

Leveraged finance

What we do

Shoosmiths' national banking and finance team works closely with our corporate team to provide joined up proactive advice on leveraged finance transactions.

Financing an acquisition in today's market requires a detailed understanding of corporate finance transactions and the competing interests of creditors. It also requires clear leadership and proactive transaction management in order to meet often time critical deadlines.

Our broad experience includes acting for some of the UK's major banks and financial institutions, funds and alternative lenders, borrowers and private equity and/or venture capital investors across a variety of sectors.



The team we work with shows strong gender diversity. They bring a city outlook to a regional practice and are well equipped to handle our cross-border deals in emerging markets in Africa and South Asia.”

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Recent deals include advising:

- **Livingbridge Enterprises LLP** in relation to the debt and equity restructure of one of its portfolio companies – a leading online energy and services provider to off-grid homes across the UK including Northern Ireland.
- **Five Arrows Growth Capital backed borrower** in relation to a multi-million pound facilities agreement provided by Goldman Sachs in respect of its acquisition of Symposium Capital Ltd.
- **Five Arrow Principal Investments** in relation to its refinancing with Golub Capital of existing shareholder debt following its acquisition of the entire issued share capital of the Mintec Group.
- **HSBC UK Bank plc** in relation to a £16,000,000 acquisition finance facility provided to acquire a Scottish-based business.
- **Santander UK plc** on its £20,500,000 acquisition finance facility to transport software provider Mandata.
- **Shawbrook Bank Limited** in relation to its term and receivables financing facilities to the Carnaby Caravans Group.
- **HSBC UK Bank plc** in relation to its finance facilities provided to a Newcastle-headquartered life sciences marketing agency backed by private equity firm NorthEdge.
- **Alpha Group Bidco Limited** (and NVM as sponsor) in relation to various loans provided by Thincats as part of the private equity backed MBO of Pareto Facilities Management Ltd.
- **Dukes Education Group** in relation to its ongoing financing, including most recently a significant multi-million upsize to their senior term and revolving facilities.
- **A well-renowned challenger bank** in respect of a multi-million pound cross-jurisdictional facilities agreement provided to an online shopping search engine operating in the UK, France, Sweden, Denmark, Cayman Islands, Germany, Turks and Caicos, The Netherlands, Italy, Spain and Norway.
- **An investment bank** in relation to an acquisition facility and revolving credit facility to one of the UK's leading dental laboratory groups.
- **A mid-market private equity firm** in respect of debt funding received from a clearing bank to partly fund the acquisition of a care management technology business, alongside the investment provided by the private equity firm.
- **Cavendish Education Group** in relation to all its banking facilities, including most recently a term and revolving facility.

Why Shoosmiths?

Our national banking & finance team operate across England & Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland providing a seamless service across our various locations. Dealing with more than 200 corporate and banking transactions each year means we are able to bring experience and a commercial edge to the advice we give you.

Clients say we are “one of the most commercial teams in the market” and we pride ourselves on proactively identifying key issues on a transaction by transaction basis. Our role is to find solutions for you, not problems – we understand your needs and deliver advice tailored to meeting those needs.

We work closely with some of the UK’s major banks and financial institutions, and are approved panel solicitors for many of them. We are often the law firm of choice for borrowers and private equity investors.

Key facts

- 230 partners and 1500+ lawyers and business support employees
- Turnover of £181.8 million as at end of April 2022
- Law Firm of the Year at the Legal Business Awards 2022
- Highly Commended for Law Firm of the Year at The Lawyer Awards 2022
- Winner of four awards at the Managing Partners’ Forum Awards 2022 highlighting client excellence
- Shortlisted for Private Equity Team of the Year in the Legal Week British Legal Awards 2021
- Featured in The Lawyer’s UK Litigation 50
- A signatory to the Social Mobility Pledge and 42nd in the Social Mobility Foundation’s Employability Index
- Recognised as Platinum Investors in People (top 5% of companies assessed)
- Signatory to and participant in the United Nations Global Compact

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Ali Triptree is a first class banking partner. She is very hands on, understands the client’s needs and gets the job done. She has many years’ experience as a partner in a major city firm and it shows, her ability to close a transaction is second to none and she provides at least the same level of service as city and US firms.”

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