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Matthew is the Office Managing Partner for Brisbane. He specialises in mergers and acquisitions in the mining, resource and private equity sectors.

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## BACKGROUND

Matthew holds bachelor degrees in law and business (accounting) from the University of Technology, Sydney, and a Master of Laws from the University of Sydney. Matthew is admitted to practise in New South Wales, and England and Wales. He is also a qualified chartered accountant.

## KEY SERVICES

Private Equity  
Mergers and Acquisitions

## KEY SECTORS

Mining  
Energy

## EXPERIENCE

He has advised on multibillion-dollar merger and acquisitions deals in Australia and around the world.

Matthew advises listed and private companies, and private equity sponsors in the mining and resources, construction, travel and hospitality industries. His clients include Suncorp, CHAMP Ventures, Odyssey Private Equity and Santos.

Matthew has also worked in London, where he advised private equity houses on recapitalisations, acquisitions and divestitures.

Matthew's experience includes acting for:

- Suncorp Group Limited's sale of its life insurance business to TAL Dai-ichi Life
- CHAMP Ventures, Toll Holdings and HarbourVest's sale of Sea Swift (Holdings) Pty Ltd to QIC
- Odyssey Private Equity on its acquisition of Sushi Sushi
- Santos Limited on its sell-down of a 22.5% stake in its Gladstone liquefied natural gas project to Total S.A. for more than US\$1 billion, including related post-sale shareholder arrangements
- the Queensland Government on the sale of Forestry Plantations Queensland to Hancock Queensland Plantations for more than A\$600 million
- a consortium of investors (including QIC, GIP, Borealis, Future Fund, Chinese Investment Corporation, CalPERS and National Pension Service of Korea) on the acquisitions of a 50-year lease of the Port of Melbourne from the Victorian Government for A\$9.7 billions
- Leighton Holdings Limited on its restructure and sale of a 50% interest in the services division of Thiess Services and Leighton Contractors to Apollo Global Management, LLC, forming a 50:50 investment partnership with an enterprise value of A\$1.075 billion
- CNOOC Gas & Power in relation to its interest in the \$20 billion QCLNG Project