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Sebastian Clark is a trainee solicitor in the firm's London office. Prior to becoming a trainee, he acted as a corporate paralegal, helping the U.K. Capital Markets and Restructuring and Insolvency teams across several transactions, including the listing of a SPAC on the AQUIS growth market and the subsequent reverse takeover.

SERVICES AND INDUSTRIES

Capital Markets

BACKGROUND

Prior to joining Armstrong Teasdale, Sebastian was a compliance/KYC paralegal at a European real estate consultancy. Before that, he was a paralegal/junior compliance officer at a private wealth management firm.

EDUCATION

- BPP University Law School (Graduate Diploma in Law, 2019)
- Durham University (B.A., *Hons*, 2018)
 - Archaeology and Ancient Civilisations

EXPERIENCE

Advised AQSE-Quoted Silverwood Brands in Multimillion-Pound Acquisitions of Lush Stake and Sonotas

Advised AQSE-quoted Silverwood Brands Plc in connection with its acquisition of minority stakes in Lush, a British skincare and cosmetics manufacturer and retailer, for approximately £216.8 million, as well as with the conditional acquisition of the Sonotas Group, a Japan-based skincare manufacturer, for approximately £18 million (Japanese ¥ 3,042.2 million).

Advised Silverwood Brands Plc on Equity and Debt Fundraising of £6 Million

Advised AQSE-quoted Silverwood Brands Plc as a part of its equity and debt fundraising of £6 million (**Fundraising**) announced on 13 October 2022. The team acted for Silverwood in connection with an unsecured loan facility with Castelnau Group Limited, a closed-ended investment company trading on the Specialist Fund Segment of the London Stock Exchange (**Castelnau**), for approximately £4.4 million. In addition, Castelanu agreed to subscribe for 2,285,715 new ordinary shares at a price of 70p per share in Silverwood, amounting to an aggregate of £1.6 million. The full loan facility was drawdown to enable completion of the acquisition of Nailberry by Silverwood.

Joan Yu (Partner and head of U.K. Capital Markets) led the transaction, assisted by

Solicitor Cameron Sutton (qualified in Western Australia) and Trainee Solicitor Sebastian Clark.

Advised Silverwood Brands Plc on Debt Facility

Advised AQSE-quoted Silverwood Brands Plc on a debt facility. The team acted for Silverwood in connection with an unsecured convertible loan facility of £1.5 million with Castelnau Group Limited, the closed-ended investment company trading on the Specialist Fund Segment of the London Stock Exchange, for general working capital purposes.

Joan Yu (Partner and head of U.K. Capital Markets) led the transaction, assisted by Solicitor Cameron Sutton (qualified in Western Australia) and Trainee Solicitor Sebastian Clark.

Advised on Equity Fundraising for Samarkand Group Plc

Advised AQSE-quoted Samarkand Group Plc, a cross-border e-commerce technology, services and consumer brand group, on a new fundraising by way of an open offer of new ordinary shares. Samarkand is listed on the APEX segment of the Aquis Stock Exchange Growth Market. The fundraising was successful, with the new ordinary shares admitted to trading on 26 September 2022.

Joan Yu (Partner and head of U.K. Capital Markets) led the transaction, assisted by Solicitor Cameron Sutton (qualified in Western Australia) and Trainee Solicitor Sebastian Clark.

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

October 13, 2022

U.K. Regulators Send a Message on Market Abuse Regulation Failings

October 3, 2022

U.K. Quarterly Corporate Update, September 2022