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Philip is a corporate finance lawyer who advises a variety of clients, from startups to major public companies and investment banks, on their strategic capital raising and M&A transactions across a range of industries. He has considerable experience advising issuers listed on the London Stock Exchange's Main Market and AlM on capital raising, public and private M&A, and ongoing governance and corporate advisory matters.

Before joining Cooley, Philip was a senior associate in the corporate and equity capital markets practice at a global law firm in London.

Philip's representative transactions include:

- Great Portland Estates on its 350 million-pound rights issue*
- Marlowe on its demerger of Optima Health and the subsequent listing of Optima Health on AIM*
- Severn Trent on its 1 billion-pound equity placing (underwriter's counsel)*
- Entain on its 600 million-pound equity placing to fund the acquisition of Polish gaming group STS (underwriters' counsel)*
- Delek Group as selling shareholder on the 2.5 billion-pound initial public offering (IPO) of Ithaca Energy, and Ithaca Energy's 754 million-pound acquisition of Eni's UK North Sea oil and gas exploration and production assets*
- Babylon Health on its business combination with Alkuri Global Acquisition and New York Stock Exchange listing*
- Noventiq on its demerger from Softline, proposed business combination with Corner Growth Acquisition and Nasdaq listing*
- TP ICAP on its redomiciliation, acquisition of Liquidnet and related \$420 million rights issue*
- Rolls-Royce on its 2 billion-pound rights issue (underwriters' counsel)*
- Marks & Spencer on its 601.3 million-pound rights issue to partially fund its joint venture with Ocado*
- Network International on its 205 million-pound equity raise in connection with its acquisition of DPO Group and its 2.2 billion-pound recommended takeover by Brookfield*
- EasyJet on its 419 million-pound equity placing and 1.2 billion-pound rights issue during the COVID-19 recovery period (underwriters' counsel)*
- A European vet care business on its proposed IPO on the LSE (sponsor and underwriters' counsel)*
- River and Mercantile on its public takeover by AssetCo and 190 million-pound return of capital by way

of a B share scheme*

- ICAMAP Investments on its 138 million-pound public takeover offer for easyHotel and consortium arrangements with co-investor Ivanhoé Cambridge*
- Monese on its Series C fundraising round*
- Quantexa on its Series E fundraising round*
- A major sovereign wealth fund on its 60 million-euro growth equity investment into the Extreme E offroad racing championships*
- A major sovereign wealth fund on its 600 million-pound investment into Rocco Forte Hotels*
- CSC ServiceWorks on its 150 million-pound disposal of AIR-serv Europe to Caledonia Investments*
- * Includes matters handled before joining Cooley

Education

BPP University Law School Legal Practice Course with Business, 2017

BPP University Law School Graduate Diploma in Law, 2016

Durham University BA (Hons), Classics, 2015

Admissions & Credentials

England and Wales