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Noel Haywood advises principally on domestic, international and cross-border acquisitions and disposals for major corporates and institutional clients.

He advises a number of major corporates including Intertek Group plc, Dignity plc, Finning International Inc, Hewden Stuart plc, 2 Sisters Food Group (incorporating Northern Foods) and Caparo Industries plc.

His main areas of practice are mergers and acquisitions, institutional exits, corporate reorganisations and restructurings, and post-merger integration.

Noel is the head of the Birmingham Corporate team.

- Corporate
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Energy and Natural Resources
- Industrials
- Consumer Goods, Food and Retail

Noel has been seconded to NM Rothschild's investment banking team, where he was involved in a number of buy and sell side mandates for institutional and corporate clients.

KEY EXPERIENCE

- Acquisition of International Inspection Services Ltd (INSPEC) for £40 million by Intertek Group plc
- Disposal of R. Griggs Group Limited (the licensee of the Dr Martens brand) to Permira for £300 million (acting for the shareholders)
- Acquisition of Matrix, the UK market leader in energy management and energy efficiency services for commercial buildings, by E.ON Connecting Energies (ECT)
- Acquisition of Yew Holdings Limited for £58.3 million by Dignity plc and associated equity fund raising
- Acquisition of Moody International for £450 million by Intertek Group plc
- Acquisition of the UK poultry and red meat processing operations of Vion Holdings by 2 Sisters Food Group
- Acquisition of the Brookes Avana Businesses from Premier Foods for £30 million by 2 Sisters Food Group
- Acquisition of the Japanese EMC businesses of Akzo Nobel by Intertek Group plc
- Acquisition of the UK and US steel 'tube' and steel 'strip' divisions of Tyco International by Caparo Industries plc

- Disposal by Finning International Inc of Hewden Stuart plc to Sun Capital

AREAS OF EXPERIENCE

- Mergers and acquisitions
- Institutional exits
- Corporate reorganisations and restructurings
- Post-merger integration

CREDENTIALS

Professional Qualifications

- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales

Recognitions

- Clients testify that Noel Haywood "*does a good job of giving us what we need, when we need it.*" - *Chambers & Partners* 2018

Memberships

- Law Society
- The England Rugby Supporters Club

INSIGHTS

Publications

Committing to measurable ESG initiatives in the Food & Beverage Sector: Doing well by doing good

24 May 2022

With 73% of the world's largest companies in the Food & Beverage Sector having a sustainable development target, only a quarter of these are setting time-bound targets and the remaining 27% have no sustainability strategy, according to the World Benchmarking Alliance.

Whitepaper: Retail in a post-pandemic world

25 March 2021

DLA Piper has partnered with GlobalData to produce this paper and we will look at how dramatically the world has altered and how consumer businesses have stepped up to meet these challenges, flexing online and other channels and overcoming supply chain obstacles.

Events

Previous

Retail in a post-pandemic world

25 March 2021
Webinar

Evolution of the global grocery market during and after COVID-19

21 July 2020

NEWS

DLA Piper advises shareholders of beauty business Pangaea on Inflexion Private Equity investment

4 March 2021

DLA Piper has advised the shareholders of Pangaea Laboratories, a global beauty business and owner of the fast-growing Medik8 skincare brand, in connection with the investment from private equity firm Inflexion.
