Our Focus on India
Our Firm

We are an international law firm with a focus on private capital, at the intersection of personal, family and business. We have a broad range of skills, collective legal expertise, and an international outlook across the full spectrum of business and personal needs.

Our ability to understand people makes us who we are. We work together to build deep and trusted relationships that deliver meaningful value. We do this with empathy, attention, and clarity. No jargon, no attitude. We know what matters.

Our firm is headquartered in London with offices across the UK, Europe, Asia and the Middle East. Whether your business operates in a single country or across borders, we’ll put together your perfect team – pulling from our sector and geographical expertise and our partnerships with the best law firms across the world covering 200 legal jurisdictions.
About us

Our core services:

- Banking & Finance
- Commercial
- Construction, Engineering & Projects
- Corporate
- Corporate Tax
- Employment & Immigration
- Family
- Financial Services, Regulation & Funds
- Intellectual Property
- Litigation & Dispute Resolution
- Private Client
- Real Estate

'A very personal approach with an understanding of both the business and personal issues that need to be managed.'

'Their responsiveness and technical ability is second to none. They are excellent at guiding and supporting their clients through complex matters'.

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Regional Teams

North America, Latin America, The Caribbean, Europe, Africa, Israel, India and China

Offices

London, Cheltenham, Guildford, Paris, Luxembourg, Geneva, Zurich, Dubai, Doha, Bahrain, Hong Kong and Singapore
Our India team provides the personal touch that comes from a deep understanding and extensive experience advising clients with interests in the Indian market.

With one of the largest and fastest growing economies in the world, India is an exciting place for global business and entrepreneurs. The recent pandemic and the geopolitical climate has resulted in an economic slowdown which will pose different challenges across different markets. Notwithstanding this, India remains a priority for the UK post-Brexit with high-level commitment on both sides to make the most of opportunities and historic ties.

Our India team includes lawyers in our London, Dubai and Doha offices, some of whom have either lived and worked in India or maintain close ties. They know the issues that arise from UK – India personal and business connections and use this experience and understanding to guide clients.

We work with British Asian entrepreneurs with complex UK and cross-border issues, Indian businesses with global interests and international corporates operating in India.

We’ve built strong relationships with some of India’s leading law firms and professional advisers to provide ‘on the ground’ advice if you need local support. We regularly partner with them on events and insights to ensure our clients are up-to-date on the issues that affect them.
Our experience acting for Indian clients

- We act for privately owned investment bank Elara Capital.
- An Indian contractor required our advice on appealing an international arbitration award before the court of appeal in Paris.
- We advised the Lakhani family and others on the disposal of Kolak to Europe Snacks. In addition, we continue to represent Europe Snacks in relation to their UK interests.
- Advising clients on disputes relating to commercial arrangements between offshore companies and Indian state entities
- We acted for an Indian UHNW individual in relation to setting up a UK structure and acquiring their first UK real estate.
- We advised Fudco, on its sale to Vibrant Foods, a portfolio company of global private equity house Exponent.
- TDR Capital LLP and the Issa brothers called for our advice on the real estate aspects of ASDA acquisition.
- The Bhatia family and other minority shareholders were selling their creatively led children’s book publishing business, Little Tiger Group to Penguin Random House, which we were able to advise them on.
We acted for an Indian HNWI on his UK property interests, which includes the structuring of a property asset to be split between a hotel and PRS scheme (including both property and construction advice), a corporate demerger and tax advice.

We advise a London based investment manager, authorised and regulated by the FCA, who manages Indian investments and was for a time owned by a major Indian financial institution, on various regulatory issues, including trade reporting.

We acted for a provider of debt finance to a subsidiary of a listed Indian conglomerate.

We advised the major shareholder in Vedanta Resources and also advised Vedanta Resources itself on corporate governance and other securities laws compliance during the period when its shares were listed on the main market of the London Stock Exchange.

We act for India Capital Growth Fund Limited, a closed-ended investment company with a premium listing on the FCA’s Official List and traded on the main market of the London Stock Exchange. Notable transactions we have advised the Company on include the move of its listing from AIM to the main market and the amendment of its articles of incorporation to include an innovative redemption facility.

