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Philip is a partner in the corporate team.

Philip is a senior practitioner in corporate and commercial law, with particular emphasis on cross-border mergers and acquisitions, sophisticated private equity transactions, takeovers, strategic investments, joint ventures, restructurings, refinancing, buyouts and exit strategies.

Over his extensive career, Philip has built a reputation as a trusted M&A counsel to corporates, family offices and private equity investors both in the UK and internationally, across a wide range of industries. His expertise spans the media and telecommunications, retail, hospitality and leisure, education, luxury brands and fashion, technology and financial services sectors. Philip's long-term clients include leading private equity house Inflexion, the Middle East's largest integrated media group Rotana, hotel sector disrupter Oyo Rooms, luxury hotel brand Vous Hotels & Retreats, global shoemaker Clarks, and the international higher education provider Galileo Global Education.

For close to 25 years Philip has developed an active pro-bono and charity practice and has considerable experience advising high-profile UK charities and not-for-profit organisations including the Roundhouse Trust, the Design Museum, The Saturday Club Trust, the Creative Industries Federation, Blood Cancer UK and Rambert School of Ballet and Contemporary Dance.

Admissions

England and Wales, 2000

Education

University of Oxford, M&A and BA modern languages

College of Law - CPE and LPC

Languages

English

Key dates

Year joined: 2022

Year became partner: 2022

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