

## Ben Higson

Partner  
London



### Biography

Ben Higson has been immersed in mergers and acquisitions, and the intersecting sectors of energy, natural resources and infrastructure and diversified industrials, since he qualified as a lawyer.

Now highly-rated by *Legal 500*, which describes him as “excellent: commercially aware, pragmatic and strategic”, and described as a “corporate rising star” by *Legal Business* and “definitely one to watch” by *The Lawyer*, clients come to Ben for the depth and breadth of his experience and knowledge in domestic and international deals, across the full range of structures, including public and private deals, financial investor investments and exits, joint ventures and strategic alliances and complex commercial contracts. In addition, he has particular experience helping Japanese clients with their deals outside Japan.

The firm's partners elected Ben on to the firm's global management board in May 2014 and re-elected him in 2017; and, since July 2014, Ben has been a member of our international corporate practice leadership committee and led our corporate practice in London.

### Representative experience

Asahi on its £250m acquisition of Fuller, Smith & Turner plc's entire beer and cider business.

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### Languages

English  
French

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### Practices

Aviation Law  
Commercial  
Corporate  
Corporate Governance  
Infrastructure, Energy, Resources,  
and Projects  
Joint Ventures  
Mergers and Acquisitions  
Private Equity

GE Healthcare on the sale of GE Healthcare Dharmacon, Inc. to AIM-listed Horizon Discovery Group plc.

Martello, a Dublin-based leader in global aviation asset management and financial and technology solutions, on the sale of the Stellwagen Group to Acasta Enterprises (Canada).

Kuwait Petroleum International on its acquisition of the Italian downstream petroleum business of Shell.

Citi Infrastructure Investors and InfraCapital on their interests in the Yorkshire Water group.

Mitsubishi Heavy Industries on its global joint ventures in metals machinery technology (with Siemens) wind turbines (with Vestas) and thermal power (with Hitachi).

Mitsubishi Motors on its disposal of NedCar (the largest car plant in Holland).

Chiyoda Corporation on its acquisition of Xodus group, a global oilfield services business.

Brookfield Infrastructure on its €1bn acquisition, together with Abertis Infrastructure, of one of Brazil's major toll road operators.

Citi Infrastructure Investors on its US\$1.5bn acquisition of D.P. World's Australian port terminals business and the related joint venture and management arrangements.

ExxonMobil on its US\$1.75bn disposal of the North Sea assets of Mobil North Sea to Apache Corporation.

Principal corporate advisor to The Crown Estate in relation to its offshore energy portfolio.

## Latest thinking and events

- Hogan Lovells Publications
  - What dealmakers need to know about the UK election result and its impact on UK investing in 2020

Securities and Public Company Advisory

Transportation

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## Industries

Consumer

Diversified Industrials

Energy and Natural Resources

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## Areas of focus

Buy Outs

Capital Markets and Tax

Co-investments

Commodities Trading

Company Formation

Corporate Group Structures

IERP Dispute Resolution

Distressed Asset Management, Refinancing, and Restructuring

Emerging Companies and Venture Capital

Engineering, Procurement, Construction, and Supply Chain

Exits

M&A and Joint Ventures

Mining and Resources: Mining

Mining and Resources: Sales and Trading

Water

Power: Nuclear Power

Power: Renewable Power

- Press Releases
  - Hogan Lovells advises Asahi on its £250 million acquisition of the entire premium beer business of Fuller, Smith & Turner
- Hogan Lovells Events
  - Going Global 2017
- Press Releases
  - Hogan Lovells Advises Stellwagen on sale to Acasta
- Hogan Lovells Events
  - Going Global 2016
- Press Releases
  - Hogan Lovells has won Legal 500 UK Firm of the Year for Corporate and Commercial

Power: Thermal Power

Power: Transmission, Storage, Sales, and Trading

Project Finance, DFI, ECA, and Sovereign Wealth Finance

Raising Equity Capital

Risk Management, Governance, and Compliance

Secondaries

Secondary Markets and Secondaries

Stock Exchange Listings and Regulatory Compliance

Shareholder Activism

Public Company Mergers and Acquisitions

Cross-border Mergers and Acquisitions

Carve-outs, Spin-offs, and Split-offs

Hostile Takeovers and Takeover Defense

Special Committee and Independent Director Representations

Joint Ventures and Strategic Alliances

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## Education and admissions

### Education

Distinction, Oxford Institute of Legal Practice

LL.B., University of Bristol

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## Memberships

International Bar Association

City of London Law Society

Russo-British Chamber of  
Commerce

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## Bar admissions and qualifications

Solicitor, England and Wales

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## Accolades

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