



Simon Allport

Partner

Simon's practice as a corporate lawyer focuses on corporate finance and mergers and acquisitions, with a particular emphasis on public equity markets in the UK. Simon has a particular expertise in public company takeovers, having been seconded to the UK's Panel on Takeovers and Mergers in the mid-1990s.

As well as advising regularly on recommended takeovers, Simon advises a wide range of companies and investment banks on all manner of equity transactions, including IPOs and secondary issues on the UK's main equity market and on AIM. Simon also advises private companies on equity investments and private M&A transactions.

Simon recently advised Evolution Group plc, on its acquisition of Williams de Broe plc from ING Belgium. He also advised Cheval Investment and Finance Limited on its disposal of Cheval Property Finance plc (CPF), a privately owned FSA authorised specialist finance company which was established in 1995 and operates in the short-term bridging finance market.

Simon is recognised by the Chambers & Partners UK Guide to the Legal Profession (2005) as a leading lawyer in his field. "Nothing fazes Simon Allport, claimed clients. They perceive that "he ensures work is done to a high standard and costs are kept down".

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