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# Private Equity and M&A Partner to Join Paul, Weiss in London

**New York and London, November 18, 2025** — Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP announced today that Francesca Storey-Harris will be joining the firm as a partner in the Mergers & Acquisitions and Private Equity groups within the Corporate Department, resident in London. Storey-Harris advises private equity sponsors and corporate clients across a broad range of transactions, with a focus on private and public company M&A and cross-border deals.

"We are thrilled to welcome Francesca, a skilled private equity and M&A lawyer, to our partnership," said Paul, Weiss Chairman Brad S. Karp. "Her significant experience representing leading private equity firms and private and public companies will further strengthen our ability to advise our clients on their most consequential matters in the UK, Europe and beyond."

"I am excited to once again work alongside Francesca when she joins our growing London team," said Roger Johnson, global co-chair of the M&A practice and co-head of the London office. "She will bring notable expertise across corporate transactions, having advised on some of the most critical European M&A and private equity deals of the last few years."

"Francesca has a superb reputation for her work in the world of M&A, and we couldn't be happier to her join our practice," said Dan Schuster-Woldan, head of European Public M&A.

Storey-Harris has represented major private equity firms and their portfolio companies on numerous acquisitions, investments and other significant transactions, including Thoma Bravo on its acquisition of Darktrace, its investment in LOGEX and the acquisition by its portfolio company, J.D. Power, of AutoVista; Blackstone on its acquisition of Hipgnosis, its partnership with Hipgnosis Songs Capital to acquire music catalogues and its acquisition of a majority stake in VFS Global; EQT on its acquisition of Dechra Pharmaceuticals via an EQT-led consortium; Brookfield on its acquisition of Hibernia REIT; and Energy Capital Partners on its combination with Bridgepoint Group. She has also represented J.M. Huber on its sale of CP Kelco to Tate & Lyle.

Storey-Harris has been recognized as a "Rising Star" and as a "Next Generation Partner" in upper mid-market and premium M&A by *The Legal 500 UK*. She earned an M.A., with Triple First Class Honors, and a M.Phil, with Distinction, from Newnham College at the University of Cambridge, and a Graduate Diploma in Law from BPP Law School. She is admitted as a solicitor in England and Wales.

The Paul, Weiss Mergers & Acquisitions Practice works with leading private equity firms and many of the world's largest, most prominent publicly traded and privately held

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companies, as well as financial advisors and other financial institutions and investors, on the full range of business-critical transactions. The firm's Private Equity Group, in particular, represents private equity firms across a wide spectrum of investment strategies.

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