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Edward Griffiths has experience in private equity, international M&A, and group reorganisations. He has particular experience of advising on complex transactions across multiple jurisdictions.

Edward acts for institutional investors, corporates, and management teams in the UK and internationally and has represented a wide range of clients on deals across different industry sectors including technology, manufacturing, financial services, leisure, and publishing.

RELATED SERVICES

- Corporate
- Private Equity

RELATED SECTORS

- Industrials

EXPERIENCE

KEY TRANSACTIONS

- Advised the management of Helly Hansen on its disposal for CAN\$ 985 million to Canadian Tire Corporation (CTC)
- Advised Apax Partners, Scottish Equitable Partners and others on sale of Tideway Systems (historically one of Britain's fastest-growing private tech companies) to BMC Software
- Advised Blackstone on sale of Nido, the UK's largest student accommodation businesses
- Advised Caird Capital on its sale of Vue Cinemas
- Advised European Capital on its acquisitions of Avery Weigh Tronix (a weighing solutions manufacturer) and Miles 33 Group (a practice management systems provider)
- Advised TA Associates, Dr Peter Lammer, Dr Jan Hruska and others on the \$830m sale of Sophos plc to Apax Partners
- Advised management team of Yo Sushi on refinancings and secondary MBO involving Quilvest
- Advised Discovery Communications on its purchase of Antenna Audio (a global leader in content and IT provision for audio and multimedia tours to museums, exhibitions, historic sites) from private equity sellers and its subsequent sale to The Wicks Group
- Advised Hutchison Whampoa on the acquisition of Urband (the owner of a national fibre optic network in the UK) from two former nationalised utilities and its subsequent disposal to Alchemy
- Advised John Wiley & Sons on its acquisition, by way of a scheme of arrangement, of Blackwell Publishing (a publisher of academic journals, books and online content)

CREDENTIALS

Professional Qualifications

- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales

Recognitions

- Clients say: "*He is able to see both the big commercial picture and the important legal detail, and how the two things relate.*" - *Chambers & Partners 2018*

Education

- Birmingham University, BA Hons (History) 2:1
- College of Law, CPE/LPC

Memberships

- Member of Legal and Technical Committee of BVCA – British Private Equity and Venture Capital Association

INSIGHTS

Publications

Our responses to HM Treasury's consultation on taxation of alternative fund structures

2 September 2020

As announced at Spring Budget 2020, the government is pursuing a review of the UK funds regime. HM Treasury opened a consultation, which seeks to gather evidence and explore the attractiveness of the UK as a location for the intermediate entities through which alternative funds hold fund assets.

NEWS

DLA Piper advises Jaja Finance on its £530m acquisition of Bank of Ireland's UK credit card business

12 July 2019

DLA Piper has advised digital finance company Jaja Finance Limited (Jaja) on the acquisition of Bank of Ireland's (The Bank) UK credit card portfolio.
