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Chris is chairman of the India practice and also helps guide the firm's social initiatives in India.

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BACKGROUND

Chris has been with the firm for over 30 years and for the past 10 years has been the Chairman of the firm's India Practice.

He was based in Hong Kong in the 1980s and from 2001 spent 3 years in Singapore as Managing Partner, SE Asia.

For most of his career he has been based in London working on cross border deals.

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EXPERIENCE

Spending most of his time in India, a country which has become his second home, Chris is the guiding force behind the global Indian Practice of the firm.

Having spent over 30 years at the firm, he has over 10 years experience of adding value to both Indian groups and to global businesses looking to invest in India. He has a deep understanding of the country and can bring this to bear for the benefit of clients.

Chris sits on the board of the UK India Business Council the primary body that promotes business relations between the UK and India.

He is ranked as a "Senior Statesman" for India by Chambers: "...he stands out as someone who is dedicated and committed to building business in India".

Chris helps guide the firm's social initiatives in India which includes HSF Bridge, a project that links law students with social causes. He was honoured in the Financial News Extra Mile awards for marking his 30 years at the firm by walking 30 marathons across India to raise money for Indian widows.

He was also included in the Financial Times Asia-Pacific Innovative Lawyer awards for his work in India including his lectures at a number of Indian Law Schools which involves an annual programme with Oxford University.

Chris is the relationship partner for a number of Indian companies and has been involved on leading deals including

- Bharti's acquisition of Zain Africa,
- Godrej's joint venture with the Darling Group across Africa
- Essar's arrangements with Vodafone,
- the investment by Diageo in United Spirits and
- the Strides disposal to Mylan.

Chris is married to Deb and has four children.