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Payne Hicks Beach Bolsters Company & Commercial Department

Top London law firm Payne Hicks Beach is pleased to announce that Max Baird-Smith has joined the firm as a Partner in the Company & Commercial Department. He joins from BDGS Associés in Paris and his appointment is effective from 1 March 2016.

Max Baird-Smith specialises in advising a range of corporate clients on complex acquisitions and disposals, private equity transactions, joint ventures and general commercial matters. Recommended in the leading legal directory, Legal 500, Max has a wealth of experience, including on cross-border matters, from his time at BDGS and from having previously been at Gide in Paris and in Slaughter and May's corporate team.

Payne Hicks Beach's Company & Commercial Department is well known for its capabilities in advising on the full range of corporate and commercial activities, with particular expertise in transactional work, for clients of all types (including entrepreneurs and multi-national clients) across a wide range of business sectors.

Max Baird-Smith says of his joining Payne Hicks Beach:

"I am delighted to be joining the excellent team at Payne Hicks Beach. I look forward to helping to drive the first-class legal services the firm offers to its clients in the United Kingdom and internationally."

Peter Black, Managing Partner, comments on the new appointment:

"Max is a welcome addition, who will be a great asset to our thriving Company & Commercial Department. The team has an abundance of expertise and commercial acumen with which to advise its corporate clients and Max's appointment reflects our commitment to meeting the growing needs of those clients in the UK and abroad."

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- Payne Hicks Beach has 60 lawyers and provides specialist legal services to private and commercial clients.
- Payne Hicks Beach's Company & Commercial Department combines high quality legal advice with practical commercial awareness to provide a personal and focused service.
- The Department has particular expertise in acquisitions, disposals, capital raisings, reorganisations, joint ventures, the full range of commercial agreements, IP and financial services.
- Payne Hicks Beach also has extensive experience in advising on major commercial lending projects.

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