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Mergers and Acquisitions

Private Equity

Venture Capital

Emerging Companies

Joe advises on corporate law with a focus on M&A, private equity and venture capital, advising sponsors and management teams on domestic and cross-border transactions. Joe advises clients on a wide range of matters, including acquisitions, exits, secondary buyouts, investments into founder-led businesses and joint ventures. He has also been seconded to work as legal counsel with primary execution responsibility for a private equity and venture capital investor.

Joe qualified at Jones Day in September 2017 and joined Cooley in May 2021.

Representative matters include advising:

- **Nord Security**, the maker of NordVPN, on its \$100 million financing round led by Novator Ventures, at a valuation of \$1.6 billion
- **Contentsquare**, on its acquisition of Hotjar, a digital analytics tool that monitors customer engagement actions and provides insights into user behavior
- **Universe Software**, on its spin-out and acquisition of the Appointfix business from Mobiversal
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- **True**, a private equity and venture capital investor focusing on the retail, consumer and leisure sectors, in connection with their acquisition of Hush Homewear, a leading UK homewear retailer*
- **Goldman Sachs** in connection with the £4.66 billion sale of UK focused iQ Student Accommodation portfolio and business to Blackstone*
- **Hansteen Holdings PLC** in connection with their £500 million recommended cash acquisition by Blackstone*
- **J.F. Lehman**, a private equity investor focusing on the aerospace, defense, maritime, government, and environmental sectors, in connection with their acquisition of Global Marine Group*
- **True** in connection with their seed round investments into FunnelAI, ThirdEye and Jump Staff*
- **StepStone Group** in connection with the formation of a joint venture with Activum SG to acquire a portfolio of residential and commercial real estate assets in Germany and Spain*
- **CVC Capital Partners** in connection with their \$703 million acquisition of Teva Pharmaceutical Industries' Women's Health division*
- **The Riverside Company** in connection with their acquisition of a group of companies trading under the

"Bright & Beautiful" brand*

- **Ferro Corporation** in connection with its acquisition of Electro-Science Laboratories*

Transaction handled prior to joining Cooley

Education

BPP University Law School

London Legal Practice Course with distinction, 2015

University College London

LLM, 2014

Oxford University

BA (Hons), 2013

Admissions & Credentials

England and Wales