


## Philip Watkins

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### Philip is a partner in the corporate team.

Philip is a senior practitioner in corporate and commercial law, with particular emphasis on cross-border mergers and acquisitions, sophisticated private equity transactions, takeovers, strategic investments, joint ventures, restructurings, refinancing, buyouts and exit strategies.

Over his extensive career, Philip has built a reputation as a trusted M&A counsel to corporates, family offices and private equity investors both in the UK and internationally, across a wide range of industries. His expertise spans the media and telecommunications, retail, hospitality and leisure, education, luxury brands and fashion, technology and financial services sectors. Philip's long-term clients include leading private equity house Inflexion, the Middle East's largest integrated media group Rotana, hotel sector disrupter Oyo Rooms, luxury hotel brand Vous Hotels & Retreats, global shoemaker Clarks, and the international higher education provider Galileo Global Education.

For close to 25 years Philip has developed an active pro-bono and charity practice and has considerable experience advising high-profile UK charities and not-for-profit organisations including the Roundhouse Trust, the Design Museum, The Saturday Club Trust, the Creative Industries Federation, Blood Cancer UK and Rambert School of Ballet and Contemporary Dance.

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## Admissions

England and Wales, 2000

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## Education

University of Oxford, M&A and BA modern languages

College of Law - CPE and LPC

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## Languages

English

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## Key dates

Year joined: 2022

Year became partner: 2022

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