

Corporate / M&A deal highlights H2 2018

With M&A deal activity involving UK companies at a three-year high, our team advised on a number of Corporate and M&A transactions during H2 2018; we worked with clients on the following transactions:



Key Travel

Advised leading travel management company Key Travel (backed by Elysian Capital) on the acquisition of international humanitarian/faith focused travel management company Raptim (having advised Elysian on the acquisition of Key Travel in H1 2018). The combination of Key Travel and Raptim forms the world's largest travel management company exclusively focused on the humanitarian, faith-based and academic sectors.



Founders of Microsoft 2018 Worldwide Partner of the Year, Content and Code

Advised the founders of Microsoft 2018 Worldwide Partner of the Year, Content and Code, on the sale of the business to IT managed services provider, IT Lab. Content and Code is the UK's largest SharePoint consultancy and Microsoft's leading Office 365 partner. In 2018 Content and Code was named Microsoft Partner of the Year for Customer Experience and became a Microsoft Partner of the Year finalist in the "Modern Workplace Teamwork" category.



Civica Group

Advised long-standing client Civica (an investee company of Partners Group), a major player in the business-critical software, digital solutions and managed services sector, on the acquisitions of: specialist election and civic engagement services group Electoral Reform Services Limited, recruitment software and solutions services provider Trac Systems and iCasework, the holding company of a group which specialises in case management software.



Charterhouse Voice and Data

Advised the founders of Charterhouse Voice & Data Plc on a strategic investment by August Equity LLP, to accelerate its growth and secure funding to embark on a buy and build strategy. Charterhouse is a multi-award winning provider of voice communication, data, hosting and cyber security.



Jensen Hughes

Advised Jensen Hughes, the global leader in safety, security and risk-based engineering and consulting, on the expansion of its global footprint through the acquisition of Jeremy Gardner Associates, a leading UK and Ireland-based fire safety consulting firm.



Battery Ventures

Advised technology-focused investment firm Battery Ventures on a number of acquisitions, including gas-detection and monitoring manufacturer Dynamet and Status Scientific Controls, global supplier of force and torque-testing equipment Mecmesin, and TTP Labtech, an international leader in the design and development of automated instrumentation and consumables for life science research.



DiscoverIE Management Services Limited

Advised on the acquisition of the entire share capital of Castlegate 737 Limited, on the holding company for Cursor Controls Limited and NSI bvba which are involved in the design, manufacture, distribution, sale and service of human machine interface modules, assemblies, panels and hybrid solutions including trackballs, touch pads and keyboards.



Optimum Credit

Advised the management team of Optimum Credit Limited, a leading provider of second charge mortgages, on its sale to Pepper Money. Pepper Money is owned by the global private equity fund KKR. The sale is intended to enhance the growth of Pepper Money's intermediary led secured lending proposition and will form part of the Pepper Group's expansion plan.



Allocate software

Advised Allocate Software, a leading international provider of workforce and resource planning solutions, on the acquisition of Wambiz Limited, an innovative provider of app-based staff engagement solutions for the health, education and enterprise sectors.



TLC Care Homes Limited

Advised the shareholders of TLC Care Homes Limited (TLC) on the sale of TLC to Civitas SPV131 Limited, a subsidiary of Civitas Social Housing PLC. TLC provides residential care and supported living services for adults with learning disabilities.

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