We acted for Eden Investment Holding Company Pte Limited, on its unconditional mandatory offer for Eredene Capital Limited (an investment company investing in Indian infrastructure with a focus on port services, logistics and warehousing). Subsequently we advised Eredene Capital Limited on returning capital to its shareholders as it exited its investments.
Our experience: Private clients

- Advised an Indian HNWI in connection with family structures administered in Switzerland (trust and offshores companies).

- Acting for an Indian businessman in a compromise agreement following divorce and financial proceedings.

- Acted for a relative of an Indian billionaire in family proceedings before the English Court.

- Acting for an Indian HNWI on his UK property interests, which includes the structuring of a property asset to be split between a hotel and PRS scheme (including both property and construction advice), a corporate demerger and tax advice.

“All in all, this is a polished gem of a firm, which works to its strengths and is quick to respond to the needs of its clients. Rivals should watch and learn.”

Chambers UK
Rupa specialises in project advisory work, dispute avoidance and dispute resolution, including mediation, adjudication and litigation. Rupa regularly acts for all parts of the supply chain, from major developers to consultants to sub-contractors.


Rupa has been highly commended for her work and expertise, and is regularly quoted in the press. She has also been ranked in The Legal 500 ‘Next Generation Lawyers’ for Construction: contentious and non-contentious and recently was recognised as a ‘Future Leader in Construction’ by Who’s Who Legal.

Rupa also heads the firm’s India Desk and is recognised for this in Legal 500 Emerging Markets.

Richard has more than 20 years of experience of handling complex, high-value international disputes, involving parties and laws from multiple jurisdictions in the international arbitration and investment treaty arenas.

Richard has advised clients in a number of complex, high-value arbitrations and has considerable experience of the major institutional rules such as ICC, LCIA, DIFC-LCIA/DIAC and SIAC. Richard also has significant recent experience of investment treaty matters, including at the annulment stage.

Richard has acted for commercial parties, high net worth individuals and state-owned entities across a myriad of sectors including Aerospace, Defense and Government, Banking and Finance, Energy and Natural Resources, Technology, Media and Telecommunications, and Transportation and Infrastructure.

He regularly speaks on arbitration topics and has done so around the globe, including in Japan, Uganda, India, the USA and the Middle East.

Andrew specialises in estate planning and wealth structuring for individuals and families, very often but not exclusively with an international aspect.

He has a particular focus on Russia and India and acts for many individuals and families with connections to those jurisdictions. Andrew regularly advises in relation to asset holding structures and is experienced in steering clients through the many layers of decision-making in relation to such structures to ensure that their objectives are fulfilled. Andrew also advises many clients who may be considering a move to the UK for themselves or members of their family on organising their affairs to best advantage. In the UK, Andrew acts as adviser to numerous families and their trusts, and deals with the full range of private client advice, including estate planning, planning for incapacity, succession and probate. He is also adviser to, and a trustee of, a number of charities. He is a regular speaker at conferences and seminars on international private client matters.

Patrick is Head of Charles Russell Speechlys LLP’s Middle East practice (conducted from offices in Bahrain, Dubai and Qatar). Patrick is also Chair of the firm’s Global Relationships Committee, which co-ordinates the firm’s international activities.

He specialises in all areas of dispute resolution with particular emphasis on banking, intellectual property, insolvency, professional negligence and company disputes. Patrick leads the award-winning Middle East Disputes team as well as the International Arbitration Group and won the ‘Bahrain Law Firm of the Year’ and the ‘United Arab Emirates Law Firm of the Year’ awards at The Oath Middle East Legal Awards 2022.

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Sangna acts for several ultra-high net worth international families and their family offices. She advises them on their lifetime tax planning (e.g. the remittance basis of taxation and lifetime trusts), together with complex international estate planning.

David has experience of all aspects of family law. He specialises in family law, including divorce and financial disputes, private law children matters, and nuptial agreements. His cases often involve trusts, asset tracing, and the protection of family and non-marital wealth through cohabitation and nuptial agreements. He has particular experience in relation to complex financial disputes, including financial disputes between unmarried parents (Schedule 1), arrangements for children, and abduction.

David has acted for a number of Indian HNWs and worked closely with Indian family lawyers.

Neeva attained her LLB at University College London, LLM at the University of Cambridge and completed the LPC MSc at the University of Law.

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