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**Overview**

Jonathan Lang is our Head of Africa Strategy and a member of our Partnership Board. He is responsible for our Africa strategy and the development of our offices, relationships and business on the continent. In this role he has taken the lead in establishing our offices outside South Africa. He also championed the development and roll-out of our new brand – BOWMANS – across all our offices in Africa, which we launched in September 2016.

He specialises in mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, privatisations and equity capital markets advising corporates and financial institutions investing in Africa. He advised Philip Morris International on its acquisition of Swedish Match in South Africa and McDonald's Corporation in connection with the 20 year master franchise for South Africa granted to Cyril Ramaphosa and Shanduka Group. He advised Standard Bank on the acquisition of a majority stake in Nigerian bank IBTC Chartered and advised Barclays Bank on the disposal of its custody business in nine African countries to Standard Chartered Bank. He is our relationship partner for WPP Group and the Virgin group.

Before joining Bowmans, Jonathan was a partner at a UK magic circle law firm. Jonathan is qualified as a solicitor in England and Wales and Hong Kong and has lived in South Africa since 2004.

**Experience**

- Best Lawyers in South Africa 2017: Corporate Law
- Chambers Global ranked Jonathan in Band 3 for Corporate M&A Africa-wide
- Jonathan is ranked as a leading lawyer by Chambers Global and by IFLR 1000.

*"Jonathan Lang is head of Africa at the firm and is commended for his depth of knowledge in advising South African and international clients on corporate finance mandates on the continent." One source said: "For pan-African legal work I rate him highly – he really has an extensive knowledge of Africa.""* – **Chambers and Partners.**

**Publications & Insights**

- [Bilateral Investment Treaties – a shield or a sword?](#)
- [M&A activity in Africa to lead the way: Investor confidence in the continent is at an all-time high](#)
- [South Africa as a base for expansion into Africa?](#)