

# HERBERT SMITH FREEHILLS BOOSTS ITS TMT OFFERING IN LONDON

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Herbert Smith Freehills announces the appointment of Aaron White as of counsel to its Global TMT team, based in London.

Aaron, who joins from Ashurst and previously worked in our London office, is a telecoms and technology specialist. He regularly leads complex telecoms projects, including mobile network sharing, network rollouts, MVNOs and sub-sea cable projects and joint ventures in the telecoms sector.

Aaron also advises on telecoms regulation, including EU regulatory, authorisation, access and interconnection, privacy and land access. He also advises on a wide range of commercial matters including technology outsourcing and transformation projects, IT goods and services contracts, and general procurement including preparation for and conduct of tender processes. Aaron has spent time in-house at mobile operator O2 and Telefónica Digital in the UK.

Aaron will be working closely with TMT partners including Nick Pantlin, Nicholas Moore, Gavin Davies, Stephen Wilkinson, Charles Howarth, Stephen Wisking, Veronica Roberts, Andrew Moir, Mark Shillito, Joel Smith, James Farrell, James Baily, Philip Carrington, Nicholas Peacock, Nusrat Zar and Jeremy Garson in the UK, as well as others in EMEA and APAC, who advise on TMT transactional, operational, regulatory/competition and disputes work.

Commenting on the appointment, Ben Ward who heads the firm's corporate practice in the UK, said:

"Aaron brings with him a breadth of experience and market knowledge that will strengthen our TMT practice. Over the last 12 months, the firm has advised on some of the most high-profile deals in the market including advising Europe's leading entertainment company Sky on a £18.5 billion recommended takeover offer from 21st Century Fox, and Aaron's arrival reflects our focus on providing the highest level of service to our clients. As demand for specialist TMT expertise continues to increase, we look forward to working with him to better service our clients."

Herbert Smith Freehills was ranked #5 among the top 10 law firms worldwide in the Mergermarket Q4 2016 TMT Trend Report, being the only non-US headquartered firm in the top 5 by deal value in 2016. The firm advised on transactions with total value of US\$162 billion. Herbert Smith Freehills advised on 3 of the top 5 global TMT M&A deals.

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