

## John Connell

Partner

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### Biography

John Connell is a very versatile lawyer and can advise on a wide range of transactions, including public takeovers, private acquisitions and disposals, joint ventures, listings, capital raisings and restructurings.

As a partner in the firm's London Corporate & Finance practice group, he has a broad practice. He has helped listed private companies, banks, insurers and financial investors with some of their most difficult cross-border mergers, acquisitions and disposals.

John's particular focus is acting for clients in the Financial Services and Financial Institutions sectors.

### Representative experience

Optimal Payments Plc on its €1.1bn reverse takeover of Skrill and the related €600m rights issue to finance the acquisition.

Major UK retail bank on the disposal of its UK mortgage business, a large leveraged loan portfolio and on a significant banking joint venture.

Lloyds Banking Group on various transactions including various loan portfolio sales and the sale of UK house-builder Keepmoat for £400m.

Qatar Insurance Company on its acquisition of Antares, a Lloyd's of London insurer.

Senior management of Iglo Group on its €2.6bn sale to Nomad Holdings.



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### Languages

English

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### Practices

Mergers and Acquisitions

Private Equity

Investment Funds

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### Industries

Private Capital

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### Areas of focus

Public Company Mergers and Acquisitions

Cross-border Mergers and Acquisitions

A leading hedge fund on the acquisition of a portfolio of Spanish consumer loans.

British Airways on its £5.3bn merger with Iberia and on the floatation of International Consolidated Airlines Group on the main London market.

Cazenove on the sale of Cazenove Group Limited to J.P. Morgan for an implied £2bn value.

Resolution on its £1.8bn public takeover of Friends Provident.

Founder shareholders on the disposal of the business and assets of and CATCo Investment Management Ltd., a specialist investment management business.

Prudential on its proposed acquisition of AIA Group Limited for \$34.6bn and the \$21bn related rights issue.

Kesa Electricals plc on the sale of Comet Group plc and Triptych Insurance to funds advised by OpCapita.

INEOS on the establishment of oil refining and trading joint ventures valued at over £1bn with PetroChina.

Terra Firma on its acquisition of Four Seasons Health Care for £1 bn.

Unilever on the auction sale of the Birds Eye frozen foods business and the auction sale of the Bertolli olive oil business.

Diageo on the establishment of various joint ventures with Vijay Mallya.

## Latest thinking and events

### ■ Press Releases

- Hogan Lovells advises OLB and a.s.r. in €500 million joint acquisition of NIBC Bank's private loan portfolio

### ■ News

- UK Public Markets Snapshot – March 2022

### ■ Press Releases

- Hogan Lovells advises Goldman Sachs in Series-D financing round of Xempus

### ■ Press Releases

Carve-outs, Spin-offs, and Split-offs

Hostile Takeovers and Takeover Defense

Special Committee and Independent Director Representations

Shareholder Activism

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## Education and admissions

### Education

City Legal Practice Course, Nottingham Law School, 2002

LLB (Law): First Class Honours, University of Manchester, 2001

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- Hogan Lovells advises on Patron Capital Partners' disposal of Punch Pubs & Co to Fortress Investment Group
- News
  - UK Public Markets Snapshot – July 2021
- Published Works
  - UK: Mergers & Acquisitions Laws and Regulations 2021 *ICLG*