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Summary

Christina is a Partner in the London Corporate group. Christina specialises in corporate and commercial work, including cross-border and domestic mergers, acquisitions and disposals, joint ventures, corporate restructurings and general corporate advice in the maritime, transportation and energy sectors.

Experience

Christina's relevant experience includes advising:

- SMT Holding SA on its acquisition through a new UK subsidiary, Services Machinery & Trucks Ltd, of Volvo Construction Equipment's GB dealership, including all distribution rights for Volvo-branded construction equipment machines, parts and aftersales, its Cambridgeshire headquarters and most of its other assets, as well as the transfer of all its UK employees.
- General Maritime Corporation on its merger with Navig8 Crude Tankers, creating one of the world's largest owners of very large crude carriers.
- HP Shipping Ltd on a sale and leaseback transaction with All Leisure Group, the AIM listed cruise operator in relation to the Hebridean Princess (the luxury cruise liner that was chartered by HM Queen Elizabeth II on her 80th birthday).
- A Japanese food manufacturer and supplier in relation to several investments in the UK food market (including legal due diligence, drafting and negotiating transaction and commercial services documents and working in parallel with the client's other advisers, including financial advisers).
- German private equity investor Aurelius AG, and its portfolio group company Getronics, on the cross-border acquisition of the value added sales activities of the Unified Communications business within the NEC Group in the UK, Spain, Portugal and Switzerland.
- A group of investors in relation to an investment in a fashion business (including legal due diligence, the investment agreement and the employment arrangements).
- NYK and Sovcomflot on a joint venture for the construction, ownership and financing of two LNG vessels for the Sakhalin II project.
- MOL on its joint venture with Leif Hoegh for the supply of shuttle and regasification vessels for the

Neptune project.

- K-Line on a joint venture to supply LNG vessels in connection with the Indonesian Tangguh project.
- MPC Capital, one of the German KG houses, in relation to an equity investment in a project in Brazil for construction of a semi-submersible drilling unit and long term chartering of the unit to Petrobras at a total project cost of about US\$600m.
- A large Swedish bank on a series of cross-border leasing subsidiary divestments.
- A German renewable company on the disposal of certain PV projects in the UK.
- Isuzu Motors (Tokyo) in relation to the acquisition of Isuzu Truck (UK) Ltd, including advising on the sale and purchase agreements, undertaking the legal due diligence and advising on all related property, employment and intellectual property issues.
- DONG Energy on the sale of: (i) a 49% stake in the Gunfleet Sands offshore wind farm; and (ii) a 24.8% stake in the Walney offshore wind farm and the related arrangements, including advising on the sale and purchase agreements and joint venture documents, together with the related pre-sale reorganisation of the relevant part of the UK group.

Author/Speaker/Awards

- Recommended in *Legal 500* 2014 (M&A mid-market deals).

Employment Record

- 2006 – present: Watson Farley & Williams, London, Partner
- 1997 – 2006: Watson Farley & Williams, London, Associate
- 1995 – 1997: Watson Farley & Williams, London, Trainee