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SECTORS: Energy, Aviation, Mining and Commodities, Digital and E-Infrastructure, Oil and Gas, Maritime, Infrastructure, Power, Transport, Airlines, Ports and Terminals

SERVICES: Capital Markets, Mergers and Acquisitions, Corporate and M&A, Private Equity

BIO

CHRIS IS GLOBAL OIL & GAS SECTOR HEAD AND HEAD OF THE LONDON CORPORATE AND M&A GROUP.

Chris advises on deals including strategic alliances (joint venture arrangements and private equity fundraisings), mergers and acquisitions, corporate finance and commercial transactions. He specialises in the energy, infrastructure, mining and commodities and transport sectors.

Chris is recommended as an expert corporate lawyer by leading legal directories The Legal 500 UK and IFLR 1000. The Legal 500 noted in 2024 that he has "great oil and gas industry knowledge, great AIM knowledge; well respected by other AIM related service providers; accessible and always cool under pressure."

EXPERIENCE

Advising Aban Singapore Pte. Ltd on its acquisition of a 100% interest in two oil and gas blocks in the UK North Sea for a noncash consideration of US\$75m.

Advising SapuraKencana Petroleum Berhad on its acquisition of Petronas's interests in Blocks 01/97 and 02/97, Block 10 and 11.1 and Block 46CN, offshore Vietnam, for US\$400m.

Advising Enterprize Energy Pte. Ltd on its strategic joint venture investment agreements in the Taiwanese offshore wind sector with Japan's Mitsui & Co

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Advising Namibian oil and gas explorer Azinam Ltd on its divestment to ExxonMobil Namibia Ltd of a 30% stake in Petroleum Exploration Licence 44 offshore Namibia.

Advising Burbo Extension Ltd on the sale of transmission assets of approximately £193m to Diamond Transmission Partners BBE Ltd

EDUCATION

1996 – 1998 · Nottingham Law School, Post-Graduate Diploma in Law and Legal Practice Course

1992 – 1995 · University of Leeds, BA in English

MEMBERSHIPS & ASSOCIATIONS

Association of International Petroleum Negotiators (AIPN)

INSIGHTS

WFW ADVISES LENDERS ON FINANCING FOR TRIDENT ENERGY'S ENTRY INTO THE REPUBLIC OF CONGO www.wfw.com/press/wfw-advises-lenders-on-financing-for-trident-energys-entry-into-the- republic-of-congo/
WFW ADVISES VATTENFALL ON SALE OF NORFOLK BOREAS AND NORFOLK VANGUARD OFFSHORE WIND FARM PROJECTS TO RWE www.wfw.com/press/wfw-advises-vattenfall-on-sale-of-norfolk-boreas-and-norfolk- vanguard-offshore-wind-farm-projects-to-rwe/
DEVELOPMENTS IN THE LONDON LISTING MARKETS: FINANCIAL SERVICES AND MARKETS ACT 2023 AND CHANGES TO UK FINANCIAL PROMOTION REGIME www.wfw.com/articles/developments-in-the-london-listing-markets-financial-services- and-markets-act-2023-and-changes-to-uk-financial-promotion-regime/
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