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James Philips has advised on transactions valued at over \$100 billion, including infrastructure and privatisation acquisitions, strategic investments, private treaty purchases, recommended and hostile takeover bids, and schemes of arrangement.

James is a chairman of an unlisted REIT that owns a Sydney office tower and holds a position of a non-executive director of a leading Australian think tank.

EXPERIENCE

- Advising Surbana Jurong on its proposed acquisition of SMEC Holdings Limited, an unlisted public company, by scheme of arrangement - a top ten public M&A transaction in 1H 2016
- Advising Graphic Packaging International on its acquisition by scheme of arrangement of Colopak Limited - a top ten public M&A transaction in 1H 2016
- Advising many parties, including the Chinese Embassy in Canberra, on FIRB issues
- Advising a major REIT on a possible overbid for Investa Office Fund
- Advising EPN on its successful unsolicited takeover bid for the AREIT EDT Retail Trust
- Advising Gold Fields Limited on its successful bid for WMC's gold assets and its purchase of three mines from Barrick Gold Corp
- Advising Insurance Australia Group Limited on its acquisition of Wesfarmers' insurance. business, and on a subsequent confidential bid
- Advising the Macquarie Group led consortia on bids for Melbourne, Perth, Brisbane, Adelaide, Gold Coast and other airports
- Advising Fengate Capital on the acquisition of: Exmouth power station; a material stake in Worsley Multi-Fuel Cogen Project; and in the ANZ Terminals tank farm business
- Advising AGL on its privatisation bids for the NSW State owned energy retail businesses

RELATED SERVICES

- Power and Transmission
- Restructuring
- Corporate
- Projects, Energy and Infrastructure
- Real Estate Investment Trusts
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Real Estate
- Capital Markets
- Public Company and Corporate Governance
- Renewables

RELATED SECTORS

- Financial Services
- Insurance

CREDENTIALS

Professional Qualifications

- Solicitor of the High Court of Australia
- Solicitor of the Supreme Court of New South Wales

Recognitions

- *Chambers Global* lists James as a leading Corporate/M&A lawyer
- *PLC Which Lawyer* lists James as a 'recommended individual'
- The *Asia Pacific Legal 500* lists James as a 'leading individual' in M&A in Australia
- *Best Lawyers* lists James in the following areas - Commercial Law, Corporate Law, Equity Capital Markets Law, Mergers and Acquisitions Law, Natural Resources Law
- James is listed as a Notable Practitioner by IFLR1000 2020 in Capital Markets: Debt, Equity, IPOs and M&A

Education

- University of Sydney, Bachelor of Arts
- University of Sydney, Bachelor of Laws
- University of Sydney, Masters of Laws

Memberships

- Member, Adjunct Faculty in Corporate Law, University of Sydney - lecturer in *Corporate Fundraising* classes on disclosure standard and due diligence

INSIGHTS

Publications

James wrote, and updates, the *Takeovers* chapter in *Australian Corporation Practice* for the LexisNexis loose leaf and online publication. He is also the author of numerous articles, papers, seminars and media comments on FIRB and merger and acquisitions topics.

NEWS

DLA Piper advises Credible on merger with Fox

6 August 2019

Global law firm DLA Piper has advised ASX-listed US fintech company Credible Labs Inc. (ASX: CRD) on its AUD585 million proposed merger with NASDAQ listed Fox Corporation.

DLA Piper advised Morrison & Co on AU\$6 billion funds management transfer

6 JUL 2018

DLA Piper has advised Morrison & Co (MCO) on the formal transition of its appointment as manager of Utilities Trust of Australia (UTA), effective 1 July 2018.
