minority stake in the company by a consortium of investors comprising the Russian Direct Investment Fund, China Investment Corporation and Mubadala Investment Company
- **21st Century Fox** in its proposed £11.2B acquisition of the remaining stake it did not already own in Sky
- **Ball Corporation** in its US\$8.4B acquisition of Rexam PLC
- The majority shareholders of **Eurasia Drilling Company Limited** in its US\$1.7B take-private transaction
- **CF Industries Holdings, Inc.** in its proposed US\$8B acquisition of the European, North American and global distribution businesses of OCI N.V.
- **J.P. Morgan Limited** as financial advisor to Equinix, Inc. in its US\$3.6B acquisition of Telecity Group plc
- **Pfizer Inc.** in its proposed US\$115B acquisition of AstraZeneca plc
- **Destination Maternity** in its proposed £266M acquisition of Mothercare plc
- **Altimo Holdings & Investments Ltd.** in connection with its US\$1.8B tender offer for a 49% stake in Orascom Telecom Holding S.A.E.

His significant capital markets transactions include advising:

- **Amphitryon Ltd**, the majority selling shareholder of Marex Group plc, in connection with Marex Group plc's \$292M U.S. initial public offering and listing on the Nasdaq Global Select Market
- **Hochschild Mining plc** on the demerger and listing of Aclara Resources on the Toronto Stock Exchange
- **Telegram Group Inc.** in its US\$330M issuance of pre-IPO convertible bonds
- **Atrium European Real Estate Limited** in connection with its:
 - €350M Regulation S offering of 3.625% Eurobonds due 2022 and listing on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange and subsequent €150 million tap issue
 - €350M Regulation S offering of 4% Eurobonds due 2020 and listing on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange
- **Stanley Black & Decker, Inc.** in connection with:
 - its US\$1B offering of notes in two tranches: US\$500 million of 4.250% notes due 2028 and US\$500 million of 4.850% notes due 2048.
 - the establishment of its US\$3B Euro-commercial paper programme
- **Atlas Mara Limited** in its US\$80M placement of senior secured convertible notes
- The dealer managers in connection with the exchange offer by **Compañía Latinoamericana de Infraestructura & Servicios S.A.** to holders of its US\$120M 9.5% Series 3 Notes due 2016 for its new 11.5% Series 4 Notes due 2019
- The joint bookrunners in the US\$1B initial public offering of global depositary receipts of **Lenta Limited** (owned by TPG Capital, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, and VTB Capital), the first dual listing of GDRs on the London Stock Exchange and Moscow Stock Exchange
- **Sibanthracite Holdings Limited** in its proposed initial public offering of global depositary receipts and listing on the London Stock Exchange

Recognitions

Adam has been named as an Equity Capital Markets Rising Star by *The Legal 500 UK* and was previously honored by *Financial News* as one of its 40 Under 40 Rising Stars in Legal Services. He was ranked as one of *MergerLinks*' Rising Stars of lawyers most active on UK public M&A transactions and has received The M&A Advisor's European Emerging Leaders award, which recognizes industry professionals who have reached a significant level of success and made notable contributions to their industry and community.

Credentials

EDUCATION

Adam received his M.A. (Law) from the University of Cambridge and received his LPC from BPP Law School.

ADMISSIONS

- England & Wales

Related Insights & News

CLIENT ALERT

The Path to PISCES - Key Milestones for the UK's First Private Securities Trading System

APRIL 29, 2025

IN THE MEDIA

Adam Howard Joins Winston & Strawn in London

FEBRUARY 10, 2025

PRESS RELEASE

Winston & Strawn Adds Corporate Partner Adam Howard in London

FEBRUARY 3, 2025

Capabilities

