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Paul, Weiss To Add Private Equity M&A Partners in London

New York and London, October 19, 2026 — Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP announced today that Max Oppenheimer and Jamie MacDonagh will join the firm as partners in the Private Equity M&A Group within the Corporate Department, resident in London. Oppenheimer and MacDonagh advise private equity sponsors and corporate clients on the full range of private equity, and public and private company M&A transactions. They join the firm following the recent addition of a team of six private equity lawyers in the U.S., including Christopher Machera, the former co-head of another international law firm's private equity group, further establishing the firm as one of the preeminent advisors to global private equity sponsors.

"Max is widely regarded as a private equity M&A star, with deep experience advising major sponsors on some of their most significant transactions in Europe," said Neel Sachdev, vice chair of the firm and co-head of the London office. "He and Jamie will further strengthen our global M&A platform and add to the 14 M&A partners in London, and we are delighted to welcome them both to the firm."

"We are proud of the global private equity platform we have built to bring clients the best advice on their most sophisticated transactions," said Matthew Abbott, vice chair of the firm and global co-chair of the M&A practice. "The addition of Max and Jamie comes on the heels of top-notch partner arrivals in the U.S. and further cements our strength."

"Max and Jamie's sophisticated transactional practice spans the full spectrum of private equity, and public and private company M&A dealmaking," said Roger Johnson, global co-chair of the M&A practice and co-head of the London office. "We are thrilled to have them join us in London."

Oppenheimer and MacDonagh have worked on domestic and cross-border acquisitions, disposals, complex carve-outs, growth equity, structured equity, minority investments, joint ventures and take-privates.

Oppenheimer's recent representations include advising Lone Star Funds on multiple transactions, including its acquisition of ContiTech from Continental AG, its sale of Novo Banco to BPCE, its sale of MBCC Group to Sika, and its acquisition and subsequent sale of Stark Group to CVC; General Atlantic on multiple transactions, including its strategic partnership with Kiwi.com and its investment in PropertyFinder; and KLAR Partners on its investment in the Ventro group.

Oppenheimer was recognized by *Chambers UK* as "Up and Coming" in 2026 for its Private Equity: Buyouts: £500 million and above category and by *The Legal 500* as a Leading Partner in 2026 for its Private Equity: Transactions – High-Value Deals category. He was

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also featured in *The Lawyer's* “Hot 100” list in 2026 and by *Law.com International* in its “40 under 40: The Rising Stars in Private Equity” list in 2019.

MacDonagh’s recent representations include advising Lone Star Funds on its sale of Novo Banco to BPCE; CVC Capital Partners on multiple transactions, including the sale of a stake in Syntegon; OMERS Private Equity on multiple transactions, including its sale of Alexander Mann Solutions and its sale of a stake in International Schools Partnership; and Providence Equity on multiple transactions, including its sale of CloserStill.

The Paul, Weiss Private Equity Group advises some of the world’s largest and most sophisticated alternative asset management firms and their portfolio companies, as well as middle-market and up-and-coming investment funds, on M&A transactions, minority investments, financing and capital markets solutions, and fund formation matters.

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