

Simpson Thacher Announces Addition of English Law Qualified M&A Partner Derek Baird



Derek Baird

LONDON/NEW YORK – NOVEMBER 8, 2012 – Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP announced today that Derek Baird will join the Firm as a Partner in the Corporate Practice of its London office. Mr. Baird is currently the Global Co-head of Allen & Overy's Private Equity sector group.

Mr. Baird's practice focuses on mergers and acquisitions, particularly private equity transactions. He has represented a number of leading private equity firms on domestic and cross-border leveraged buyouts, public to private transactions and exits.

"We are delighted to welcome Derek to the Firm," said Pete Ruegger, Chairman of Simpson Thacher's Executive Committee. "Derek's experience and recognized expertise fit well with our highly regarded mergers and acquisitions and acquisition finance practices. His addition will enhance our ability to offer outstanding legal services to our clients in the United Kingdom, continental Europe and throughout the world."

"Derek is an excellent addition to our thriving London M&A practice," added Gregory W. Conway, Managing Partner of Simpson Thacher's London office. "His mergers and acquisitions experience, particularly in private equity related transactions, complements that of our outstanding team in London."

Simpson Thacher is consistently ranked as one of the world's leading mergers and acquisitions advisors. The Firm offers its clients the skill and insight developed by representing M&A participants globally in virtually all capacities under U.S., English and Hong Kong law. The Firm's M&A attorneys are regularly retained in all types of negotiated transactions, including mergers, stock and asset purchases, restructurings, spin-offs, joint ventures, minority investments and private equity transactions, as well as contested acquisitions and proxy fights.

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