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Overview

Ian Brent is a partner in the corporate department at Fladgate.

He specialises in private company transactions, including mergers and acquisitions (M&A), investments and fundraisings.

Ian's clients span many sectors but he has a particular focus on the tech and recruitment sectors. He acts for entrepreneurs and SMEs and many of his deals involve private equity, either acting for them or selling to them. In his 28 years as a lawyer, Ian has acted on over 280 M&A transactions.

His most recent deal was acting for private investment firm Nickleby Capital on its investment into virtual healthcare provider Medefer, which completed in August 2020.

He is a recommended M&A lawyer in Legal 500 2017, which says *"The strong, bright, very experienced Ian Brent fights his clients' corner well and is very knowledgeable, particularly in the recruitment sector"*.

He qualified in 1994 and joined Fladgate in 2013.

Experience

- Advising the shareholders of Irish software supplier CareWorks to PE backed UK software firm Advanced.
- Advising the shareholders of Stoke based project manager and costs consultancy Prosurv on its sale to Cumming, the global project management consultancy.
- Advising BB7, the fire sector specialist, on an investment by BGF and the

Expertise

Corporate Law

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acquisition of Omega Fire, to create the UK's leading independent fire and security consultancy

- Advising Impact Recruitment on the buyout of the founding shareholder.
- Advising the shareholders of Title and Covenant Insurance Brokers on the sale to Stackhouse Poland.
- Advising Fore Fitness on the £20m sale to The Gym Group PLC of 13 gyms.
- Advising the shareholders of contractor accountancy firm First Freelance and its sister umbrella company to Optionis, the largest provider of professional services to the flexible workforce.
- Advising AIM listed recruiter Hydrogen Group PLC on the acquisition of the Argyll Scott Group.
- Advising GCC Group on its acquisitions of Perfect Dynamics and Centre Point Software.
- Advising the founders of Teachers2Parents (T2P) on sale to Education Brands.
- Advising Swedish listed company Opus on the acquisition of Autologic Diagnostics, a world leader in advanced aftermarket automotive diagnostics.
- Acted for private equity firm Greybull on the acquisition of Morrisons' M Local convenience store business.
- Acted for macroeconomic forecasting consultancy, Lombard Street Research, on its sale to TSL Research.
- Acted for the shareholders of energy recruitment company Eximius on its sale to management.
- Acted for US company Imperial Clinical Research Services on the acquisition of Four Point Printing.
- Advising on the sale of pre-employment screening firm Powerchex to US global screening leader HireRight.
- Advising on the sale of music publisher Big Life to Universal.
- Acting on the £110m class one disposal of the entertainment division of First Leisure Group Plc.
- Advising Experian on its acquisitions of The PH Group, Scandex, Intermediary Systems, Catalist, MCL Software, Unclaimed Assets Register, Vehicle Mileage Check and the JV with First National Bank.
- Advising private equity company Avanti Capital on the backing of management to acquire 28 nightclubs from Po Na Na.
- Advising US company Swagelok, the world's largest valve manufacturer, on its acquisition of Kenmac.
- Advising Edge Performance on its investment into Global Dawn, an entertainment format and production company.
- Advising the shareholders of West One Loans on the sale to Enterprise Finance, backed by private equity firm LivingBridge.
- Advising the founder on the sale of market leading recruitment firm GatenbySanderson to a management team backed by Primary Capital.
- Advising recruitment company Hydrogen Plc on its IPO and admission to AIM.
- Advising the investors in Bolt Learning on the sale to PE firm Aliter Capital.

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Testimonials

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