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M&A deal highlights H1 2020

Our tier one ranked team advised on a wide range of M&A transactions in H1 2020.

We are pleased to have worked with clients on the following transactions:

Veriton Pharma Limited



Advised the shareholders and management of Veriton Pharma, a family owned business, on its sale to SERB Specialty Pharmaceuticals, a European specialty pharma business backed by Charterhouse Capital Partners. We were able to field tier one ranked teams across our Corporate and Private Wealth practices to provide a truly full service offering, in this case working closely with colleagues in our Paris and Luxembourg offices too to deliver a complete one-stop service on this cross-border transaction.



Family trustees and charities of Colt Investments Limited

Advised the trustees of a number of family trusts and charities on the sale of a minority share in Colt Investments Limited (CIL). CIL is the parent company of Colt Group that specialises in smoke control, ventilation, solar and climate technology.



AIQ Limited

Advised AIQ Limited, a special purpose vehicle with a focus on the development and establishment of new technology, on the acquisition of Alchemist Codes Sdn Bhd ("AI Codes") by way of reverse takeover and its readmission to trading on the Main Market, by way of a standard listing.



Medpass International

Advised the shareholders of Medpass International, the leading European medical device CRO, regulatory and reimbursement consultancy, on the sale of the company to Icon plc, a global provider of drug and device development and commercialisation services.



Harborough Limited and the management team of GHL Bank plc

Advised Harborough Limited (as the holding company of GHL) and the management team of GHL Bank plc on the sale of the bank to First National Bank of Ghana. The transaction has been approved by the boards of the two banks and has now completed following receipt of the required regulatory approvals.



David Lloyd Leisure

Advised David Lloyd Leisure, Europe's leading health, sport and leisure group, on its acquisition of the Geneva Country Club. The acquisition will make the Geneva Country Club the 124th club of the group and its first club in Switzerland and the second in the Geneva area after the City Green Sport and Health Club in Veigy-Foncenex.



Shareholders of Vision MH Limited & New Directions Flexible Social Care Solutions Limited

Advised the shareholders of Vision MH Limited and New Directions Flexible Social Care Solutions Limited on the successful sale of both businesses to Civitas Social Housing PLC and TLC Care Homes Limited.



Acora

Advised UK headquartered managed services provider, Acora, on its investment round with Palatine Private Equity LLP. Acora delivers a wide range of industry leading 24/7 IT infrastructure, cloud and helpdesk services, working primarily with UK-headquartered global mid-market companies. The investment from Palatine will help finance and support the company's next phase of growth.



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IT Lab

Advised long standing client, the technology and solutions provider, IT Lab Limited, on the acquisition of Sol-Tec Limited, one of Microsoft's largest Azure partners in the UK. This transaction is the latest in a series of acquisitions on which the team has advised as part of IT Lab's buy and build strategy.

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Growthpoint Investec African Properties (GIAP)

Advised Growthpoint Investec African Properties (GIAP), the pan-African real estate investment business, on its acquisition of RMB Westport Real Estate Development Fund (RMB Westport), which completed recently. RMB Westport holds a portfolio of 9 commercial real estate assets across Sub-Saharan Africa (comprising properties in Ghana, Nigeria and Angola).



Managing Maintenance Resources Holdings Limited

Advised the shareholders of Managing Maintenance Resources Holdings Limited on the sale of the company to TIGL Holdings Limited, an award-winning IT digital transformation, data analytics and cloud solutions company. MMRIT, a professional IT services provider to professional organisations, has been supporting financial services and legal services organisations for 30 years.



Minster Care Ealing Limited

Advised Minster Care Group on its acquisition of the business and assets of four care homes in Ealing. The transaction involved the novation of a complex PFI framework agreement, which includes a block contract with Ealing Council. Minster Care Group is a leading care home operator with more than 70 care homes across the UK.



Transense Technologies Plc

Advised long standing AIM listed client, Transense Technologies Plc, the provider of sensor systems for the industrial, mining and transportation markets, on a transaction involving the grant of an exclusive worldwide licence for its iTrack technology and the transfer of the operational business and trading assets relating to iTrack, to Bridgestone Corporation, Japan.



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