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François Feuillat is an energy private equity lawyer. He has over 25 years' experience handling complex cross-border mergers and acquisitions, takeovers, joint ventures, private equity deals and corporate finance transactions involving more than 70 countries and worth a total of more than $100 billion.

François represents private equity, private credit and corporate clients in the energy, infrastructure, industrials and technology sectors. He is a trusted adviser to boards and independent committees. He regularly advises on deals governed by the UK Takeover Code, Listing Rules and AIM Rules, and represents activist investors on strategic and M&A-related campaigns.

François is recognised in *Best Lawyers* for M&A (2023-2025) and as a "Notable Practitioner" in *IFLR1000* for M&A.

Industries

Energy
Finance
Infrastructure
Technology

Practices

Corporate & Securities
Mergers & Acquisitions
Environmental, Social & Governance (ESG)
Private Equity
Renewable Energy
Mining

Experience

Riverstone Credit

- sale of the business and assets of Harland & Wolff, including its shipyards in England, Scotland and Northern Ireland, via a pre-pack administration to Harland & Wolff's largest customer, Navantia UK

OrbeNovo

- advised new private equity firm on the establishment of EAG Bioenergy as its platform for UK biogas investments*

Energy transition developer

- equity financing from a major industry player for a UK green hydrogen project*

Riverstone

- numerous transactions including equity lines for White Rose Energy Ventures (West Africa offshore exploration), Origo Exploration (Norwegian Continental Shelf exploration) and Fairfield Energy (North Sea exploration & production), the sale of its interest in Cuadrilla (UK onshore shale gas exploration) and the purchase and subsequent sale of its interest in Fitzroy (Australian metallurgical coal)*

Warburg Pincus

- establishment of Zenith Energy Management, an oil products storage terminals business, and Trident Energy, a company focused on mid-life oil & gas assets*

Zenith Energy Management (a Warburg Pincus portfolio company)

- transactions to acquire oil products terminals in Europe from Phillips 66, BP and Shell*

Bluewater

- advised energy-focused private equity house on its investment in Excellence Logging, an oilfield services company, and on add-on acquisitions by Excellence Logging*

Helios Investment Partners

- acquisition of a 29.4 percent shareholding in Eland Oil & Gas plc, an AIM-listed oil and gas company with an interest in an onshore oil field located in the Niger Delta, Nigeria*
- acquisition of Multi-Links, a Nigerian telecoms operator, from Telkom SA, and on its subsequent sale*
- acquisitions and leasebacks of telecommunications towers portfolios in several African countries*

Metso

- a number of transactions including the sale of its Metal Recycling business to Mimir*

Professional DataSolutions

- £33.1 million takeover of Universe Group plc, an AIM-listed fintech company*

Wafra Inc.

- entities managed by Wafra as key shareholders in Pollen Street Capital and Honeycomb Investment Trust on their combination to form a London-listed alternative investment manager*

Take-Two Interactive Software

- proposed takeover of AIM-listed Codemasters for approximately $994 million in cash and Take-Two stock*

OSG Billing

- £154 million takeover of Communisis PLC, a communications and marketing outsourcing company listed on AIM*

Jancis Robinson

- representing one of the world's leading wine writers on the sale of JancisRobinson.com to Recurrent Ventures, a US-based digital publishing company*

Eaton Towers

- DPI, a significant minority shareholder, on the $1.85 billion sale of Eaton Towers to American Tower Corporation*

Third Point

- activist campaigns involving large European companies*

Special Committee of the board of directors of Eurasia Drilling Company Limited (EDC)

- abortive transaction in which Schlumberger agreed to purchase a significant minority interest, and subsequently on the terms of a take-private transaction by management and certain core shareholders resulting in EDC being delisted from the London Stock Exchange and valuing EDC at approximately $1.7 billion*

Soros Fund Management and Albright Capital Management

- $1 billion disposal by way of reverse takeover of APR Energy, a provider of turnkey temporary power generation services, to a London Stock Exchange-listed special purpose acquisition company (SPAC)*

Premier Oil

- advising the holders of $245 million convertible bonds on the corporate aspects of the complex restructuring of the Premier Oil group, a FTSE 250 oil and gas exploration and production company*

Sinopec

- C$10.3 billion acquisition of Addax Petroleum Corporation, a Canadian company publicly traded on the Toronto and London Stock Exchanges, with assets in West Africa and the Middle East*
- C$2.1 billion takeover of Tanganyika Oil Company Ltd, an oil and gas company with assets in Syria which was listed on the Stockholm and Toronto stock exchanges*

HgCapital

- acquisition and equity financing of the 44 MW Ytterberg onshore wind farm project in Sweden and investment in Havsnäs, Sweden’s largest onshore wind farm, and the first project financing in the Nordic power market*

Maple Energy plc

- AIM IPO of Peruvian integrated energy company*

Leaf Clean Energy Company

- AIM IPO of an investment company with a focus on clean energy opportunities*

ExxonMobil

- UK securities law aspects of the $81 billion merger of Exxon and Mobil*

** Work completed prior to Bracewell*

Credentials

Education

- College of Law, London, Legal Practice Course, 1994
- College of Europe, LL.M., 1993
- Université de Paris I Panthéon–Sorbonne, Maîtrise, 1992
- King’s College London, LL.B., 1992

Bar Admissions

- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales

Affiliations

- Ensemble Plus Ultra, Chairman
- Camberwell Energy, Advisory Council Member

Languages

- Dutch
- English
- French

Recognition

The Legal 500 United Kingdom

- London M&A: Mid-Market, (£50 million – £250 million), 2009 – 2010

Delinian Limited

- *IFLR1000 Financial & Corporate and M&A Guide*, 2024

BL Rankings

- *Best Lawyers in the United Kingdom*, Mergers and Acquisitions Law, 2023 – 2025

Resources

How Digital Infrastructure Investors Can Manage Power Demand

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