



Corporate Professional services

The professional services sector has become increasingly important to the UK economy.

At Nabarro, we regularly advise a range of professional services clients, from surveyors, architects and consulting engineers to executive search agencies, corporate finance and brokerage houses. Our team advises on a full range of issues relevant to businesses in the professional services sector, including:

- Acquisitions and disposals of professional services businesses.
- Team moves.
- Regulatory compliance, authorisations and permissions (from the FSA to the Data Protection Registrar).
- Terms of business.
- Confidentiality restrictions.
- Outsourcing agreements.
- Employee terms and conditions and disputes.
- Redundancy and other collective consultation processes.
- DTR/Listing/AIM Rule and Takeover Code compliance.

Recent matters on which our team have advised include:

Arup – advising this international engineering consultancy group on various contentious matters.

BNP Paribas Real Estate – acquisitions of a number of complementary commercial real estate advisory businesses.

Collins Stewart - acquisition of wealth management adviser Anderson Charnley.

Crosby Capital Partners Knightsbridge Funds Service – acquisition of the UK based investment management operations of Forsyth Partners Limited and Forsyth Partners (Europe).

Drivers Jonas – merger of this real estate advisory business with Deloitte.

First Action Finance – acquisition of the mortgage broking business of Hamptons International.

Hiscox – (i) sale of Hiscox Investment Management, (ii) investment in Media Insurance Brokers and (iii) acquisition of Amershill, professional indemnity insurance brokers.

HOK Sport - appointments of this architectural business as lead designers for various sports stadia and London Olympics 2012.

Honister Capital - buy out of The Money Portal group of financial services businesses.

Insurance Dialogue - buy out of Bridges Ventures stake by Equity RedStar.

KBC Bank – moving a key management team in asset based lending to KBC Bank from Venture Finance.

Administration of Landsbanki Securities (UK) – sales of Teathers investment banking business to Straumur Burderas and private client business to stockbrokers Redmayne-Bentley.

Merchant Securities - acquisition of wealth management advisor, Cavendish Young Merchant Securities.

Orchards Funds Management – joint venture with Pensus to establish a new fund manager for Orchard in the UK.

Premier International – contested takeover of AIM-listed recruitment consultancy, Imprint.

Principal Search – sale of the Asian operating business of this recruitment consultancy.

PricewaterhouseCoopers - sale of Mint Equities, a wholesale brokerage, to BGC Partners.

RP International – advising this specialist financial services recruitment consultancy on a range of issues.

RSM Tenon – advising on the acquisition of RSM Bentley Jennison by Tenon Group partly funded by a placing.

Stenham Group – advising this financial services business on a range of corporate, employment and regulatory issues.

WSP Group - advising on a range of issues including a substantial number of acquisitions with the most recent being the £20m acquisition of CEL International Limited.



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