

# Corporate lending

## What we do

Our specialist banking & finance team has a high level of experience advising clients on a range of financing transactions across a wide variety of industries including healthcare, energy, telecoms and retail.

Acting for borrowers, lenders and investors means we have a practical understanding of the needs of all parties in financing a transaction.

Always ensuring a smooth and cohesive process enables our clients to continue to focus on building their relationships and running their businesses.

**“The team we work with shows strong gender diversity. They bring a city outlook to a regional practice and are well equipped to handle our cross-border deals in emerging markets in Africa and South Asia.”**

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## Recent deals include advising:

- **Berkeley De Veer** in relation to the £500m acquisition of Avant Homes.
- **Gresham House** (through its British Strategic Investment Fund) in relation to its investments totalling £175m into Borderlink Broadband to allow it to grow its high speed fibre broadband offering across Scotland and the north of England.
- **A UK clearing Bank** in relation to the £85m financing of a major national fuel supply business, providing facilities for both the refinance of existing debt and for the ongoing acquisition and expansion plans of the business.
- **LHi Group** in respect of its sale and funding of approximately 80% of the company share capital to an Employee Ownership Trust.
- **Santander UK plc** in relation to its £7m funding to support financial completion of Emperor Design Consultants move to employee ownership.
- **Boost&Co** on its provision facilities to Landmark Underwriting to fund future acquisitions and working capital.
- **Bowland Inns and Hotels Limited**, trading as James' Places, in relation to its new £26m refinancing and acquisition facilities from Barclays to support the company's future growth and acquisition plans.
- **Cohort plc** in respect of its ongoing banking arrangements (and the recent renewal of these) with Lloyds Bank plc, National Westminster Bank Plc and Commerzbank Aktiengesellschaft.
- **Cavendish Education Group** in relation to a multi-million pound loan from a club of banks to assist with its expansion and growth plans in the specialist education market.
- **British International Investment plc**, the UK development finance institution and impact investor (formerly CDC Group plc), in respect of the a multi-million USD facility to RFL Electronics Limited, a consumer electronics manufacturer based in Bangladesh.
- **CPL Industries Group Limited** in relation to its £52m principal banking facilities comprised of senior debt from Wells Fargo and Virgin Money and mezzanine debt from Blaze Hill Capital to refinance existing group debt and facilitating funding for the company's future investment in cleaner fuels.
- **A well-known high street and online clothing brand** in relation to its £227m term and revolving facilities with an investment lender.

# SHOOSMITHS

## Why Shoosmiths?

Our national banking & finance team operate across England & Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland providing a seamless service across our various locations. Dealing with more than 200 corporate and banking transactions each year means we are able to bring experience and a commercial edge to the advice we give you.

Clients say we are “one of the most commercial teams in the market” and we pride ourselves on proactively identifying key issues on a transaction by transaction basis. Our role is to find solutions for you, not problems – we understand your needs and deliver advice tailored to meeting those needs.

We work closely with some of the UK’s major banks and financial institutions, and are approved panel solicitors for many of them. We are often the law firm of choice for borrowers and private equity investors.

**“Very personable in approach to engagement, always willing to assist our team with queries to arrive at solutions to issues.”**

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## Key facts

- Law Firm of the Year at the Legal Business Awards 2022
- Highly Commended for Law Firm of the Year at The Lawyer Awards 2022
- Legal/Professional Team of the Year at the Property Week Awards
- Winner of four awards at the Managing Partners’ Forum Awards 2022 highlighting client excellence
- Legal Team of the Year at the Estates Gazette Awards
- Featured in The Lawyer’s UK Litigation 50
- A signatory to the Social Mobility Pledge and 38th in the Social Mobility Foundation’s Employability Index
- Recognised as Platinum Investors in People (top 5% of companies assessed)
- Signatory to and participant in the United Nations Global Compact
- 230 partners and 1500+ lawyers and business support employees
- Turnover of £181.8 million as at end of April 2022

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