

Corporate deals 2000

Gateley Wareing has sustained its strong growth throughout the millennium year, which will be maintained throughout 2001.

We have strengthened our team in key positions improving the breadth and quality of the service we can offer our clients.

We have shown our continued commitment to the Midlands corporate finance market by opening our Nottingham office in November 2000 under the guidance of Austin Moore. Gateley Wareing is the only firm offering corporate services in all three of the Midlands' commercial centres of Birmingham, Nottingham and Leicester.

The year has also brought recognition at the Finance Midlands DealMaker of the Year Awards 2000 with Paul Hayward winning the award for Top Lawyer from a list of finalists that also included Austin Moore, and for the fifth successive year Gateley Wareing was named in the top six law firms in the Midlands.

The corporate team's success is due to both the hard work and dedication of its staff, only some of whom are shown overleaf, and the support of our clients, fellow professionals and other friends throughout the year.

Our thanks go to those who have supported us over the last 12 months. For those of you who don't know us, come and see what you have been missing.



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January

Sale of Optima Imagineering Limited, Solicitors to the Vendors

Acquisition of Barton Industrial Products Limited by John Williams Holdings Limited, Solicitors to the Purchaser

MBO of Furon Limited, Solicitors to the Management Team and the Acquisition

Sale of Conquest Holdings Limited, Solicitors to the Bank, Erste Bank der oesterreichischen Sparkassen AG

Acquisition of Octroi plc by Lupus Holdings plc, Solicitors to the Bank, Bank of Scotland

February

MBO of UKae Limited, Solicitors to the Management Team and the Acquisition

Investment in Fat Face Limited, Solicitors to the Equity Providers, Friends Ivory & Sime Private Equity plc

Provision of structured finance facilities to Peter Grant Papers Limited, Solicitors to the Bank, Bank of Scotland

Acquisition of Bickerton Group plc by Artisan (UK) plc, Solicitors to the Bank, Bank of Scotland

March

Acquisition of Lloyds British Testing Company Limited by Lloyds Equipment Group Limited, Solicitors to the Purchaser

Development finance facility for Busy Bees Group Limited, Solicitors to the Bank, The Royal Bank of Scotland plc

MBO of CEL International Limited, Solicitors to the Management Team and the Acquisition

MBO of Midland Marble Limited, Solicitors to the Bank, The Royal Bank of Scotland plc

MBO of Pattern Equipment Company Limited, Solicitors to the Banks, HSBC Bank plc and Lloyds TSB Commercial Finance Limited

April

MBI of Hiatt Hardware Limited, Solicitors to the Management Team and the Acquisition

Purchase of own shares from Lloyds TSB Development Capital Limited and NatWest Equity Partners by Simpson Industries Limited, Solicitors to the Company

Acquisition of Fisher Pipeline Supplies Limited by T Hackett & Sons Limited, Solicitors to the Purchaser

MBO of Cox Hepburn (Insurance Services) Limited, Solicitors to the Management Team

Acquisition of C-Air Systems Limited by The Brover Group Limited, Solicitors to the Purchaser

MBO of Tufnol Limited, Solicitors to the Management Team and the Acquisition

Acquisition of Haddon & Abbotts Limited and C W Walker (Coventry) Limited by Auto Sport Engineering Limited, Solicitors to the Purchaser

May

Investment in Global Management Limited, Solicitors to the Equity Provider, Lloyds TSB Development Capital Limited

Sale of the QE Group of Companies to an MBI team, Solicitors to the Vendors

Acquisition of the GDS Division of SES Group Limited by GDS General Dispensing Systems Limited, Solicitors to the Purchaser

Sale of Regency Bookmakers (Midlands) Limited to Stanley Racing Limited, Solicitors to the Vendors

MBO of Reece Cycles, the cycles division of Reece plc, Solicitors to the Management Team and the Acquisition

Investment in Beerking Limited, Solicitors to the Investor

MBO of ELE Advanced Technologies Limited, Solicitors to the Management Team and the Acquisition

June

Investment in Carolina Safety Sport International LLC by Bianco (UK) Limited, Solicitors to the Investor

MBO of IMI Rapid Prototyping Limited, Solicitors to the Management Team and the Acquisition

Investment in 4TV Limited, Solicitors to the Investors

Investment in Masterscope Limited, Solicitors to the Investor

MBO of Cimage Enterprise Systems Limited, Solicitors to the Bank, Bank of Scotland

Sale of KMS (UK) Limited, Solicitors to the Vendors

July

IBO of Smartstream Banking Systems Limited, Solicitors to the Management Team

Acquisition of the business and assets of Prolift Limited by Triapt Holdings Limited, Solicitors to the Purchaser

MBO of Parkstone (Holdings) Limited, Solicitors to the Management Team and the Acquisition

Sale of Morris Food Markets Division of Morris & Company Limited to West Midlands Co-Operative Society Limited, Solicitors to the Vendor

Acquisition of the business and assets of Lintek Gleave Limited by Frank Thomas Holdings Limited, Solicitors to the Purchaser

Acquisition of Chemega Limited by Pro Cam Group Limited, Solicitors to the Bank, HSBC Bank plc

MBO of Steelway Fensecure Limited, Solicitors to the Bank, HSBC Bank plc

MBO of Hargreaves Lansdown Insurance Brokers Limited, Solicitors to the Bank, Lloyds TSB Bank Plc

