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Sean Geraghty's experience includes mergers and acquisitions (both public and private, for corporate clients and private equity clients), IPOs (on the Official List, AIM and overseas), secondary offerings, joint ventures and general corporate matters. Mr. Geraghty has acted for major European and international corporate clients and financial institutions on substantial transactions.

Mr. Geraghty is recommended in *The Legal 500 UK*, 2018, 2017, 2016 and 2015 for equity capital markets and is noted as the key contact for AIM work. He is also listed in the 2018 version for M&A: upper mid-market and premium deals, £250m+ work and for flotations: small and mid-cap. His experience with regard to IPOs, secondary offerings, joint ventures and general corporate matters has been highlighted by *Chambers UK*. He has also been listed in *Chambers UK* for corporate and M&A and has been recommended in *The Legal 500 UK*, for M&A, where he has received praise from clients for his "thoroughness and responsiveness".

Mr. Geraghty frequently speaks at conferences and seminars on corporate law and corporate finance matters. He is the author of a chapter in the Oxford University Press' *Annotated Guide to the Companies Act 2006* and in Sweet & Maxwell's "*Hedge Funds and the Law*" publication and is the author of PLC's guide to *Equity Capital Markets Law in the UK*. Mr Geraghty is also a contributing editor of Sweet & Maxwell's "*Company Directors: Law and Liability*".

EXPERIENCE

- **M1 Cement Holding Limited** in connection with the unwinding of its JV with Mittal and subsequent sale of its shares in Breedon Group plc, a leading UK construction materials group, raising gross proceeds of £82.4 million.
- **Investec Bank plc** in connection with a £58.5 million equity fundraising by ITM Power plc and joint venture with Linde AG.
- **GIC** in the proposed US\$27 billion sale of Refinitiv by a consortium (consisting of Blackstone, an affiliate of GIC, Canada Pension Plan Investment Board and Thomson Reuters) to London Stock Exchange Group plc.
- **Centaur Media plc**, as part of its strategic divestment program on the sale of (i) its financial services division to Metropolis Group; (ii) Centaur Human Resources Limited, to DVV Media International Ltd; (iii) Centaur Media Travel and Meetings Limited, to Northstar Travel Media UK Limited; and (iv) its engineering portfolio, including The Engineer and Subcon, to Mark Allen Group.
- **Stripes Group** on the sale of its portfolio company Audio Network Limited to Entertainment One Limited.
- **Further Global**, a US private equity firm that makes investments in businesses within the financial services industry, on its successful £100 million take private of GBGI, the London listed holding company for the "The Global Benefits Group" which provides international benefits insurance globally through various subsidiary companies.
- **SQS Software Quality Systems AG** on its £300m takeover by a portfolio company of Ardian a world-leading private investment house.
- **Centaur Media plc**, a London listed business information, events and marketing provider which owns The Lawyer magazine, on the sale of its Home Interest business to Future plc, a UK listed media company and the acquisition of MarketMakers, a B2B telemarketing and lead generation company.
- **Liberty plc**, the iconic Regent Street retail business, on its £71.5 million takeover by Bluegem Capital Partners a London based mid-market private equity buyer.
- **Kofax® Limited**, the LSE and NASDAQ listed provider of capture driven business process automation solutions, on its US\$1 billion sale to Lexmark, a US manufacturer of laser printers and imaging products.
- **Stirling Square Capital Partners** on its US\$150 million acquisition of Public Safety Equipment, an international provider of highway safety solutions from Seton House Group (a Bank of Scotland private equity vehicle).
- **IT Lab Enterprises** a managed IT services provider and the technology support business behind McLaren sports cars, on its sale to ECI Partners in a private equity led MBO transaction.
- **ACM Shipping Group plc** in connection with its £150 million recommended merger with Braemar Shipping Services plc (a company listed on the Main Market of the London Stock Exchange).
- **Travel Leaders Group** on its acquisition of Colletts Travel, a UK based luxury travel agency.
- **Kofax® Limited**, the leading provider of capture driven business process automation solutions, on its premium listing on the London Stock Exchange and a listing on the NASDAQ Global Select Market.
- **Cantor Fitzgerald Europe** on the tender offer by San Leon Energy plc, a specialist oil and gas company with an extensive portfolio of assets across Europe and Africa.
- **Investec** in connection with the placing and open offer of shares by their client ITM Power plc, a listed manufacturer of integrated hydrogen energy solutions to enhance the utilisation of renewable energy.

- **Shore Capital** on an equity fundraising and debt restructuring by AIM-listed Styles & Wood plc.
- **The Share Centre Limited**, a subsidiary of AIM listed Share plc, a leading UK independent retail stockbroker, on its agreement with Barclays Bank plc to acquire up to 3,000 nominee share dealing accounts serviced by Barclays Stockbrokers.
- **Spark Advisory Partners Limited**, as nominated adviser, and WH Ireland Limited and Whitman Howard Limited, as joint brokers, on the admission to trading on AIM of IMIMobile plc, a leading global technology company.
- **Shore Capital** as nominated adviser and broker to SafeCharge International Group, an international provider of payments services, risk management and IT solutions for online businesses, on its US\$400 million (c.£242.6 million) IPO on AIM.
- **MWB Group Holdings plc**, the listed hotels and serviced offices holding company, on the corporate aspects of its £282.5 million bank refinancing with the Bank of Scotland and RBS and in relation to the £100 million sale and leaseback of five of its Malmaison hotels.
- **MWB Group Holdings plc** on a US\$100 million institutional fund raising and capital restructuring.
- **RPG Industries SE** on its £83 million investment into London Stock Exchange-listed Ferrexpo plc, the Ukrainian natural resources company.
- **New World Resources NV**, the owner of the Czech Republic's largest hard coal mining company., in connection with its £1.3 billion IPO on the London, Prague and Warsaw Stock Exchanges.
- **Shareholders of Charlemagne Capital Limited** in connection with Charlemagne Capital's £298 million AIM IPO.
- **Flender AG** on its €1.2 billion sale to Siemens AG.
- **A member of the consortium led by Macquarie Communications Infrastructure Group** which acquired NTL's proposed towers and transmission division for £1.27 billion.

EDUCATION

- University of Exeter, B.A., Economics, 1991

ADMISSIONS

- England and Wales

MEMBERSHIPS

- QCA's Corporate Finance Advisers Expert Group

