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Tim Wright heads up the European Private Equity group and has been specialising in private equity for over 20 years. He acts for private equity sponsors, management teams and corporates on a variety of UK and cross-border private equity backed buyouts and corporate M&A.

- Corporate
- Private Equity
- Mergers and Acquisitions

- Financial Services

- Inflexion on their acquisition of and investment into the Times Higher Education business (THE) which was carved out from the Times Educational Supplement business recently acquired by Providence
- Management of Portman Dental on the sale and reinvestment aspects of their acquisition by Core Equity for £310 million
- Management of Helly Hansen on its disposal for CAN\$ 985 million to Canadian Tire Corporation (CTC)
- Management team on the £1.8 billion acquisition of Holland & Barrett by Letter One
- Management team on the £560 million buyout of Miller Homes
- Management team on the £2.96 billion public to private of Paysafe plc
- Ares on the £300 million disposal of Hillarys to Hunter Douglas
- Management of Element Testing on its \$1 billion disposal to Bridgepoint and the £620 million offer for Exova plc
- Management team on the £835 million disposal Oasis Healthcare
- Management team of ESG on the disposal to Socotec

Professional Qualifications

- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales

Recognitions

- “I have worked with Tim Wright for over 20 years; he is experienced, commercial, passionate and engaged.” - *Legal 500 UK 2020 - Client Testimonial*
- Tim Wright stands out to sources for being “very approachable, knowledgeable, personable and patient in answering client questions.” - *Chambers and Partners UK 2019*
- Private equity head Tim Wright (...) “can run multiple thought processes concurrently, and at exceptional speeds.” - *Legal 500 UK 2017*
- Tim is recognised as a Leading Individual for high-value PE by *Legal 500*
- Tim is recognised as a Ranked Lawyer for PE by *Chambers and Partners*

Education

- Exeter University LLB (Hons), 1989
- LSFE (with honours), 1991

INSIGHTS

Publications

Pan-European week: Doing PE deals in Europe

27 April 2021

66% of the audience members of DLA Piper's webinar "Doing PE deals in Europe" on Monday 19 April, told us that the use of management financial advisers was common in PE deals in their home jurisdiction.

- Coauthored DLA Piper's Global M&A Intelligence Reports 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 - the Global M&A Reports are summaries of the key terms of over 2,000 private M&A deals and chart the trends in the development of terms.
- Wrote chapter on "Auction Sales" for *Globe Law and Business First and Second Editions*.

Events

Previous

Pan-European week: Doing PE deals in Europe

19 April 2021

Webinar

Doing deals in the CEE Webinar: 2020 Review and 2021 Preview

10 February 2021

Webinar

NEWS

DLA Piper Global M&A Intelligence Report 2022

8 July 2022

DLA Piper has published its 2022 Global M&A Intelligence Report which details the most recent trends observed by its lawyers and from the DLA Piper database of over 4,700 private M&A deals.

DLA Piper advises on the acquisition of Element Materials Technology Group by Temasek

28 January 2022

DLA Piper has advised the management team of group testing, inspection and certification (TIC) expert Element Materials Technology Group (Element) on its sale by Bridgepoint Group to Temasek, subject to standard regulatory approvals.

DLA Piper advises on the acquisition of UK broker Aston Lark by rival Howden

18 October 2021

DLA Piper has advised the management team of UK insurance broker Aston Lark on its acquisition by Howden, the international insurance broking group, from Goldman Sachs Asset Management and Bowmark Capital.

DLA Piper named Law Firm of the Year: Transactions at the Unquote British Private Equity Awards 2021

6 October 2021

DLA Piper's Private Equity team has been named 'Law Firm of the Year - Transactions' at the annual Unquote British Private Equity Awards 2021, which were held on the evening of 5 October at The Brewery in London.

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.

DLA Piper tops Mergermarket's 2020 European Private Equity league tables

6 January 2021

For the third consecutive year, DLA Piper has led the legal advisor rankings in Europe for both private equity buyouts and exits by deal volume, according to *Mergermarket's* 2020 league tables.

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18 Dec 2020

DLA Piper advises on the acquisition of Solarcentury by Statkraft

1 December 2020

DLA Piper has advised shareholders of Solar Century Holdings Limited in relation to its sale to Statkraft, Europe's largest producer of renewable energy. Together the companies are well positioned for accelerated growth in solar and to become one of the world's leading renewable energy companies.