MBO of Senator Print Finishers Limited, Solicitors to the Management Team and the Acquisition

Provision of structured finance facilities to Hayley Conference Centres Limited, Solicitors to the Bank, Bank of Scotland

Provision of structured finance facilities to Prime Time Group Limited, Solicitors to the Bank, Bank of Scotland

Acquisition of ORS Recruitment Limited by Prime Time Group Limited, Solicitors to the Bank, Bank of Scotland

Sale of Hardex Fittings Limited, Solicitors to the Vendor

August

Acquisition of Dynamic Limited by Frank Thomas Holdings Limited, Solicitors to the Purchaser

MBI of High Peak Brushes Limited, Solicitors to the Investor and the Acquisition

MBO of Wolverson X-Ray & Electro-Medical Limited, Solicitors to the Management Team and the Acquisition

Acquisition of the business and assets of the Yorkshire Lead Company Limited by UKae Limited, Solicitors to the Purchaser

Acquisition of PDS Instrumentation Inc by Ferraris Group plc, Solicitors to the Bank, Lloyds TSB Bank Plc

September

Sale of DIALnet plc to Redstone Telecom plc, Solicitors to the Vendors.

Sale of MNB Mould Services Limited, Solicitors to the Vendor

Provision of structured finance facilities to Interfleet Technology Limited, Solicitors to the Bank, Bank of Scotland

Acquisition of the business and assets of Abbey National Benefit Consultants Limited by Alpha Healthcare Holdings Limited, Solicitors to the Purchaser

Acquisition of Saddington Bureau Limited by Daiquiri Limited, Solicitors to the Purchaser

MBO of James Gilbert Limited, Solicitors to the Bank, The Royal Bank of Scotland plc

Purchase of own shares in Phoenix Photo Litho plc, Solicitors to the Company

October

MBO of The Morley Electrical Engineering Company Limited, Solicitors to the Bank, Barclays Bank PLC

Investment in The Platform Multimedia Company Limited, Solicitors to the Investor

Provision of structured finance facilities to VFG plc, Solicitors to the Bank, Bank of Scotland

MBO of Pondhaven Limited (Tamworth Snowdome), Solicitors to the Management Team and the Acquisition

Provision of structured finance facilities to Tibbett plc, Solicitors to the Bank, Bank of Scotland

Sale of the business and assets of Deritend Engineering division of Warburton Holgate Limited, Solicitors to the Vendor

MBO of GLS Educational Services Limited, Solicitors to the Bank, Barclays Bank PLC

Acquisition of Tibbi Tots Day Nurseries by Busy Bees Nurseries Limited, Solicitors to the Purchaser

Acquisition of the business and assets of Sypol Environmental Management Limited, Solicitors to the Purchaser

November

Acquisition of PSB Placements Staff Bureau Limited by Prime Time Group Limited, Solicitors to the Bank, Bank of Scotland

Acquisition of D & B Day Nurseries Limited by Busy Bees Group Limited, Solicitors to the Bank, The Royal Bank of Scotland plc

MBO of First Line Limited, solicitors to the Management Team and the Acquisition

Acquisition of C J Pearce & Company Limited by Jupiter II Limited, Solicitors to the Bank, Barclays Bank PLC

Sale of Pyramid Plant Hire Limited, Solicitors to the Vendors

MBO of Fraser Williams Pharma Systems Limited, Solicitors to the Equity Provider, NatWest Development Capital Limited

MBO of Sequoia Technology Limited, Solicitors to the Equity Provider, Murray Johnstone Limited

Investment in Boys Stuff Limited, Solicitors to the Investors

Acquisition of Judy Fisher Associates Limited by Prime Time Group Limited, Solicitors to the Bank, Bank of Scotland

December

IBO of Dimensions Corporatewear, Solicitors to the Equity Provider, Gresham Trust plc and the Acquisition

MBO of Denco, Solicitors to the Equity Provider, Lloyds TSB Development Capital Limited

Acquisition of the business and assets of Alltek Precision Plastics Limited by AAC Limited, Solicitors to the Purchaser

Acquisition of the business and assets of Ambros Mouldings Limited, Solicitors to the Purchaser

IBO of the companies comprising the Vickers turbine component division, Solicitors to the Management Team

MBO of First Line Limited, solicitors to the Management Team and the Acquisition

MBO of JBS Industries Limited, Solicitors to the Management Team and the Acquisition

Merger of James & Lister Lea and Bruton Knowles, Solicitors to James & Lister Lea

Acquisition of the business and assets of Maitland Selwyn, Solicitors to the Purchaser

MBO of The Burlington Press (Cambridge) Limited, Solicitors to the Bank, Lloyds TSB Commercial Finance Limited

Provision of structured finance facilities to Unity Brands Limited, Solicitors to the Bank, Bank of Scotland

Purchase of own shares in Autosigns Holdings plc, Solicitors to the Company

Acquisition of E C Rippon Limited by Artisan (UK) plc, Solicitors to the Bank, Bank of Scotland

MBO of Cetx Seat Comfort group of companies, Solicitors to the Equity Provider, NatWest Development Capital Limited

MBI of Hykeham Forum Supplies Limited, Solicitors to the Management Team and the Acquisition

Acquisition of the Personal Lines Insurance Brokerage division of Westmid Insurance Brokers Limited by Bromwich Insurance Bureau Limited, Solicitors to the Purchaser

Investment in Richard Pearson Limited, Solicitors to the Company