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Ben Forgiel-Jenkins has a broad corporate practice advising on all areas of corporate and corporate finance law.

His experience includes public and private M&A (including significant cross-border M&A experience), international and domestic joint ventures, initial public offerings, secondary equity fundraisings, group reorganisations and demergers and general corporate advisory work (including in relation to the continuing obligations of UK listed companies).

Ben acts for listed and private companies, institutional investors and financial intermediaries and has previously spent time seconded to the in-house M&A Legal teams of two of the largest companies in the FTSE 100, and also to one of the pre-eminent deal intermediaries in the City of London.

- Corporate
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Capital Markets
- Public Company and Corporate Governance

- Real Estate
- Energy and Natural Resources
- Technology
- Media, Sport and Entertainment

- Advising John Menzies plc on the acquisition of Aircraft Service International Group (ASIG) for US$202 million from BBA Aviation (a Class 1 acquisition for John Menzies plc and which was part funded by way of a £75 million rights issue) and on the disposal of its print media distribution business, Menzies Distribution Limited, to Endless LLP
- Advising GE on its intent to purchase LM Wind Power for US$1.65 billion
- Advising GE Capital on the disposal of its European railcar leasing business to Touax
- Advising Vodafone Group plc on the €7.2 billion acquisition of Spanish cable operator Grupo Corporativo Ono, S.A. from a private equity backed ownership consortium, and on its proposed "quad play" joint venture in Malta between Vodafone Malta and Melita (which is owned by funds managed by Apax Partners Midmarket SAS and Fortino Capital)
- Advising Babcock International Group on the £140 million acquisition of Defence Support Group from the UK Ministry of Defence and on its acquisition of S. MacNeillie & Sons
- Advising Prologis on the formation of its €2.4 billion joint venture with Norges Bank Investment Management and on its disposal of the Click portfolio to Henderson UK Property
- Advising Discovery Communications on the disposal of pan-Nordic radio broadcaster, SBS Discovery Radio, to Bauer Media

- Advising Anglo American on the formation of Lafarge Tarmac, a £1.8 billion UK-based construction materials joint venture with Lafarge S.A. to which Anglo American contributed its Tarmac business unit
- Advising Kainos Group plc on its £164 million IPO on the main market of the London Stock Exchange
- Advising Bonmarché Holdings plc on the cancellation of its listing on AIM and its admission to the trading on the Main Market of the London Stock Exchange

CREDENTIALS

Professional Qualifications

- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales

Prior Experience

- 2014 to date: DLA Piper, London (Corporate Group)
- 2011 to 2014: Senior Associate, London-based Magic Circle firm, London (Corporate Group)
- 2006 to 2011: Associate, London-based Magic Circle firm, London (Corporate Group)
- 2004 to 2006: Trainee Solicitor, London-based Magic Circle firm, London and Hong Kong

Education

- UWE Bristol, LPC, 2003
- Exeter University, LLB (Hons), 2002

NEWS

DLA Piper advises Vodacom and Safaricom on acquisition of M-PESA from Vodafone

14 April 2020
DLA Piper has advised Vodacom and Safaricom on the acquisition of the M-PESA brand, product development and support services from Vodafone through a newly-created joint venture.