

Leeds Corporate Practice

2022 Transactions Highlights



Wavenet Limited – Advised Wavenet Limited on its acquisition of the entire issued share capital of OGL Computer Support Holdings Limited.



FORE Partnership – Advised entities managed by FORE Partnership on the sale of the company that holds the Tower Bridge Court development project and property.



Shareholders of Progeny Holdings Limited – Advised the shareholders on the sale of Progeny Holdings to Pegasus Bidco, an entity funded by Further Global Capital Management, and also involving rolled investment from the sellers.



Specialist People Services Group Limited – Advised on the sale of this recruitment business to SPS Bidco, backed by Pricoa Capital and the reinvestment by the management team.



Ligentia Group Limited – Advised on the purchase of VGL Solid Group Sp. z.o.o. by Ligentia Group Limited.



Dayes Group B.V. – Advised on the majority investment by Parcom-backed Dayes Group B.V. into Rosewood Pet Products Limited



NVM Private Equity – Advised NVM Private Equity on its acquisition of a majority stake in YorkTest Group Limited.



H2 Equity Partners – Advised on the acquisition of the entire issued share capital of Global Van Solutions Ltd and Autoease Vehicle Management Limited, which together make up the Global Vans leasing business.



The shareholders of Blue Ribbon Healthcare
Group Limited – Advised on the sale of Blue
Ribbon Healthcare Group Limited to Project Bluebell
(Bidco) Limited (a newco backed by Queen's Park
Equity Partners I, LP).



TPA Capital – Advised private equity fund TPA Capital on an MBO of this Bradford-based premium bathroom products business.



Search Laboratory Limited – Advised on the sale of Search Laboratory Limited to Havas Group.



LDC (Managers) Limited – Advised on the investment by LDC in the Cellhire group of companies, a York-headquartered provider of mobile voice and data and Internet of Things (IoT) communications services that works with a host of UK and international partners.



Progeny Group – Advised on the purchases of Lewis Brownlee Holdings Limited and Balmoral Asset Management by The Progeny Group Limited.



Synova Capital Fund IV LP – Advised on the purchase of Food for Thought Solutions Limited (now called Mallcomm Limited) by Project Rome Bidco Limited (a newco backed by Synova).

"The team were a tight-knit unit and were all excellent communicators. Despite several lawyers and paralegals working on projects they were all aligned at all times." The Legal 500 2023

Our Corporate Practice

We are a leading global corporate law firm with more than 390 corporate lawyers spanning our firm, including 90 corporate lawyers across four UK offices.

We are ranked among the 20 law firms that had "the largest global presence and were involved in the largest, most significant and groundbreaking international and cross-border matters" over the past year, and consistently, by *Law360*.

"The team know our business extremely well, which means they tailor their advice to our risk appetite. They are responsive and pragmatic." *The Legal 500* 2023

"High-quality, timely, practical advice provided throughout the team. Key issues identified early and pragmatic solutions offered." *The Legal 500* 2023

Law Firm of the Year (Transactions) at the recent Unquote PE Awards Ceremony, 2022

Ranked Tier 1 by *The Legal 500* US and UK for Corporate M&A.

Ranked Top 20 by deal count in the Global Legal Adviser Rankings, Mergermarket, during 2022. Ranked 3rd in UK by deal count, Mergermarket Global & Regional M&A League Tables, during 2022.

Awarded Corporate **Law Firm of the Year**, Yorkshire Dealmakers Awards, 2022, the judges commented on the size of the firm's deals, describing its performance as "**head and shoulders above the rest**."

Our Team



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Hannah leads our Corporate Practice in Leeds and has a wide range of experience advising both public and private companies on mergers and acquisitions, fundraisings, takeovers, restructurings and reorganisations. She also leads the Food and Drink group for EMEA. Her work varies between UK and cross border and she works closely with executives, in-house legal teams and general counsel, both in the UK and globally.

"Hannah Kendrick managed her team well and gave them the ability to move the project forwards." *The Legal 500 UK* 2023



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Jonathan Jones is the firm's European managing partner. Jonathan advises on all aspects of corporate finance work and has a particular specialisation in private equity. He acts for financial institutions, private companies and management teams in the acquisition and disposal of private companies, many of which are cross-border.

"I trust the partners there. They do things in the right way (i.e. they have morals) and they give advice, not just options." *The Legal 500* 2023





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Paul Mann is a partner in our Corporate team and heads our Private Equity team in the UK and Europe. Paul's expertise covers all types of corporate work, in particular private equity and mainstream mergers and acquisitions (both locally and internationally). Paul covers all aspects of such transactions ranging from advising management teams and/or the shareholders to advising the private equity house and/or the company.

