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Jonathan Brownson has extensive experience advising lenders on a range of domestic and cross border leveraged financings, as well as having restructuring and investment grade financing expertise.

Jonathan is recognized by *Chambers UK*, *Chambers Global*, named to the Hall of Fame by *The Legal 500 UK*, recognized as Highly Regarded by *IFLR1000*, and named in *The Lawyer* Hot 100 list for 2022. According to clients, he is "one of the best acquisition financing partners in the market" (*The Legal 500 UK 2023*). In 2021, Jonathan was named to *The National Law Journal*'s list of Sports/Gaming/Entertainment Law Trailblazers for his work on Caesars Entertainment's acquisition of William Hill.

"He is one of the top lender-side lawyers in the city," and "has a wealth of experience acting for both lenders and borrowers on domestic and international mandates." – *Chambers UK 2023* and "He defends lenders' interests with integrity but is also pragmatic to help all parties to get a deal done. He provides commercial, high-quality advice and is also highly available and hands on." – *Chambers UK 2024* 

#### Selected recent European transactions:

- DSM Engineering: The lead arrangers in connection with the debt financing arrangements in support of the acquisition by Advent International and LANXESS of the engineering business of DSM and the joint venture with LANXESS High-Performance.
- Primafrio: The lead arrangers in connection with a senior secured bridge facility, revolving credit facility and term loan facility in connection with the acquisition by Apollo of Primafrio Corporation, S.A., a Spanish road freight operator.
- Chelsea FC: The lead arrangers in connection with the credit facilities provided to Chelsea FC, following its
  acquisition by the Boehly-led consortium.
- **Icon Group**: The lead arrangers in connection with senior and second lien credit facilities in support of the acquisition by EQT of the Icon Group, a leading cancer care provider headquartered in Australia.
- Imerys SA: The lead arrangers in connection with the credit facilities provided to support the acquisition by Platinum Equity of Imerys SA's High Temperature Solutions business.
- Apcoa: The lead arrangers in connection with a €685 million equivalent offering of senior secured fixed and floating rates notes and a €80 million super senior revolving credit facility for Apcoa Parking, a portfolio company of Centerbridge Partners, and Europe's longest-established parking provider headquartered in Germany.
- **Infront:** The lenders in connection with the unitranche and super-senior revolving credit facilities provided to the Infront Group, a leading global sports events, media and marketing platform headquartered in Switzerland.

- Kem One: The lead arrangers in connection with the bridge to bond and super senior revolving credit facilities provided to support the acquisition by Apollo Global Management of the Kem One Group, a leading European chemicals producer headquartered in France.
- Urbaser: The lead arrangers in connection with the €2.455 billion credit facilities to support the acquisition by Platinum Equity of Urbaser S.A.U., a global environmental services provider headquartered in Spain.
- Anticimex: The lead arrangers in connection with the SEK16 billion EUR/USD/AUD equivalent first lien term loan
  and SEK3 billion revolving credit facilities to support the acquisition by EQT of Anticimex International AB, a global
  pest control company headquartered in Sweden.
- Marlink: The lead arrangers in connection with the USD815 million financing to support the acquisition by Providence Equity Partners of Marlink, leading provider of smart network solutions.

#### Selected recent cross-border transactions:

- Avast: The lead arrangers in connection with the credit facilities provided to support the acquisition by NortonLifeLock of Avast Plc, a cybersecurity company.
- Sanne: The lead arrangers in connection with the first and second lien credit facilities provided to support the proposed acquisition by Apex Group of Sanne Group plc, a FTSE 250 specialist alternative asset fund and corporate administrator.
- William Hill: The lead arrangers in connection with the credit facilities provided to support the acquisition by Caesar's Entertainment of William Hill Plc, a UK headquartered gaming business.
- Apex: The lead arrangers in connection with the refinancing of credit facilities provided to the Apex Group, a global financial services provider.
- **City Football Group:** The lead arrangers in connection with the credit facilities provided to the City Football Group, the holding company of Manchester City FC.

## Education

Law Society Finals, 1991

University of Leeds, L.L.B., 1990, with Honors

#### **Practices**

London Banking and Capital Markets

Banking & Finance

Capital Markets

M&A and Corporate Advisory

## **Admission**

Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales

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