

## Richard Diffenthal

Partner  
London

### Biography

Richard has a wealth of experience across the full range of corporate practices, including equity capital markets, joint ventures and corporate advisory work, concentrating on mergers and acquisitions (both private and public, domestic and cross border) as well as corporate restructurings. Richard's practice is focused on clients in the Technology, Media and Telecoms ('TMT') and Financial Services sectors.

Richard has spent time on secondment to SOFTBANK CORP. in Tokyo where he was part of the team that advised on the establishment of Alibaba Japan, as well as a joint venture with China Mobile and Vodafone, as well as McKinsey & Company, Inc. in London. During and after the financial crisis, Richard worked on a number of cutting edge restructurings for a range of traditional lenders and non-bank lenders. More recently Richard has been combining his TMT and financial services experience to advise clients in London's rapidly growing Fintech scene and has been identified as an 'Associate to Watch' in the 2016 Edition of *Chambers & Partners UK Guide*.

### Representative experience

News Corp. on its acquisition of Unruly.

Monitise Plc on its joint venture with Santander to



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### Languages

English  
French  
Spanish

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### Practices

Corporate  
Corporate Governance  
Joint Ventures  
Mergers and Acquisitions  
Securities and Public Company  
Advisory

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### Industries

create a fintech incubator / accelerator.

ITV plc on its acquisition of TwoFour Group.

Monitise Plc on a private placing to strategic investors and its recent strategic review (including a formal sales process under the Takeover Code).

MAPFRE in connection with its acquisition of Direct Line's German and Italian businesses.

Suramericana on its pending acquisition of RSA Insurance Group plc's LATAM businesses.

21st Century Fox on its joint venture with Apollo to create a leading global multi-platform provider.

Ivanhoé Cambridge on the disposal of a pan-European hotel portfolio.

## Awards and rankings

- "Associate to Watch", *Chambers & Partners*, 2016
- Mergermarket Young Dealmaker of the Year, 2011

## Latest thinking and events

- Events
  - London Tech Week 2019 - "Yeah, we gotta take the power back"
- Sponsorships and Speaking Engagements
  - Consensus 2019
- Hogan Lovells Events
  - Exciting Trends in Japanese Tech M&A
- Press Releases
  - Hogan Lovells advises Dr Timo Schlaefter and other key shareholders of Crypto Research Limited on its sale to Kraken
- Events
  - Silicon Valley M&A Forum
- Press Releases
  - Monzo's series E funding opened to its community

Consumer

Financial Institutions

TMT

Life Sciences and Health Care

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## Areas of focus

Emerging Companies and Venture Capital

Public Company Mergers and Acquisitions

Cross-border Mergers and Acquisitions

Carve-outs, Spin-offs, and Split-offs

Hostile Takeovers and Takeover Defense

Special Committee and Independent Director Representations

Joint Ventures and Strategic Alliances

Shareholder Activism

Getting the Deal Through: Automotive 2018

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## Education and admissions

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B.A. (Jurisprudence), University of Oxford

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## Accolades

'Richard Diffenthal is singled out by

of customers in UK's largest fintech crowdround

sources as 'outstanding.'

*Chambers UK 2016*

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