"The team from Squire Patton Boggs did an excellent job. We achieved a great result, with Paul and David both doing exactly what they had promised. All of the team were heavily involved all the way through the deal, despite it being holiday time. We were very impressed. We would recommend the team; they always made us feel that our transaction was important to them, despite it being a very busy time." Matthew Jowett, CFO, Sigmat



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David specialises in Private Equity transactions, as well as UK and international mergers and acquisitions (M&A). His private equity experience includes acting for numerous private equity houses and a wide range of management teams and shareholders of businesses in diverse industry sectors. He has advised on investments, acquisitions, buyouts and disposals across the technology, manufacturing, engineering, food and drink, consumer, business services, facilities management and healthcare sectors. He has completed more than 100 M&A deals, including many cross-border transactions, and has acted for multinational corporations in complex reorganisations across several jurisdictions. Prior to becoming a lawyer, David was a political lobbyist in Westminster.

Clients have described David as "calm under pressure" and "technically excellent".

"David was a brilliant partner in every sense of the word. He was totally committed to us, while also calm and commercial in every decision. He was always available, helped us navigate some complex challenges smoothly and always with a smile on his face. Nobody better to have on your side and when he says he will be there every step of the way he really means it." Alastair Aird, CEO, Premier Pensions (Client)



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Jonathan Ross is a partner in the Corporate Practice, with extensive experience in mergers and acquisitions and joint venture transactions, including in the technology, real estate, and financial services sectors. He also advises on group reorganisations and restructures.

"Excellent team. Proactive and guiding in their approach. Lead partner Jonathan Ross was truly exceptional in managing several diverse stakeholders in a calm, patient and commercial manner, which has direct positive impacts. Highly recommend." *The Legal 500* 2023



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Mae Salem is a partner in the Corporate Practice Group in Leeds. Mae has experience in private acquisitions and disposals, private equity investments, corporate restructuring and generally advising clients in a corporate setting.

"Mae Salem was standout for our deal and was never phased by challenging situations with a very clear attitude of getting the deal done with the best terms for us, the client." The Legal 500 2022

Mae Salem is the winner of the Lawyer of the Year Award 2023

Mae Salem has been crowned "Emerging Dealmaker of the Year" at Insider Yorkshire Dealmakers Awards 2022.

Mae Salem is the winner of the Rising Star of the Year at the 2022 Yorkshire Rainmaker Awards.



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Hannah Crosland is a partner in the Corporate Practice Group working with main market and AIM-listed clients. Hannah advises on a variety of national and international transactions and has experience in equity capital markets, private mergers and acquisitions, complex company reorganisations and private equity transactions.

"Hannah Crosland was excellent to work with and was careful, prompt and generally unflappable." *The Legal 500* 2023

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We are one of the world's strongest integrated law firms, providing insight at the point where law, business and government meet. We give our clients a voice, support their ambitions and are committed to working alongside them to achieve successful outcomes.

Firm Overview

- One of the largest global footprints of any law firm, with over 40 offices across four continents
- A multidisciplinary team of more than 1,500 lawyers, including 500 partners
- Practice law in 140 jurisdictions, speaking more than 40 languages
- Seamlessly connected service that operates on any scale locally or globally encompassing virtually every matter, jurisdiction and market
- Advise a diverse mix of clients, from long-established FTSE 100 and Fortune 500 corporations to emerging businesses, startup visionaries and sovereign nations



2,600 global employees



More than 1,500 lawyers across four continents



More than 500 partners

Global Coverage

We have one of the largest global footprints of any law firm in the world, with 14 offices in Europe – including four full-service offices in the UK – 17 offices in the US and Central America, three in the Middle East and eight in Asia Pacific. This presence, coupled with informal relationships with a network of independent firms across the globe and country desks, means we can advise our clients wherever they do business.

"The firm is outstanding. This starts at the first point of contact with reception and then progresses with the expert lawyer, who has specialist knowledge. This is a global company that has not lost its personal touch."

The Legal 500 UK

Global Platform

Over 40 Offices Across Four Continents

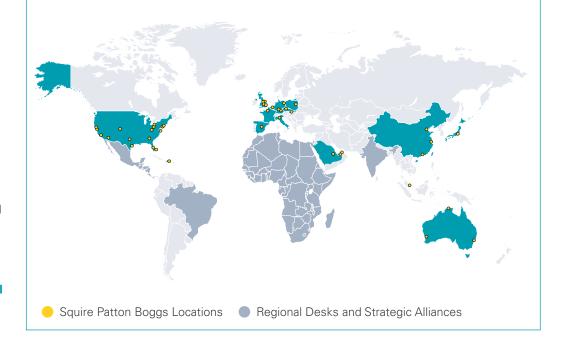
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