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Ben advises on a wide range of corporate matters, with a focus on M&A on behalf of VC-backed companies, as well as private equity and growth capital fundraisings.

He acts for investors and high-growth companies on acquisitions, minority investments, leveraged buyouts, exits, buy-and-build strategies and restructurings, typically with a transatlantic element.

Ben advises on transactions covering a range of sectors, with a particular interest in software and other technology-related investments. He also has significant experience advising strategic and financial investors on complex domestic and cross-border M&A and joint ventures.

Ben's representative matters include advising:

- **Nord Security**, the makers of NordVPN, on its two \$100+ million financing rounds led by Warburg Pincus and Novator Ventures respectively, most recently at a valuation of \$3 billion
- **Snyk** in connection with its acquisitions of Enso Security, Fugue, TopCoat, CloudSkiff, FossID, Manifold and DeepCode
- **Kpler** on its more than \$200 million strategic growth investment from Insight Partners and Five Arrows, as well as in connection with its acquisitions of ClipperData, JBC Energy, COR-e, MarineTraffic and FleetMon
- **Fordhouse** on its investment in Zenzero, buy-and-build strategy and subsequent exit to Macquarie Capital
- **CovertSwarm** on its investment from Beech Tree Private Equity
- **Unchained Labs** on its acquisition of Blacktrace Holdings
- **TradingHub** on its investment from Summit Partners
- **Uber** on its joint venture with Yandex and its reorganization of Careem into separate ride-hailing and super app business units in connection with a \$400 million investment by e&
- **Zephr** on its agreement to sell to Zuora
- **UiPath** in connection with its acquisition of Re:infer
- Investors in **MiroBio** on its agreement to sell to Gilead for approximately \$405 million
- **iProov** on its \$70 million growth investment from Sumeru Equity Partners
- **Chegg** in connection with its acquisition of Busuu for approximately \$436 million
- **Sense Biodetection** on its combination with Sherlock Biosciences

- **Quantifeed** on its acquisition of Alpima
- **Unmind** on its acquisition of Frankie Health
- **Wagestream** in connection with its acquisition of Earnd Australia
- **Humio** on its agreement to sell to CrowdStrike for approximately \$400 million
- **Decibel** on its agreement to sell to Medallia for approximately \$160 million
- **Burda Principal Investments** on the buyout of Notonthehighstreet by Great Hill Partners
- **Société Jacques Bollinger** in connection with its investment in BI Wines and Spirits
- **Inflexion Private Equity Partners** in connection with its tertiary buyout of Aspen Pumps from 3i*
- **Park Place Technologies**, a portfolio company of GTCR, in connection with its add-on acquisitions of MCSA Group and Entuity*
- **The Riverside Company** in connection with the formation of the Netwatch Global Group through the simultaneous acquisitions of Netwatch, National Monitoring Center, Onwatch Multifire and CalAtlantic*
- **Bain Capital Credit** and **Canyon Partners** in connection with their sale of the QHotels portfolio for \$706 million*
- **L1 Retail** in connection with its \$2.25 billion acquisition of Holland & Barrett from The Carlyle Group*
- **Index Ventures** in connection with the sale of MetaPack to Stamps.com for \$230 million*
- The management team of **NewDay** in connection with the sale of the company to Cinven and CVC Capital Partners for \$1.2 billion*

* *Transaction handled prior to joining Cooley*

Ben joined Cooley in 2020. He was recommended in The Legal 500 as a next-generation partner for private equity transactions and was named a rising star of private equity in the London market by Legal Week in 2018.

Education

BPP University Law School

Legal Practice Course, with distinction, 2005; Graduate Diploma in Law, 2004,

Peterhouse, Cambridge University

MA, 2003

Admissions & Credentials

England and Wales

Rankings & Accolades

Legal 500: Next Generation Partner for Private Equity Transactions (2021)

Legal Week: Rising Star – Private Equity in the London Market (2018)