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Overview

Avram Kelman is a partner in the corporate department at Fladgate.

He specialises in advising Israeli companies on corporate and commercial activities in the UK. His background and experience have proved invaluable to Israeli clients seeking to carry out business or raise finance abroad.

Avram acts for clients across a wide range of sectors including banking and finance law, corporate law, commercial law and private wealth.

He advised an offshore group controlled by a renowned Israeli entrepreneur on the acquisition of Camden Lock Market (a site in excess of one acre, housing 250 market stalls, 50 shops, 20 workshops and five food outlets); the acquisition of 50% of shares in the offshore group owning Camden Stables Market and a large development site known as Camden Lock Village; and a £230m refinancing facility secured on Camden Stables Market with affiliates of Nomura International Plc.

Avram's expertise in capital markets and restructuring has been consistently recognised by Chambers Global, Chambers UK and Legal 500.

Avram was born in the United States of America and raised and educated in Israel. He is a multinational corporate lawyer who is qualified to practise in England and Wales, Israel, New York, New Zealand and Victoria Australia.

Experience

- Advising an offshore group controlled by a renowned Israeli entrepreneur on: the acquisition of Camden Lock Market (a site in excess of one acre, housing 250 market stalls, 50 shops, 20 workshops and five food outlets); the acquisition of 50% of shares in the offshore group owning Camden Stables Market and a large

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development site known as Camden Lock Village; and a £230m refinancing facility secured on Camden Stables Market with affiliates of Nomura International Plc.

- Advising two substantial offshore family trusts on the financing and acquisition of a number of corporate groups via Luxembourg and Gibraltar-based structures for a total consideration of €2bn. The corporate groups owned a number of commercial portfolios comprising hotels, offices and business parks located in Switzerland, Belgium, Germany and Holland. The Dutch offices included in the portfolio were acquired for €1.2bn, making it the largest office deal in Dutch history. The acquisition was backed by Morgan Stanley and Credit Suisse, with each bank financing one of the acquisitions.
- Advising Morria Biopharmaceuticals on the commencement of trading of Morria's American Depositary Receipts, representing its ordinary shares, on the OTC Bulletin Board in the United States.
- Acting for Israeli based company Dmatek Ltd, a leading global provider of remote people monitoring technologies, on its takeover by way of merger agreement under Israeli companies law, by an investor group led by Francisco Partners, one of the world's largest technology-focused private equity funds. The transaction was valued at £52.9m.
- Advising BATM Advanced Communications Limited (BATM) on its dual listing on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange. BATM is a leading provider of real-time technologies for the networked telecoms and medical laboratory equipment markets. BATM's ordinary shares continue to trade on the Main Market of the London Stock Exchange where BATM has been listed since 12 July 1999.
- Advising Zen Research plc on its listing on AIM, its subsequent delisting and its return to private ownership by way of a court approved scheme of arrangement.
- Advising Dmatek Ltd on its listing on the Main Market of the London Stock Exchange.
- Advising a global investment management firm, managers of a privately owned real estate portfolio, on the purchase of a €1bn loan secured on a property portfolio consisting of 65 assets across Continental Europe, from Morgan Stanley.
- Purchase on behalf of ASRE Limited (a Jersey company) of the freehold interest of Bermondsey Square Hotel, Bermondsey Square, London SE1 from Igloo, a part of the Aviva group, subject to an operating lease of the hotel in favour of the Bermondsey Square Hotel Limited. Simultaneously acquiring the share capital of Bermondsey Square Hotel Limited and entering into a management contract with the company to operate the hotel.

Testimonials

Highly rated for his knowledge of the Israeli capital markets, regularly advising Israel-based companies on their corporate and commercial dealings in the UK.

Chambers Global

Described by the Legal 500 2009 as "quick-thinking and entrepreneurial", the 2010 edition recommends Avram for "complex, mid-market work" in corporate restructuring and insolvency work. The 2011 edition highlights Avram's expertise in flotations: small & mid-cap, with editorial commentary describing him as a "superior lawyer".

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Legal 500

Recommended by Chambers Global 2015 as an "Expert Based Abroad" in Capital Markets in Israel, with commentary stating: "Clients say Avram Kelman of Fladgate LLP in London 'works very quickly and is always available'. He is well known for assisting Israeli companies who want to enter the UK market".

Chambers Global

Fladgate LLP's practice handles a range of cross-border work; Avram Kelman specialises in Anglo-Israeli capital markets transactions.

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