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Overview

James Westgate is a partner in the Corporate Department at Bowmans Johannesburg office.

He is experienced in a number of legal areas with a focus on corporate transactions, including private equity, cross-border mergers and acquisitions (M&A), due diligence, acquisition and structured finance and general corporate advice.

James spent six months abroad during a secondment to Maitland & Co in London.

His expertise has been recognised by various international research organisations including *IFLR1000* (M&A).

Experience

- Mergers and acquisitions, including local and cross-border transactions
- Private equity
- Acquisition finance
- General corporate and commercial law

Experience Highlights

- Convergence in respect of the acquisition of a significant stake in FibreCo; restructuring of shareholding arrangements in VGG; and subscription to shares in Snapt; investment into DarkFibre and Vumatel
- Standard Chartered Private Equity Mauritius III in respect of the Afrifresh restructure and disposal; acquisition of a strategic stake in Choppies
- South Suez Capital Limited in respect of the establishment of its South Suez Africa Fund II; advised South Suez on its co-investment (with the Abraaj Group) in Fan Milk, Nigeria and its co-investment (with Actis) into a retail property development in Abuja
- Ethos in its acquisition of a stake in Eaton Towers; disposal of Idwala
- Rockwood in its disposal of Tsebo

James' expertise has been recognised by IFLR1000 in M&A, 2011.

Publications & Insights

- [Auction sales grow in popularity as an M&A tool](#)