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ABOUT

Sam is an experienced banking lawyer and heads up Acuity's Real Estate Finance division.

He advises financial institutions, developers, investors and listed corporates on real estate finance transactions in the UK and Europe.

His work covers investment and development financings, across all asset types and all tiers of debt. He has extensive experience in relation to the hotel, student accommodation, office, industrial, retail and residential asset classes, and regularly works on complicated mixed-use transactions.

His other areas of expertise include insurance-related finance, debt restructuring, acquisition finance and general corporate lending.

Prior to joining Acuity Law, he worked for Magic Circle and leading City law firms in London, Australia and China. He is noted as being a "great professional" and "very technical" in The Legal 500.

EXPERTISE

- Real estate finance
- Real estate development
- Debt restructuring
- Insurance-related finance
- Acquisition finance

WORK

- Acting for a private bank on the £120m financing of a residential development project in west London.
- Acting for a challenger bank on the financing of residential development and care home projects around the UK in aggregate debt value of £150m.
- Acting for a UK bank on the £30m financing of a London hotel and the £35m financing of student accommodation in Hampshire.
- Acting for a leading London property developer on the £135m financing for the development of a new commercial, retail and residential estate in east London and the £43m senior and mezzanine financing for the development of a block of high-end residential units in north London.

- Acting for an Asian property developer on the £110m financing for the redevelopment of a mixed use office, residential and retail site in central London.
- Acting for a large asset management company on the £80m senior and mezzanine refinancing of a portfolio of London office properties and regional industrial estates. Acting for a luxury hotel group on its group restructuring and the associated refinancing by way of a £180m credit facility.
- Acting for an Asian property investment company in relation to the £25m refinancing of a portfolio of industrial estates located throughout the UK.