

Simpson Thacher Adds M&A Partner in London

London and New York—October 30, 2025—Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP has today announced that M&A Partner Nick Appleton will join the Firm’s London office in the Corporate Practice.

“Nick is an extremely talented and highly regarded lawyer with a wealth of experience advising top-tier financial sponsors on strategically significant M&A deals,” said James R. Howe, co-head of Simpson Thacher’s European M&A group. “Nick’s expertise incorporates a broad range of capabilities, and we’re confident he’ll be an asset to our European Corporate Practice,” said co-head of Simpson Thacher’s European M&A group, Geoff Bailhache.

Nick is a private equity M&A lawyer with an established practice advising the world’s leading private equity sponsors on high-profile mandates. His practice incorporates the structuring of private equity transactions, leveraged buyouts, commercial contracts and general corporate advisory matters. He joins from Kirkland & Ellis LLP.

“Simpson Thacher’s best-in-class private equity M&A team has been instrumental in shaping the Firm’s cross-border capabilities for decades,” said European Managing Partner, Wheatly MacNamara. “The addition of Nick will complement our robust and thriving European M&A Practice, and we welcome him to the Firm.”

Nick’s move follows a number of recent London partner hires at Simpson Thacher. Securitization Partner Rick Hanson joined the finance and capital markets group in July, while Funds Partners Sam Brooks and Jo Mak joined the Firm in September.

Simpson Thacher has built the world’s preeminent private equity platform that advises clients on the full PE lifecycle. With a wealth of experience steering a wide range of M&A transactions across the U.S., U.K., Latin America, Europe and Asia, our lawyers partner with clients through the entire lifecycle of the transaction from planning to execution and all of the intricacies in between. The team has advised on many of the most prominent transactions of the past several decades as well as on deals with an aggregate value of more than \$1.5 trillion from 2020—2024 alone (*Bloomberg*).

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