



Corporate

Bircham Dyson Bell

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About us

Bircham Dyson Bell LLP is a leading London law firm.

We offer a broad range of legal services with groups providing expertise in corporate, commercial, intellectual property, employment, litigation, real estate, planning, public law and major projects. We have also earned a significant reputation acting for charities and high net worth individuals.

In recent years we have successfully implemented a policy of sustained growth and are now more than 50 partners strong.

Our rapidly expanding corporate team is at the forefront of this growth.



Our Corporate Practice and approach

The team focuses on three principal areas of work:

- corporate finance, including AIM;
- takeovers, mergers and acquisitions;
- capital reorganisations and restructurings.

Ours is a personal approach. We offer a quality, partner led service. Our aim is to provide clear, practical, advice backed up by our sound in-depth knowledge of the legal and commercial environment our clients inhabit.

Transactions frequently require a multi-disciplinary team. In these cases, our corporate partners assemble and lead teams of specialist lawyers drawn from our IP, commercial, employment and real estate practice areas, as required.

We know that our clients can rely on us to deliver in a timely, flexible and professional manner.

What matters to you, matters to us.

Corporate Finance

The AIM market is the mainstay of our corporate finance practice. We are retained as legal adviser to more than twenty AIM quoted companies, placing us firmly in the leading group of legal advisers to AIM quoted companies in the UK.

Our AIM company clients come from a broad range of sectors based in the UK and overseas. We also advise NOMADS and brokers on transactions involving AIM quoted companies and companies seeking admission to AIM.

Our expertise covers all matters surrounding the introduction of companies to the AIM market, initial public offers, private placings, rights issues and other secondary offers. We also advise on reverse takeover transactions where the acquiring company's shares are suspended and then readmitted to AIM.

Our areas of specialism include:

- strategic planning and structural work in preparation for admission (including advising on pre-IPO private placings);
- advice on the application of the AIM Rules;
- drafting admission documents and circulars;
- negotiating placing and introduction agreements;
- due diligence and verification.



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Takeovers, Mergers and Acquisitions

Our clients include both public listed and private companies, private equity providers, entrepreneurs and financial intermediaries. We regularly advise them on and co-ordinate their takeover, merger and acquisition activities.

We have expertise and a depth of experience advising on:

- strategic planning of transactions;
- the application of the AIM Rules, the Listing Rules and the Disclosure Rules;
- recommended and hostile offers under the UK Takeover Code;
- schemes of arrangement;
- due diligence and verification;
- private equity;
- share and business sales;
- joint ventures, shareholders' agreements and partnerships.



Capital Reorganisations and Restructuring

Share buybacks, capital reductions and other group company reorganisations require a detailed knowledge of the Companies Act and the capability to organise and advise on complex structures. We are experienced in documenting the detailed steps and liaising with Counsel, as required, where court approval of particular transactions is necessary.

International

The firm is a leading member of Lexwork International, a network of 29 mid-sized independent law firms with over 1700 lawyers in major cities across North America and Europe. We also have relationships with law firms in other parts of the world. The personal links built up with like-minded lawyers in the network and elsewhere enable us to ensure that appropriate advice is available from our colleagues overseas.



Contact

If you would like more information about any of the services we offer, please do not hesitate to contact John Turnbull, the Head of Corporate Group (T: 020 7783 3559 E: johnturnbull@bdb-law.co.uk) or any of our corporate partners. Alternatively, you can take a look at our website (www.bdb-law.co.uk).

We look forward to hearing from you.



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