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Ryan is a partner in our corporate team and is based in Manchester. He was noted as a 'star in the making' by The Legal 500 in 2021. Ryan advises on all aspects of corporate law but has a particular focus on private equity transactions (acting for investors, investees and management teams) and complex international M&A.

Ryan has extensive experience preparing companies, shareholders and management teams for an exit. He is seen by many of his clients as an extension of their senior management team and is regularly used by his clients as a sounding board for strategic decisions, particularly those relating to incentivising senior employees, M&A, re-organisations and succession planning. He also supports a number of large corporates with their M&A strategy.

Ryan's practice covers various sectors but some of his notable clients on the private equity side include Palatine Private Equity, Maven Capital Partners and Apiary Capital and on the corporate side include Edit Agency, the CTS Group, Triangle Fire Systems and Access Creative College.

Before becoming a partner, he was shortlisted for "Lawyer of the Year" at the Insider North West Young Professionals Awards 2020, the Made In Manchester Awards 2020 and the JCI Manchester Young Talent Awards 2020. He has also produced some topical thought leadership articles on the pitfalls of vendor due diligence in the context of W&I insurance and how retentions could be unlocked by utilising insurance products.

Expertise

Services

Corporate

Mergers and acquisitions

Private equity services

Featured experience

YHA - two Northern hostel businesses

Advised on YHA acquisition of two Northern hostel businesses.

Apiary Capital

Advised Apiary Capital on Connect Managed Services and G3 Comms merger.

Apiary Capital with Bertram Nursery Group

Advised on second deal for Apiary Capital with Bertram Nursery Group buyout.

Clydesdale Bank Plc

Advised Clydesdale Bank Plc on MBO of Wigan based company PE Systems.

Testimonials

Clients

"I can finally relax now and take a deep breath. I can't thank the pair of you enough for your efforts. It's been absolute pleasure dealing with you both. Thank you to you both and the rest of the team at BJ."

Richard Watson, Managing Director and former shareholder of Interpart (UK) Limited

"You led us all through the maze of documents and associated negotiations with great skill and charm. You were firm but fair and you demonstrated endless patience with those, like us, who were way out of our depth. And you maintained a sense of humour - sometimes even fun! - throughout."

Richard and Judith Hazelhurst, Former shareholders in A Wilderness Way Limited

"We were impressed with how proactive and knowledgeable the Browne Jacobson team were throughout the transaction. They were also able to drawdown on their internal expertise when we had particular queries regarding the target's intellectual property. They ensured that we were able to meet challenging timescales that we set for completion of the transaction."

James Rosthorn, Senior Investment Manager at Maven Capital Partners

"Browne Jacobson were outstanding for us. Their work ethic, pragmatic approach, problem solving and pace enabled us to achieve great outcomes in a very demanding timeframe. I would whole heartedly recommend them!"

Carl Wong, Founder and former CEO and shareholder of LivingLens