

Divesh Patel

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OVERVIEW

Divesh Patel is a Private Equity and Mergers and Acquisitions partner in the firm's Corporate practice. He focuses on private equity transactions, mergers and acquisitions, and foreign investment. He also regularly advises on cross-border transactions, joint ventures, commercial transactions, distressed sale transactions, and restructurings.

He advises on a wide variety of domestic and cross-border clients, including private equity sponsors, across a range of sectors including logistics, manufacturing, retail, FMCG, financial services, infrastructure, aviation and transport, media, technology and telecommunications.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Prior to joining the firm, Divesh was a Partner at Johnson Winter & Slattery and before that practised in the Corporate team at Ashurst. He began his career at Werksmans Attorneys in Johannesburg, South Africa.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Corporate Livewire - Private Equity Virtual Roundtable
- International Comparative Legal Guide – Private Equity
- Thomson Reuters Practical Law Guide – Investing in Australia

PROFESSIONAL / CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Law Society of New South Wales
- Law Society of the Northern Provinces (South Africa)
- Australian Investment Council (formerly AVCAL)
- Asian Australian Lawyers Association

EDUCATION

- LL.B., University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, 2003
- B.A., University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, 2001

ADMISSIONS

- Bar of South Africa
- High Court of Australia
- Supreme Court of New South Wales

LANGUAGES

- Afrikaans
- English
- Gujarati
- Hindi

THOUGHT LEADERSHIP *POWERED BY HUB*

- 16 May 2025, Private Equity in Australia: Upcoming Mandatory Merger Laws and Foreign Investment Changes

OTHER MEDIA MENTIONS

- Quoted, "Australia's radiology sector heating up as PE drives deals", *Mergermarket*, 14 October 2025

AREAS OF FOCUS

- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Emerging Growth and Venture Capital
- Investment Advisers
- Investment Funds
- Private Equity Funds
- Private Equity Transactions

INDUSTRIES

- Aviation
- Financial Services
- Investment Transactions
- Private Equity
- Transportation and Logistics

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Acted for Quanta Services, Inc. in the Series D capital raise by Raygen Resources Pty Ltd, an Australian renewable energy company providing efficient solar technology and long duration energy storage.
- Acted for VetPartners Australia on its acquisition of the Pet Chemist business from Mad Paws.
- Acted for the shareholders of CriticalArc on its sale to Five V Capital.
- Acted for the shareholders of Florabelle Living on its sale to Anacacia Private Equity.

Experience Prior to Joining K&L Gates

- Acted for global private equity firm, EQT Group, on its ~AU$1.4 billion acquisition of VetPartners (Australia and New Zealand's largest veterinary clinic service provider) from National Veterinary Associates, Inc.
- Acted for Archer Capital on: the disposal of Aerocare to Swissport for ~AU$600 million; the sale of illion (formerly Dunn & Bradstreet) to Experian for ~AU$800 million as well as its partial sale to Macquarie; the sale of LCR Group to Qube Holdings; and the sale of V8 Supercars.
- Acted for Brookfield on its acquisition of ENE.HUB.
- Acted for Baygrove Capital's portfolio company, Lineage Logistics, on its acquisition of Emergent Cold and Auscold Logistics.
- Acted for Potentia Capital on its acquisition of Micromine and on its high-profile AU$600 million successful contested takeover of Nitro Software.
- Acted for STG Partners on its acquisition of SAI360 from Barings Private Equity Asia (BPEA) EQT.
- Acted for Stonepeak Infrastructure Partners on its proposed acquisition of Intellihub.
- Acted for Veritas Capital on its acquisition of HMS and Cotiviti.
- Acted for a US multinational transportation company on its disposal of its Australian bicycle and scooter business to a US transportation company.