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Biography

Richard Diffenthal is a Partner in our London office who primarily advises clients in the Technology and Media, FinTech and Digital Health sectors, in particular where digital technologies are creating convergence in adjacent sectors and verticals. Richard advises on a variety of corporate transactions including cross border M&A, "acqui-hires", complex joint ventures, corporate restructurings as well as early stage and growth capital investments (from Series A to pre-IPO rounds).

Richard co-leads the Tech Hub, a multi-disciplinary team of lawyers in our London office who work for clients at the cutting edge of disruptive technologies, focussing in particular for clients working in AI and with crypto-currencies.

Representative experience

The corporate venture arms of Dell, Celgene, CV Starr, Equinor, Hearst, Santander and Samsung on investments in various technology companies.

DWS on the acquisitions of The Datacenter Group and NLDC.

Globacap on the issuance of ordinary shares onto the public blockchain.

Monzo on its £20m crowdfunding round as part of its £105m Series E raise.



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Languages

English
French
Spanish

Practices

Corporate Governance
Joint Ventures
Mergers and Acquisitions
Securities and Public Company
Advisory
Private Equity
Investment Funds
Blockchain and DLT

A French-Korean private equity fund investing in technology companies in Europe and Asia on its investment in a leading blockchain technology solution provider.

21st Century Fox on its joint venture with Apollo to create a leading global multi-platform provider and the subsequent sale of Endemol-Shine to Banijay.

The founders of Crypto Facilities Limited on the sale of Crypto Facilities to Kraken.

A leading U.S. technology company on its innovative bioelectric medicines joint venture with a FTSE 100 listed pharmaceutical business.

The founders of SCM World on the sale of SCM to Gartner Inc.

ITV plc on its acquisition of TwoFour Group.

Latest thinking and events

- News
 - Getting The Deal Through: Automotive 2020
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - Will technology lead the M&A rebound? *Deal Dynamics*
- Insights
 - Contracts and Insolvency – a transformational change
- News
 - "COVID-19 MAC – Can we get out please?" – UK Takeover Panel says no
- Press Releases
 - Hogan Lovells and Reed Smith advise on the sale of Softomotive to Microsoft
- Press Releases
 - Hogan Lovells advises Grafton Capital on its investment into Omilia Natural Language solutions

Industries

Consumer
Financial Institutions
Life Sciences and Health Care
Technology & Telecoms
Private Capital

Areas of focus

Shareholder Activism
Carve-outs, Spin-offs, and Split-offs
Cross-border Mergers and Acquisitions
Emerging Companies and Venture Capital
FinTech
Hostile Takeovers and Takeover Defense
Public Company Mergers and Acquisitions
Special Committee and Independent Director Representations

Education and admissions

Education

B.A. (Jurisprudence), University of Oxford

Accolades

'Richard Diffenthal is singled out by

sources as 'outstanding.'

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