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### Ben works as special counsel in the corporate team.

He advises on the equity and incentive scheme interests of founders, private equity executives, listed company executives, investors and has many years of experience in private equity, mergers and acquisitions and capital markets, with a focus on acting for management, shareholders and investors on transactions.

Ben has acted on the share and incentive arrangements for FTSE 250 CEOs, the owners of FTSE 100 companies, and for founders and investors in globally renowned luxury brands and sports teams. Ben has also acted on numerous private equity and m&a transactions. Ben works closely with our regulatory team for financial services clients and regularly advises on Takeover Code and listed company regulatory matters for listed company shareholders and executives.

Ben has been profiled in Bloomberg, Legal Week and Financial News and has articles published in the New Law Journal and Trusts and Estates. Ben has participated in consultations with the Takeover Panel, the AIM team and the ICSA.

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## Track record

## Chambers and Partners

Advising management in relation to the investment by Inflexion in Chambers and Partners

## Autonomous Research

Advising management in relation to the acquisition of Autonomous Research by Alliance Bernstein

## Synova Capital

Investment by Synova Capital in specialist insurer AllClear.

## Pine River Liquid Rates funds

Spin-Out of the Pine River Liquid Rates funds to Elan Capital Management.

## Opportunity Network

Restructuring of Opportunity Network by way of cross border rollover and a further investment round.

## DBI Services Inc

Acquisition of a number of UK businesses for DBI Services Inc, most recently ATM.

## Reply SpA

Acquisition of a number of UK businesses for Reply SpA, most recently Reply Lynx.

## Renault

Worked with Renault on the acquisition of Lotus F1.

## Nottingham Forest and QPR

Worked on the sale of Nottingham Forest FC and acquisition and subsequent sale of QPR FC.

## Kering

Advised on the investment by Kering in a 51% stake in Christopher Kane.

## Anya Hindmarch

Advised on investment by a Middle Eastern investor in a minority stake in Anya Hindmarch.

## Serabi Gold

Advised on the investment by a Chilean client in AIM listed Brazilian gold producer Serabi Gold.

## PriceSpective

Acted on the sale of PriceSpective, a leading pharmaceutical and biotechnology management consultancy business to Icon.

## Fratelli

Worked on the investment by Fratelli in AIM listed Serabi Gold by way of a subscription subject to a rule 9 whitewash.

## FTSE listed company

Negotiated a relationship agreement for a FTSE listed company on behalf of its major shareholders.

## Management agreements

Negotiated a number of management agreements for a UK based hotel operator.

## Charlotte Tilbury

Advised on the private equity investment into Charlotte Tilbury's eponymous brand.

## Disposal

Advised on the sale of co-investments in a substantial US private equity fund to a Spanish fund of funds.

## Joint venture

Advised on the original joint venture with Siemens for the exploitation of missile guidance technology to develop the Hawk-Eye ball tracking technology now used in tennis and football.

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## External publications

Ben has been profiled in Hedge Fund Review, Financial News, Bloomberg and Legal Week and has had articles published in the New Law Journal and Trusts and Estates on the PSC regime.

## Admissions

England and Wales, 1996

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## Education

University of Durham, B.A. (Hons) Law and Economics

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## Languages

English

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## Key dates

Year joined: 1996

Year became partner: 2003

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