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Public and private clients, across a wide variety of sectors, welcome Rob's diversity of experience and ability to analyze their businesses from a practical perspective as they explore new avenues for capital raising, execute on complex cross-border transactions, and govern their organizations.

Robert Ardern, a partner in Alston & Bird's London office, is a member of the firm's Corporate & Business Transactions Group. He focuses his practice on international and domestic corporate finance transactions.

He advises both public and private companies and financial sponsors across multiple sectors on a broad range of complex cross-border mergers and acquisitions, capital raising, joint ventures, carve-outs, restructurings, corporate governance, and other general corporate advisory matters.

Before joining the firm, Rob was a managing associate at a London-headquartered Magic Circle law firm, where he practiced in London and Amsterdam, and served on secondment to IFM Investors and the Natwest Group.

Robert has been recognized by *MergerLinks* as being amongst the UK's top up-and-coming corporate lawyers most active on UK listing authority deals.

Robert received his B.A. in jurisprudence, with honors, from St Edmund Hall, University of Oxford.

Representative Experience

- Represented a Thai conglomerate on its \$10.6 billion acquisition of a UK-based multinational grocery and general merchandiser's Thai and Malaysian operations.
- Represented a U.S. multinational financial technology company on its successful multijurisdictional competitive auction bid to acquire a European payments business.
- Represented a UK-based food delivery service on its €9 billion merger with a Dutch online food ordering service.
- Represented a U.S. health care marketing company on its acquisition of a UK health care PR group.
- Represented a U.S. private equity sponsor on a \$44 million Series A investment round into a UK sanctions business.
- Represented a Swiss financial services company on its CHF3 billion auction sale of its payment services division to a French payments and transactional services company.
- Represented a U.S. health care company on its acquisition of a UK healthtech business.

- Represented a U.S. industrial company on a multi-jurisdictional European reorganization.
- Represented a semiconductor manufacturer on its \$600 million business sale and IP license to a major multinational technology company.
- Represented an automotive technology company on its \$230 million Series A capital raise.
- Represented a U.S. private capital investor in the establishment of a cross-border southern European renewables joint venture.
- Represented a global online social media company on its participation in a Series E capital raise for a German-based music streaming company.
- Represented an infrastructure investment firm on its acquisition and subsequent £612 million sale of a smart metering business.
- Represented a technology company in its \$350 million sale of its embedded computer vision business to a UK-based semiconductor and software design company.
- Represented a home builder on its £1.1 billion acquisition of a construction company's housing and regeneration businesses.

Education

- University of Law (L.P.C., 2010)
- University of Oxford (B.A., 2008)

Admitted to Practice

- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales