

Francis Booth

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Biography

Francis Booth is a partner based in the London office. His practice focuses on leveraged and acquisition finance. He has led transactions advising banks, debt funds and borrowers on a variety of financing structures, including senior, mezzanine, FOLO, unitranche and PIK arrangements.

Secondments to Barclays and Marlborough Partners, a leading European debt advisor, have provided him with valuable commercial experience, whilst secondments to our offices in Singapore and Sydney have allowed him to work with lawyers across our international network.

Representative experience

Advising Barings on the financing of Inflexion's investment in aosphere

Advising ICG on the financing of Inflexion's take-private of law firm DWF

Advising Pemberton on the financing of Cap10's take-private of Sureserve

Advising Investec on the financing of Lawfront's acquisition of Nelsons Law

Advising Ardian in relation to the financing of Norvestor's acquisition of Pinja

Advising Ares Management on the refinancing of Sykes Cottages and the acquisition of Forest Holidays



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Languages

English
French
German

Practices

Leveraged and Acquisition Finance

Areas of focus

Direct Lending

Education and admissions

Education

M.A., Sidney Sussex College,
Cambridge, 2004

Advising Macquarie Capital on the refinancing of Centric Health

Advising Ares Management on the refinancing of Content+Cloud

Advising SMBC and Park Square on the financing of Inflexion's acquisition of Aspen Pumps

Advising Barings and Bank of Ireland on the financing of Montagu's acquisition of intelligence business Jane's

Advising LGT and NatWest on the financing of Equistone's acquisition of CH&Co

Advising HPS on the €1.2bn refinancing of the Fortenova Group (previously known as Agrokor) via a secured private note issuance

Advising Ares Management in relation to the financing of VetPartners

Advising Pemberton and Lloyds in relation to the provision of facilities backing the acquisition of Travel Counsellors by Vitruvian

Advising HNA Group on its circa €1.5bn debt and equity financing relating to its acquisition of Swissport

Awards and rankings

- Up and Coming, Banking and Finance: Mid-Market: Lenders, *Chambers UK*, 2024
- Up and Coming, Banking and Finance: Mid-Market: Lenders, *Chambers UK*, 2023
- Up and Coming, Banking and Finance: Mid-Market: Lenders, *Chambers UK*, 2022

Latest thinking and events

- Press releases
 - Hogan Lovells advises Barings on the financing of Inflexion Private Equity's strategic investment in aosphere
- Press releases
 - Hogan Lovells advises Intermediate Capital Group on financing of take-private acquisition of law firm DWF by Inflexion Private Equity Partners

Bar admissions and qualifications

Solicitor, England and Wales

Accolades

Francis is always very strong technically and commercially, while delivering effective results on time.

Chambers UK 2023

Francis is very commercial and someone we rely on to guide our deal team through transactions.

Chambers UK 2024

Francis is very good technically, very thorough and diligent. He is very personable, very responsive and has a very good sense of the market

Chambers UK 2022

He runs transactions very well with excellent service levels and commercial knowledge.

Chambers UK 2023

He's superbly responsive and easy to talk to about what's market and what is not. He makes deals pretty simple overall and it's super good to have him on board.

Chambers UK 2024

- News
 - Financial Institutions Horizons 2023
- News
 - European leveraged loan restructurings: why the next downturn will be different
- News
 - UK Take-Privates funded by Private Credit
- Sponsorships and Speaking Engagements
 - Debtwire Direct Lending Forum