



## Paul Amiss

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**Paul is Co-Chair of Winston's UK Capital Markets and Public Company Transactions practice. He regularly counsels public and private companies and investors on key strategic deals and has a particular focus on cross-border transactions. His substantial experience includes M&A, equity capital markets, joint ventures, private equity, and venture capital investments.**

Paul advises public and private companies and permanent capital investment vehicles, entrepreneurs, and other strategic investors on their key transactions across a wide range of sectors. Such transactions have included acquisitions, disposals, joint ventures, private equity investments (including acting for fundless sponsors), venture capital investments, initial public offerings, and secondary securities offerings on the London Stock Exchange (Main Market and AIM). He has particular experience in advising on special purpose acquisition companies (SPACs) and cross-border transactions.

## Key Matters

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

Highlights of Paul's recent work include:

- Representing Financials Acquisition Corp, a special purpose acquisition company, on its £150M IPO on the London Stock Exchange (April 2022 - click [here](#) for further information) and on its proposed business combination with London Innovation Underwriters Limited (November 2023 - click [here](#) for further information).
- Representing Best of the Best plc, an AIM listed online competition hosting company, on its £43M recommended takeover by Globe Invest Limited (July 2023).
- Representing SunCap a UK based private equity house on its acquisition of Adventure Forest, trading as “Go-Ape” in the US (May 2022). Click [here](#) for further information.
- Representing a NYSE listed special purpose acquisition company Broadstone Acquisition Corp. on its US\$2.2B business combination with Vertical Aerospace Ltd (December 2021). Click [here](#) for further information
- Representing Abercross Holdings a UK based private equity house in the restructuring of Typhoo Tea Limited and related acquisition of a controlling interest in Typhoo by Zetland Capital (July 2021).
- Representing the UK based sponsor of special purpose acquisition company Broadstone Acquisition Corp, on its US\$300M IPO on the New York Stock Exchange (September 2020). Click [here](#) for further information.
- Representing Vanbrugh Trustees, the owners of The Blenheim Estate, on its acquisition of UK house builder Pye Homes Ltd (December 2018).
- Representing General American Capital Partners on its €100M acquisition of Football Club des Girondins De Bordeaux SA (Bordeaux FC) (October 2018).
- Representing the family offices of Stephens and Van Tuyl on their US\$100M investment into Firethorn Trust a real estate investment company (July 2018).
- Representing behavioural science business Mind Gym plc on its £145 million AIM IPO and related £50 million vendor placing (June 2018). Click [here](#) for further information.
- Representing the management of UK-based housebuilder Vanderbilt Homes Limited on its £50M restructuring and refinancing by Cheyne Capital (April 2018).
- Representing New York and San Francisco based private equity firm, Argand Partners, on its £150M acquisition of UK-based carpet maker, Brintons Carpets, from The Carlyle Group (July 2017).

Other notable transactions include representing:

- Auctus Industries on its US\$220M acquisition of Shimtech Industries in an independent sponsor transaction that was backed by Inflexion Private Equity and Ares Management.
- Horizon Acquisition Company plc on its £850M acquisition of U.S. based APR Energy (the team were shortlisted for “Corporate Team of the Year” at the *Legal Business Awards*).
- Horizon Acquisition Company plc on its £400M IPO on the Main Market of the London Stock Exchange.

## Recent Experience

GIO World Health Business Combination with Apeiron Capital Investment Corp.

SunCap Acquisition of Adventure Forest, LLC

Financials Acquisition Corp. Launches IPO in London

Broadstone Acquisition Corp. Announced Business Combination with Vertical Aerospace Group Ltd.

Allwyn Entertainment Announces Business Combination with Cohn Robbins Holdings Corp.

Broadstone Acquisition Corp.'s US\$300M IPO

I2PO, First SPAC of its Kind in Europe, Closes IPO

London Innovation Underwriters - Business Combination with Financials Acquisition Corp.

## Recognitions

Paul is recommended in *The Legal 500 UK* where he is described as a “standout partner.” Recommended for M&A and private equity, clients say the team provide a “personalised, tailor-made approach” and “issues of any nature are always resolved with ease.”

He is described in the 16th edition of *Global Arbitration Review's* GAR100 as a “smart corporate partner” who is “able to bring the temperature down in difficult negotiations.”

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## Activities

### SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Paul spoke at The SPAC European Conference 2022 where he hosted a fireside discussion entitled “SPACs - The Opportunity for London”.

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## Credentials

### EDUCATION

Paul received a J.D. from the University of Law, Guildford and a B.A. from Durham University.

### ADMISSIONS

- England & Wales

## Related Insights & News

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### ARTICLE

Winston Lawyers Author United Kingdom Chapter of Lexology's *In-Depth: International Capital Markets*

DECEMBER 18, 2024

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### WEBINAR

Navigating Global Capital Markets – Key Trends and Insights

NOVEMBER 19, 2024

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### RECOGNITIONS

Winston & Strawn Recognized in *The Legal 500 UK 2025*

OCTOBER 3, 2024

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**BLOG**

FCA Reforms UK Listing Rules

JULY 16, 2024

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**BLOG**

The Digital Securities Sandbox – An Expansion of UK Financial Technologies

JUNE 4, 2024

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**BLOG**

Switching to or Adding a U.S. Listing — Factors to Consider for London-Listed Companies

MAY 28, 2024

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**CLIENT ALERT**

The Close of the PISCES Consultation Period – An Opportunity for Private Market Growth

APRIL 19, 2024

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**CLIENT ALERT**

A Bidder's Pocket Guide to The Takeover Code

MARCH 27, 2024

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**BLOG**

FCA Publishes Complete Draft Instrument of the UK Listing Rules (Suspending Previous Version in CP 23/31)

MARCH 19, 2024

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**BLOG**

FCA Announces Major Reforms to the UK Listing Rules

JANUARY 25, 2024

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**CLIENT ALERT**

FRC Publishes the Revised UK Corporate Governance Code

JANUARY 24, 2024

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**RECOGNITIONS**

Winston & Strawn Recognized in *The Legal 500 UK* 2024

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# Capabilities

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