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## Corporate deals round-up

The financial year ending 31 March 2017 has been a good year for the Shulmans corporate finance team which has advised on a broad range of M&A transactions with a value in excess of £250m. Following the Brexit vote there was a noticeable increase in UK company transactions involving overseas buyers. Our performance in 2017 has continued to be strong and according to a new report by Experian Shulmans were one of the most active legal advisers in the Yorkshire M&A market in the first quarter of 2017.

Please read on for some of the highlights.



Acting for the shareholders of Redfern Travel and Portall Travel, a £250m business, in the sale of the entire issued share capital to Brisbane-based Corporate Travel Management.



Acting for the shareholders of Environmental Engineering Ltd and sister company MSS Clean Technology Limited, a £19m Group, in the sale of the entire issued share capital to SPIE, a European provider of electrical and mechanical engineering services.



Advising the shareholders of R&R Tofu Limited on an investment into its North Yorkshire tofu manufacturing business. Having owned The Tofoo Co. since early 2016, the company's hand-made products are already on the shelves in Tesco, Ocado and the Co-op.



Acting for Red Dog Linings (formerly Triten International Ltd) in completing a secondary buy-out from its previous US owners Triten Corporation, Texas. As a leading provider of abrasion resistant linings, Red Dog Linings employs 85 people at its base in Barnsley and exports nearly two thirds of its products overseas.



Acting for the company and its management team in securing a significant investment from the Business Growth Fund. Ultra Finishing, a £60m company employing more than 350 people was set up in 1981 and produces, sources and distributes bespoke bathroom furniture, shower trays and shower valves from its head office and manufacturing site in Halifax.



Advising this specialist London based commercial lender, Octopus, on lending in the commercial property sector totalling more than £25m.



Acting for award winning Bayfields Opticians throughout 2016 completing four share acquisitions. Bayfields currently has 14 practices, with plans to boost this figure to 30 by 2019.

Advising on a significant number of specialist M&A deals in the pharmacy and healthcare sector totalling in excess of £100m.



Acting as legal adviser to German based Zollner Holding GmbH, in its acquisition of the business of Lilley & Gillie Limited (trading as JLG Marine), one of the world's leading manufacturers of magnetic nautical compasses. Headquartered in North Shields and with sites located in Birmingham and Singapore, the business, founded in 1812, now sells its navigational equipment worldwide to over 50 countries.



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Advising on the acquisition of Ncase Limited including several UK subsidiaries and one in the US in the business of the design, manufacture and supply of rainscreen cladding, exterior cladding and external wall cladding systems for an undisclosed figure.



The sale of Freedom Refreshments Limited and its subsidiaries which are engaged in the business of the supply, installation, maintenance, filling and management of vending machines for hot drinks, cold drinks, snacks, confectionery and food, for an undisclosed sum.

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