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### KEY SERVICES

Corporate Real Estate  
Real Estate Acquisitions and Disposals

### KEY SECTORS

Banks  
Airports

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### EXPERIENCE

Seb has been at Herbert Smith Freehills LLP since March 2007, qualifying into the Real Estate Division in London in March 2009.

Seb is a senior associate with a broad real estate experience, advising on a variety of commercial property matters including real estate finance, acquisitions, disposals, landlord and tenant management work and the redevelopment of major assets.

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Clients have noted that he 'is particularly skilled at manoeuvring complex negotiations with a balanced focus. He is a dedicated team leader and his ability to identify, understand and act on the commercial imperatives involved is especially well developed.' (Legal 500 UK, 2019).

Seb's experience includes advising:

- Lloyds Bank Plc and a syndicate of lenders on the property aspects of £500m development loan in respect of a residential development at Nine Elms with a GDV of c.£1bn
- Goldman Sachs Merchant Banking Division and their JV partner Pitmore on the £150m acquisition of the Thistle Build To Rent Portfolio (which comprised c.920 units spread over 14 sites in the North West) from Gatehouse Bank
- The Carlyle Group on a development agreement with Network Rail of Bankside Quarter which unlocked the subsequent £295m corporate disposal
- Goldman Sachs on a corporate and property acquisition, related development agreement and subsequent development financing which unlocked a £150m development
- Pontegadea on its £230 million acquisition of Almack House from Grosvenor
- Deutsche Bank AG on the property aspects of various real estate financing transactions including the refinancing of the Mailbox (£140million) and acquisition and development finance on 127 Kensington High Street (£108million)
- Lloyds Bank Plc on the property aspects of various real estate financing transactions including the acquisition financing of the Hayhill Portfolio (£178m) and the refinancing the Dream Portfolio (£230m)
- Kennedy Wilson on the acquisition and then refinancing of the distressed Jupiter Portfolio (£184 million)
- Standard Life on acquisitions, disposals and day-to-day management of properties in its retail portfolio including Fareham Industrial Park