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James' practice covers a wide range of corporate activities with a focus on mergers and acquisitions, IPOs and private equity transactions. He also has significant experience advising on joint ventures, reorganisations, start-ups and technical and regulatory matters (in particular company law and competition, insurance, banking and other financial services regulation).

While at Carey Olsen James has acted on a number of significant international transactions, including M&A transactions involving high-profile international financial services and retail groups, advising Quotient on its NASDAQ IPO, Polymetal International plc on its reverse takeover of Kazakhgold and subsequent LSE Main Market IPO and Stonehage on its combination with Fleming Family & Partners to form the leading independent multi-family office in Europe, Middle East and Africa.

James' recent experience includes advising Butterfield on its acquisition of Deutsche Bank's banking and custody business in Guernsey, Jersey and the Cayman Islands, Cape on its recommended £332 million takeover by the Altrad group, one of the leading global providers of industrial services, scaffolding solutions and light construction equipment in the civil and industrial sectors, the majority shareholder of the C5 Alliance Group, a technology services business with over 200 staff in the Channel Islands, on the sale of the business to BDO in Jersey and Strategic Value Partners on its acquisition of Vita Group, a business which develops, manufactures and markets flexible polyurethane, Talalay latex and flooring products to customers across Europe, the US and China, from TPG.

James is author of the LexisNexis Jersey Company Law Guide 2017-2018 and has featured in The Jersey & Guernsey Law Review 2017, having authored an article on Filing of Shareholder Agreements and external documents: Jersey Law Practice. James is rated as a 'Leading Lawyer - Rising star' in IFLR1000 2019.

Career

James began his career at Allen & Overy, where he worked in London, Singapore and Bratislava. Before joining Carey Olsen in 2010 he also worked at Jones Day in Singapore and Pinsent Masons in Birmingham. He was admitted as an English solicitor in 2004 and a Jersey advocate in 2013, and became a partner at Carey Olsen in 2016. James also has experience working as in-house counsel for a UK-based power project developer.

He is an alumnus of King's College, London, Nottingham Law School and the Institute of Law, Jersey.

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