

Julian Lewis Partner

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Overview

Julian Lewis is a partner in the corporate department at Fladgate.

He specialises in mergers, acquisitions and joint ventures, private equity and the structuring of transactions in the hotel and leisure, renewables and real estate sectors.

Julian acts for numerous clients including 4C Hotels, Downing LLP, Sanguine Hospitality, New World Private Equity, Lewis Trust Group, Fomento Economico Mexicano, Hydrogen Group, Cabana, Hush Restaurants and Genesis Energy.

An example of a transaction on which he has advised is the sale of Jac Travel Group to Australian listed entity Webjet.

Between 1993 and 2001 Julian was Group Legal Counsel, and from 1998 Group Commercial Director, of Betterware plc (the time of its £126m leveraged buyout). He returned to the legal profession in 2001 and joined Fladgate in 2008. He studied law and economics at Cambridge University.

Experience

- Advising the shareholders of Greene & Co on its sale to Countrywide Group.
- Advising Tomkins Plc on the acquisition of Swindon Silicon Systems.
- Advising on the sale of Fish! Restaurants and Loco Restaurants.
- Advising Tomkins Plc on the divestment of a range of businesses including Pegler, Hattersley Newman Hender, Gates Rubber, Totectors and Farmflo.
- Advising Sanguine Hospitality and funds managed by Downing Corporate Finance on the acquisition of a hotel, restaurant and health club at the iconic "Cube" in Birmingham.

Expertise

Corporate law

- Capital Markets
- Corporate Real Estate
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Private Equity & Venture Capital

Industry

Real Estate

Hotels

Leisure

International

International

Israel

Location

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- Advising the Splendid Group on the sale of ten hotels, including five Holiday Inn and Holiday Inn Express, to Redefine Group.
- Advising Resurge Plc on the provision of finance for the takeover of Chesterton Plc.
- Advising the shareholders of Villandry on its sale to Maison Madeleine Limited.
- Advising funds advised by Downing LLP on numerous hotel and leisure related investments and the sale of Hoole Hall Hotel, otherwise known as Hilton Doubletree Chester.
- Advising Sanguine Hospitality on the sale of its hotel management business.
- Advising the shareholders of Totalstay Group on its sale to JAC Travel Group.
- Advising Hush Brasseries in relation to funding and acquisitions.
- Advising Cabana Restaurants in relation to funding and acquisitions.
- Advising Black & White Franchising on its franchise from Marco Pierre White.
- Advising Starboard Hotels on the purchase of a portfolio of hotels from Accor.

Testimonials

Regularly retained by owners, operators, investment vehicles and developers to act on complex projects, throughout the UK. Serves clients across the full gamut of the market including those with gaming, cinema, hotel and restaurant assets. Acted for Starboard Hotels on its acquisition of a portfolio of Ibis hotels from Accor through a purchase and franchise agreement. Julian Lewis is a key client contact.

Chambers UK 2017

Represents a broad array of clients, including significant hotel chains, luxury resorts, leisure facilities and restaurant groups. Offers international expertise and experienced in handling cross-border transactions in Europe. Strengths: 'Thorough and accessible. They have a good breadth of experienced partners and all the necessary specialists'. Partner Julian Lewis is a hotels and leisure specialist and a key contact.

Chambers UK 2015

Regularly retained by owners, operators, investment vehicles and developers to act on complex projects throughout the UK. Areas of expertise include funding, real estate, developments and transactional work. Serves clients across the full gamut of the market, including those with gaming, cinema, hotel and restaurant assets. Acted for 4C Hotels on negotiating a franchise agreement with Hilton for new boutique hotel brand Canopy. Julian Lewis is a key contact.

Chambers UK 2018

Hotels and leisure expert Julian Lewis, who is 'very knowledgeable, efficient and client-focused', acted for Haché on its acquisition by Hush.

Legal 500 2017

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