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Overview

Sandra Bates is a partner in the corporate department at Fladgate.

She has significant experience in international transactions, particularly in Africa, Canada and the US.

Her career has focused on cross-border corporate transactions, specialising in IPOs and other equity capital markets transactions, public and private mergers and acquisitions (M&A) including reverse takeovers, strategic investments and joint ventures.

Sandra has particular experience advising companies in the mining, oil and gas and technology sectors and her broad network of connections and considerable experience is invaluable in assisting clients to develop their businesses.

She has helped long-standing clients such as Avesoro Resources Inc to raise equity capital and execute their public and private M&A strategies.

Sandra is a member of the Australia-United Kingdom Chamber of Commerce, Women in Mining, and Art for Youth (UK Youth).

She also has significant in-house legal and business experience gained as a senior M&A adviser at Citigroup in New York.

Experience

- Represented Caracal Energy Inc. in its acquisition by a wholly-owned subsidiary of Glencore Xstrata Plc for approximately C$1.35bn.
- Represented Falcon Oil & Gas Ltd. (assets in Australia, Hungary and South Africa) on its US$25m financing and its admission to AIM.

Expertise

Corporate law
- Capital Markets
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Private Equity & Venture Capital

Industry

Owner Managed Businesses
Media & Technology
Energy & Resources
Betting & Gaming
International
Financial Institutions

International

Canada
United States
South Africa
French speaking

- Represented European Goldfields Limited on its C$2.5bn sale to Eldorado Gold Corporation.
- Ongoing corporate governance, English/EEA securities law and regulatory advisory work (including MAR) for Avesoro Resources Inc.
- Represented Gaming Nation Inc. on its acquisition of the BD Sport Group Ltd for £11m.
- Represented Capita (Insurance and Benefits Services division) on a strategic asset acquisition and associated commercial agreements.
- Represented Aureus Mining Inc. on its US$72m equity fund raising by way of private placement.
- Represented Atmaca Services (Liberia) Inc. on its US$27m acquisition of mining equipment, inventory and receivables from MonuRent (Liberia) Limited and the novation of the mining services agreement in relation to the New Liberty Mine.
- Represented Forte Energy NL on its acquisition by BOS GLOBAL Holdings by way of reverse takeover on AIM.
- Represented MNG Gold Jersey on its US$30m equity investment in Aureus Mining Inc. including advising on the negotiations with Nedbank and FirstRand Bank, lenders to Aureus Mining.
- Represented EVA Automation Inc. on its acquisition of all the outstanding debt and equity of Bowers & Wilkins.
- Represented MNG Gold on its US$25m acquisition of the Youga Mine in Burkina Faso from Endeavour Mining Corp and on the associated net smelter royalty agreement and termination of various operating agreements.
- Represented Citigroup Global Wealth Management on the acquisition of Quilter Holdings from Morgan Stanley.
- Represented Citigroup Global Consumer Group on the divestiture of Citibank's pan-European merchant acquiring business.
- Represented GENIVAR Inc. on its £278m recommended cash offer for WSP Group plc.
- Represented Caisse de dépot et placement du Québec in connection with its C$1bn investment in CGI Group Inc. to fund CGI's recommended takeover of Logica PLC for £1.7bn.
- Represented CryptoLogic Limited, a tri-listed company (TSX/LSE/NASDAQ), on its recommended takeover by Amaya Gaming Group Inc.
- Represented London Mining plc on its investments and joint ventures in South Africa and South America.
- Represented 3i Group plc on its strategic investment in Venture Production plc convertible bonds.
- Represented Lazard & Co Limited as nominated adviser to Stratic Energy Corporation on its introduction to AIM.
- Represented Pace plc on its €95m reverse takeover of the set-top box business of Royal Philips Electronics and its C$450m Class 1 acquisition of 2Wire, Inc.
- Represented Cenkos Securities in its capacity as financial adviser and NOMAD to Restore plc on its acquisition of the Harrow Green Group and associated private placement.
- Represented Cendant Corporation on its acquisition of ebookers plc by way of scheme of arrangement.

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- Represented e-rewards, Inc. on its £85.1m acquisition of Research Now plc by way of scheme arrangement.
- Represented Juridica Investments Limited (a Guernsey-incorporated fund) in relation to its IPO on AIM and secondary capital raisings.
- Represented a private equity consortium on the proposed acquisition of Inmarsat, the international satellite group.

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