

Oliver Kempton

Investment Banker

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Investment banking analyst with four years of M&A advisory experience at two bulge bracket firms in London. Worked on 11 completed transactions with a combined enterprise value of £8.6 billion across industrials, business services, and consumer sectors. Currently at Barclays after starting my career at Rothschild & Co. Comfortable running financial models, managing due diligence workstreams, and preparing board-level materials under tight timelines.

Experience

Jan 2023 – Present

Analyst – M&A Advisory, Barclays Investment Bank, London

M&A analyst in the Industrials & Business Services team covering UK and European mid-cap transactions.

- Worked on **6 completed transactions** ranging from £180 million to £2.4 billion enterprise value
- Built the financial model and ran the sell-side process for a **£420 million disposal** of a facilities management business – 3 bidders, signed in 14 weeks
- Prepare **management presentations, information memoranda, and board books** – typically managing 2–3 live deals simultaneously
- Coordinated **virtual data rooms** with 200–400 documents per deal, managing access for up to 8 bidder teams

Jul 2021 – Dec 2022

Analyst – Global Advisory, Rothschild & Co, London

Generalist advisory analyst working across M&A, debt advisory, and restructuring mandates.

- Supported **5 completed transactions** with combined EV of £3.8 billion, including 2 cross-border deals
- Built detailed **DCF, LBO, and trading comps models** for a £1.2 billion take-private of a listed consumer business
- Ran the financial due diligence workstream on a **£650 million acquisition** – coordinated with 4 advisory firms over 8 weeks

Jun 2020 – Aug 2020

Summer Analyst – Investment Banking, Rothschild & Co, London

10-week internship in the Global Advisory division.

- Built a **sector overview and comparable company analysis** for the UK healthcare services market covering 24 listed companies
- Received a **full-time return offer** – one of 8 out of 14 summer analysts

Education

Sep 2018 – Jun 2021

BSc (Hons) in Economics, University College London, London

First Class Honours. President of the UCL Finance Society in final year – organised 12 speaker events with professionals from Goldman Sachs, Morgan Stanley, and Lazard.

Skills

Financial Modelling (DCF, LBO, Merger Models), Comparable Company & Precedent Transaction Analysis, Valuation Methodologies, Information Memorandum & Pitch Book Preparation, Due Diligence Coordination, Excel (Advanced – Macros, Sensitivity Tables), PowerPoint (Investment Banking Standard), Capital IQ & Bloomberg Terminal, Virtual Data Room Management (Intralinks, Datasite), IFRS Financial Statement Analysis

Certifications

Nov 2021

Investment Management Certificate (IMC), CFA Society of the UK

Jun 2024

CFA Level II Candidate, CFA Institute

Mar 2022

Financial Modelling & Valuation Analyst (FMVA), Corporate Finance Institute

Languages

English (native), German (intermediate)

Projects

Mar 2024 – Jul 2024

Sell-Side Advisory – UK Facilities Management Business

Lead analyst on the sell-side disposal of a private equity-owned facilities management company.

- Built the **standalone financial model** with 5-year projections and 12 sensitivity scenarios
- Managed a **3-round auction process** with 8 initial bidders, narrowing to 3 final offers
- Transaction completed at **£420 million EV**, representing 11.2x EBITDA – above the initial valuation range

Jan 2022 – Jun 2022

Take-Private Analysis – Listed Consumer Business

Supported the buy-side advisory on a take-private of a London-listed consumer goods company.

- Built a detailed **LBO model** with 4 financing structures and 8 operating scenarios
- Prepared the **fairness opinion analysis** for the target board, covering DCF, trading comps, and premiums paid

References

Victoria Saunders, Director – Industrials M&A, Barclays Investment Bank, victoria.saunders@barclays.com, +44 7700 900 183

Maximilian Roth, Vice President – Global Advisory, Rothschild & Co, maximilian.roth@rothschildandco.com, +44 7700 900 294

Extra Curricular Activity

Sep 2023

Mentor – Social Mobility Foundation City Internship Programme

Mentor students from low-income backgrounds who are interested in investment banking careers. Currently mentoring 2 students through university applications and spring week preparation.

Sep 2021

Member – London Rowing Club

Row 3 mornings per week at Putney. Competed in the Head of the River Race in 2023 and 2024.