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About Akshay Naran

Akshay is a corporate and mergers and acquisitions Senior Associate in our Global Transactions practice in London.

Akshay has experience in public company takeovers and schemes, private M&A, joint ventures, reorganisations and equity capital raisings. He also provides corporate advisory support to listed companies, with a particular emphasis on corporate law, governance and listing rule matters.

Recent work

Recent public M&A experience

- Advising **DWS Infrastructure** on its £595m cash acquisition of Stagecoach Group plc
- Advising **GXO Logistics, Inc.** on its £965m cash and shares acquisition of Clipper Logistics plc
- Advising **Barrick Gold Corporation** on its \$18bn all share acquisition of Randgold Resources Limited
- Advising **DP World PLC** (formerly listed in Dubai) in relation to its \$13.9 billion takeover by Port & Free Zone World FZE (a wholly owned subsidiary of Dubai World)

Recent private M&A experience

- Advising a consortium comprised of **APG** and **Global Infrastructure Partners** on the consortium arrangements of its acquisition of a stake in Peel Ports Group
- Advising **TCV** in relation to its role as lead investor of Allica Bank's £100 million Series C funding round
- Advising **Mercuria Energy**, a global commodities trading house, on its buyback of ChemChina's (China's largest chemical group) minority stake in Mercuria
- Advising **DAZN Group** and **Access Industries** on the carve out and sale of a majority stake in its digital football-focused platforms business to Integrated Media Company, a TPG Capital portfolio company
- Advising **Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan Board** on its sale of indirect minority interests in Brussels Airport to New South Wales Treasury Corporation and the Government Pension

Investment Fund of Japan (through a StepStone managed vehicle)

- Advising **Smiths Group plc** on its £2.35 billion Class 1 Disposal of its Smiths Medical division to ICU Medical, Inc and its related share buyback programme
- Advising **Fuller, Smith & Turner** on its £250m Class 1 Disposal of its beer business to Asahi
- Advising **Octopus Energy Group** on its strategic partnership with Canada Pension Plan Investment Board
- Advising **Flutter Entertainment plc** on its acquisition of a controlling stake in Adjarabet
- Advising **Borets International Limited** in connection with the International Finance Corporation's exit as a shareholder
- Advising the **Hellenic Financial Stability Fund** in its capacity as major shareholder of Piraeus Bank in relation to the disposal by Piraeus Bank of its Recovery Management Services Platform to Intrum and its related strategic partnership

Recent IPO experience

- Advising **Deliveroo PLC** on its £1.5 billion IPO and listing on the London Stock Exchange with a US-tech-style dual-class share structure
- Advising **Trainline PLC** on its initial public offering and premium listing on the London Stock Exchange
- Advising **Cosan S.A.** in respect of its c.\$1.15 billion IPO of Raizen S.A., its renewable energy joint venture with Royal-Dutch Shell on the B3 S.A. Brasil, Bolsa, Balcão

Recent reorganisation experience

- Advising **DAZN Group** on a variety of equity investment and reorganisation matters
- Advising **JAB Holdings** on various reorganisation matters in relation to Pret a Manger
- Advising **Deliveroo plc** on various reorganisation matters

Prior to joining Freshfields, Akshay worked at King & Wood Mallesons, a leading Australian law firm where he advised clients across a number of sectors on a similar wide spectrum of M&A and capital markets transactions, which are not listed above.

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