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Matheson Ormsby Prentice is Ireland's largest law firm. We focus on advising international companies and financial institutions doing business in and through Ireland. Our clients include many Fortune 500, FT Global 500 and FT Euro 500 companies. We also represent some of Ireland's largest private, public and State owned companies and institutions. The firm's headquarters is in Dublin, with offices in London, New York and Palo Alto, Silicon Valley.

The Private Equity group at Matheson Ormsby Prentice offers real industry knowledge and experience. The group is characterised by a partner-led approach, top quality service, commercial judgement and sector-specific knowledge across a wide range of industries. The group's expertise and experience is also recognised by our clients: we consistently advise on many of the leading private equity transactions in the Irish market.

Our private equity lawyers have extensive experience in working with Irish and international private equity houses (and their international lawyers) in structuring and negotiating transactions. The group works closely with our tax, anti-trust, intellectual property, information technology and other dedicated colleagues to deliver a seamless service to our clients. The Private Equity group also works closely with the members of our banking and finance team, who are acknowledged leaders in acquisition financing transactions. Our expertise in high yield bond, securitisation and other financing arrangements is unsurpassed in the Irish market.

We have also advised on the establishment of regulated private equity funds, investing in Europe and the U.S., making investments directly and through primary funds, secondary funds and funds of funds for a number of large institutions. There is an increasing trend in using Ireland as a domicile for hedge funds and distressed assets.

RECENT TRANSACTIONS

- Advised the shareholders of ChangingWorlds Limited, including TVC Holdings plc, on the agreed sale of ChangingWorlds Limited to a wholly owned subsidiary of Amdocs Limited (NYSE: DOX) in a cash transaction valued at US\$60 million with additional performance based consideration.
- Advised Payzone plc, Europe's largest branded consumer payments acceptance network, on the original merger between private equity-backed Alphyra Holdings (by Balderton Capital) and AIM-listed Cardpoint plc, and subsequently advising Payzone plc on a €40 million firm placing and other ongoing corporate advice.
- Advised Australian investment fund Babcock & Brown Capital Limited on its €2.36 billion acquisition of Eircom Group plc.
- Advised Towercom Holdings and Goodbody Private Equity on their acquisition of the masts business division of Eircom for €155 million.
- Advised Celtic House Venture Partners, Capital-E, Emertec Gestion and AIB Seed Capital Fund on a US\$14 million series A funding round in multimedia company Movidia Limited.
- Advised Endeavour Vision Partners and TVM Capital on a €9.5 million series B funding round in CommProve Limited, a leading developer of advanced solutions for real-time quality of service monitoring for wireless networks.
- Advised NTR plc on the €47 million sale of Irish Broadband to private equity-backed Imagine Communications Group Limited (backed by Casenove Private Equity, now Esprit Private Equity) and advising on original investment by Casenove in Imagine.
- Advised TVC Holdings plc on its acquisition of the Comfort Inns and Quality Hotels chain in Ireland. The firm also advised Davy on its investment in the acquisition vehicle.
- Advised Setanta Sports in relation to financings and investments by Goldman Sachs, Doughty Hanson, Benchmark Europe II, LP, Montrica Investment Management LLP and other investors, and also in relation to its disposal of NASN Limited to ESPN Inc.
- Advising a number of private equity houses on Irish transactions including Alchemy Partners (including in relation to its take-private of Riverdeep Group plc and subsequent significant transactions for Riverdeep), Apax Partners, BC Partners, Casenove Private Equity, Legal and General Ventures, KKR and many others.

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