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Roddy has over 25 years' experience of advising on a wide variety of M&A transactions.

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BACKGROUND

Roddy graduated from Southampton University in 1992 with a Bachelor of Laws with Honours. He completed the Law Society Finals with Honours in 1993. He qualified as a solicitor in England and Wales with Herbert Smith in 1995. He qualified as a solicitor in Hong Kong in 2006 where he worked between 2005 and 2007. Roddy joined Herbert Smith in 1993 and has been a partner since 2003.

LATEST INSIGHTS

KEY SERVICES

Mergers and Acquisitions
Corporate

KEY SECTORS

Manufacturing and Industrials
Consumer

EXPERIENCE

Roddy has considerable experience of advising on cross-border M&A deals, both inbound and outbound, notably those involving newly-industrialised economies, particularly India and China, with a focus on public takeovers, schemes of arrangement, sell-side and buy-side private auctions and bi-laterals, joint ventures, buyouts and minority participations.

Roddy is also client relationship partner for a number of FTSE companies and international conglomerates.

He is a senior member of the firm's India Executive.

"Pragmatic and highly effective", Legal 500 UK

"Very pragmatic and helpful", Chambers Asia Pacific

Ranked individual, Chambers Global - Corporate/M&A (expertise based abroad) - India

Roddy's experience includes advising:

TUI Travel on its £5.2 billion merger by scheme of arrangement with TUI AG to create one of the first German incorporated, LSE listed, FTSE companies

Inchcape, the world's largest independent automotive distributor, in relation to various matters including its acquisition of the ITC and Simpson Motors distribution and retail businesses across the Caribbean and on its disposal of Inchcape Fleet Solutions to Toyota Financial Services

Airtel Africa on US\$550 million of investments into its mobile money platform from MasterCard, TPG, Qatar Holding and Chimera Investment which valued the mobile money business at US\$2.65 billion

PA Consulting Group on the controlling investment by scheme of arrangement from The Carlyle Group, valuing PA at US\$1 billion

Reliance Communications on its proposed US\$1.6 billion sale of its telecom towers business to Brookfield Infrastructure

United Spirits on its £430 million disposal by auction sale of Whyte & Mackay to Emperador

United Breweries on the partial disposal of its interests in United Spirits to Diageo, with a deal value of £1.2 billion

the owners of Harrods (a Fayed family trust) on the £1.5 billion sale of Harrods Group to Qatar Holding, the investment arm of the Qatar Investment Authority

China National Offshore Oil Corporation (CNOOC) on its US\$18.5 billion merger proposal with Unocal Corporation

the seven global investment banks providing the equity bridge on Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co/Pessina's £11 billion takeover of Alliance Boots

major national oil companies on their proposed takeovers of Bowleven, First Calgary and Petrokazakhstan