



Spring 2024

Corporate newsletter

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## Introduction

Welcome to our spring 2024 edition of Inside Out, our Corporate Team newsletter.

What a beginning to the year! Early January can sometimes be a slow start, but our Corporate Team has been fast out of the blocks, with a strong pipeline from 2023 delivering new opportunities and work well underway. I look forward to bringing you news of those deals in due course.

I am also delighted to let you know that we have been joined by [Jessica Caws](#) as a Legal Director, based in London. Jess is an expert in Financial Services regulation and brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to our busy Corporate Team. Our fast-growing practices regularly advise investment managers, brokers, private banks, building societies

and other financial institutions on a variety of issues. Jess's appointment deepens these relationships and extends our service range to meet growing demand.

In this edition we also have some fantastic articles to share:

- [Robbie Watson](#), from our Corporate Tax Team, gives a reminder to review your tax position if you're considering exiting your business.

- [Andrew Tubb](#) and [Pamela Blore](#) share key updates to the Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Act 2023.

- [Jessica Caws](#) discusses Consumer Duty and why it's important for firms to remember their ongoing responsibilities.

- [Nicholas Phillips](#) and [Alex Forwood](#) analyse a recent court decision that illustrates that professional advisers may not escape liability towards third parties who rely on their reports.

- From our Employment Team, [Liz Stevens](#) shares the top ten HR-focussed topics employers should be considering in 2024.

- [Jessica Caws](#) and [Olivia Toulson](#) discuss the Treasury Committee's most recent oral evidence session from its "Sexism in the City" Inquiry.

If you'd like to speak to us about any of the topics discussed in the newsletter, please don't hesitate to get in touch.



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## News

### Sale of Paddy & Scott's Cafes Ltd

Birketts has advised Scott Russell, the founder and sole owner of Paddy & Scott's, on the sale of the company via a management buy-out (MBO) to its current management team, Jon Reed and Zoe Hill.

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### **Sale of Ocean Shipbrokers Limited**

Birketts has advised the shareholders of Ocean Shipbrokers Limited (Ocean Shipbrokers) on the sale of the entire issued share capital to Fearnleys Shipbrokers UK Ltd (Fearnleys).

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### **National Children's Bureau's transfer of Research in Practice**

Birketts' [Charities Team](#) has advised the National Children's Bureau (NCB) in securing the transfer of Research in Practice to NCB from another organisation.

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### **Sale of Imagine That**

Birketts has advised the shareholders of Imagine That Group Limited (Imagine That) on its sale to Gemini Books Group (Gemini Books).

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### **Sale of Thunderbrook Equestrian Limited**

Birketts has advised the shareholder of Thunderbrook Equestrian Limited (Thunderbrook) on the sale of its entire share capital to Pavo (part of the ForFarmers Group operating in the equine sector).

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### **KOPE AI Limited £5.5m seed round fundraise**

Birketts has advised offsite construction software company, KOPE AI Limited, on its £5.5m seed round fundraise.

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### **OCS's acquisition of Profile Security**

Birketts has advised leading global facilities service provider OCS on their acquisition of Profile Security, one of the largest independently-owned providers of security services in the UK.

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## Featured articles



### Helping you prepare for a business exit

[Robbie Watson](#) discusses what to consider regarding your personal and company tax position if you are planning on exiting your business in the near, or not so near, future.

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### Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Act 2023: key changes for companies

[Andrew Tubb](#) and [Pamela Blore](#) provide an overview of the major changes the Act will bring and the impact for companies.

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### New year, same Consumer Duty

[Jessica Caws](#) discusses Consumer Duty and why it's important for firms to remember their ongoing responsibilities.

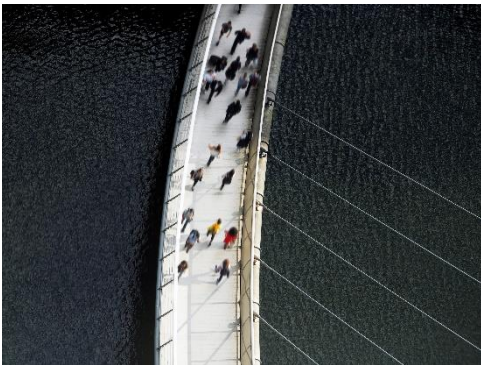
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## Professional advisers – are your disclaimers enough?

[Nicholas Phillips](#) and [Alex Forwood](#) analyse a recent court decision that illustrates that professional advisers may not escape liability towards third parties who rely on their reports.

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## Top 10 HR considerations for 2024

[Liz Stevens](#) shares the top ten HR-focussed topics employers should be considering in 2024.

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## Tackling sexism in the City: the role of the regulators

[Jessica Caws](#) and [Olivia Toulson](#) discuss the Treasury Committee's most recent oral evidence session from its "Sexism in the City" Inquiry.

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