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Marcus Young is a partner in King & Spalding's London office and a member of the firm's Mergers & Acquisitions practice. His practice is primarily focused on cross-border corporate transactions.

Marcus has substantial experience in structuring, negotiating and documenting mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, public takeovers and flotations. He has experience across a broad range of sectors, with a particular focus on oil and gas, pharmaceuticals, merchant acquiring/payments and infrastructure/transport.

He has significant expertise with respect to UK financial regulatory issues and regularly advises on corporate governance and compliance issues.

His equity capital markets practice covers a broad range of transactions from initial public offerings to secondary fund-raising on the Main Market of the London Stock Exchange and AIM.

In the 2014 edition of *The Legal 500 EMEA* Marcus was recommended for M&A and noted for his '*ability to focus on the most important aspects of the deal*'.

Matters

Advised **Polygon Global Partners LLP** on its unsolicited mandatory cash offer to acquire Watchstone Group Plc.

Advised **Schweitzer-Mauduit International** on its £400 million recommended cash offer to acquire Scapa Group Plc.

Advised **Scatec Solar ASA**, on its \$1.166 billion acquisition of SN Power AS, a leading hydropower developer and independent power producer.

Advised **Promethean LLP** on its recommended cash and share offer for Produce Investments Plc

Advised **Anexo Group PLC**, a professional services company, on its £110 million AIM IPO

Advised selling shareholders in **Athene Holding Ltd.** with respect to its \$1.24 billion IPO on the New York Stock Exchange.

Advised **Eddie Stobart Logistics Plc** on its £550 million IPO on AIM, its acquisitions of Speedy Freight and iForce, and on its subsequent rescue sale to DBAY Advisers.

Advised **Aldersgate Investments Limited** on its £2.4 billion sale of 49% of Global Switch and subsequent joint venture and related commercial arrangements.

Advised **GlaxoSmithKline** on its \$190 million acquisition of GlycoVaxyn AG and its €250 million acquisition of Okairos S.r.l.

Advised **Berjaya, Inc.** on its hostile (subsequently recommended) cash offer to acquire HR Owen Plc, the luxury car dealer.

Advised **Ocean Capital** on its acquisition of Church House Trust Bank from Virgin Money.

Advised **General Electric Company** on the \$314 million sale of its power rental business to power solutions provider APR Energy plc.

Advised **GE Aviation** on its joint venture with Accenture to create a global aircraft maintenance and flight operations business.

Advised **GlaxoSmithKline** on its £200 million acquisition of Toctino (alitretinoin) from Basilea Pharmaceutica Ltd.

Advised **UCB**, a biopharma company headquartered in Belgium and listed on Euronext, on the sale of Equasym® IR and Equasym® XL (methylphenidate HCl) for the treatment of ADHD to Shire Plc.

Advised **Arcapita Bank B.S.C.** (c) on the €412 million sale of its 80% interest in Shurgard Europe, a joint venture, to Public Storage.

Advised **Cooper Industries plc** on its recommended cash offer to acquire Mount Engineering Plc and on its acquisition of Hernis Scan Systems A/S.

Advised **UPS** in connection with its acquisition of Kiala SA, a company that provides convenient delivery options to consumers purchasing goods over the Internet.

Advised **GE Oil & Gas** on its joint venture with Al Shaheen Energy Services, a wholly owned subsidiary of Qatar Petroleum, with respect to GE Oil & Gas' PII Pipeline Solutions business.

Advised **Global Payments Inc.** in connection with its US\$800 million joint venture with HSBC Bank plc to provide payment processing services to merchants in the United Kingdom and internet merchants globally under the name HSBC Merchant Services, and on Global Payment's subsequent acquisition of HSBC's interest in the venture.

Advised **UPS** on the acquisition of Unsped Paket Servisi Sanayi ve Ticaret A.S. in Turkey and in the creation of a new joint venture headquartered in Dubai to coordinate management and growth of its express package, freight forwarding and contract logistics services across the Middle East, Turkey and portions of Central Asia.

Advised **SPI Partners Limited**, a subsidiary of the SUN Group, on its successful \$50 million hostile public takeover of AIM listed Platinum Mining Corporation of India.

Advised **The National Titanium Dioxide Co. Ltd.** on its US\$1.2 billion acquisition of the Millennium Inorganic Chemicals business from Lyondell Chemical Company.

Advised **TSYS Inc.** on the acquisition of Card Tech Services Ltd and on its joint venture with the Merchants Group Limited.

Advised **SUN Group** on the US\$536 million sale of its minority stake in Sun Interbrew Limited to InBev S.A.

Advised the **Swiss Stock Exchange** on its £34 million recommended offer for virt-x plc.

Advised Perpetual Plc on the recommended £1.2 billion cash and share offer by AMVESCAP plc.

Credentials

EDUCATION

B.A., University of Sussex, UK, honors

CPE, College of Law, London, UK

L.P.C., College of Law, London, UK

Insights

ARTICLE

September 20, 2021 • Source: Law360

The UK Reforms That Add Investor Allure To SPACs

May 17, 2021 • Source: Governance + Compliance Magazine

Paying Attention

November 10, 2020 • Source: Law360

Contractual Takeaways From Payment Providers Ruling

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Events

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENT

March 13, 2019

Justin King, Spencer Johnson, Marcus Young to Speak on Electronic Transactions Association's Spotlight Call: FinTech M&A

WEBINAR

May 7, 2020

Brexit and Its Effect on Regulation and Transactions in the Pharmaceutical and Medical Device Industries

News

CASES & DEALS

March 30, 2021

Neotys sells 100% of its share capital and voting rights to Tricentis

IN THE NEWS

September 1, 2021 • Source: IFLR

Marcus Young quoted in profile examining how the proposed changes to UK listing rules might make the UK a more competitive place to list in relation to other global hubs

April 14, 2021 • Source: Global Legal Chronicle

K&S counsels Neotys on its deal with Tricentis

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