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Corporate



Jonathan joined Davenport Lyons as a partner in January 2004 from US firm Cozen O'Connor and is a senior corporate lawyer. His expertise involves acquisitions and disposals for companies in the financial services, manufacturing, retail, gaming and leisure sectors and he also acts as general counsel and advises a number of high net-worth family groups in relation to their UK and international interests. Jonathan enjoys providing legal, strategic and all-round business solutions.

Jonathan has extensive experience of corporate and financial cross-border transactions and was previously joint head of banking and financial services at Lovells. Jonathan also served as General Counsel to Citibank N.A. in the UK and Europe, with responsibility for English law matters worldwide.

Recent matters have included:

- Advising participants on a secured sub-participation financing with a major US investment bank.
- Acting on behalf of an offshore group of companies in respect of complex offshore secured financing and re-scheduling.
- Advising a range of leisure and retail businesses in relation to business and strategic matters.
- Advising on the disposal of insurance portfolios on behalf of a US based global insurance business.
- Advising a listed US gaming company on its business and regulatory matters in relation to UK acquisitions and expansion.
- Advising on secured refinancing arrangements on behalf of US investors for an international technology group.
- Advising Mission Capital plc on its first acquisition: KML – a parking garage management business.
- Advising on the acquisition of a specialised telecommunications engineering company for US clients.
- Advising on the acquisition of a software development company on behalf of listed US clients.
- Advising on a wide range of acquisitions, as well as commercial and service agreements for a private branded UK – ATM network.

Jonathan acts on the Board of several UK companies and has been a regular speaker on banking and financial services issues for the Institute of Bankers, The International Bar Association, The American Bar Association and The Centre for Commercial Law Studies, Queen Mary's College, London University. He is a member of the International Bar Association and the American Bar Association. Jonathan graduated from Downing College, Cambridge with an MA in law.

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