

STRAND
HANSON

Modern
Merchant
Banking

— *Advice through partnership*

*Founded in 1993,
Strand Hanson is one
of London’s foremost
independent advisory
boutiques, and is a leading
AIM Nominated Adviser,
Main Market Sponsor and
Aquis Corporate Adviser, to
companies in both developed
and emerging markets.*

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Introduction

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“Our business is independent and management owned, lending significant flexibility and speed of response to our business model.”



The Lord St John of Bletso
Chairman

Headquartered in London, and with an office in South Africa and a partner firm in Singapore, Strand Hanson’s operations are supported by a global network of advisers, partners and consultants in Africa, South and Central America, Asia and the Middle East, providing our clients with local contacts who combine understanding of their regional markets with global capital markets expertise.

Our sectors

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Strand Hanson advises companies in a broad range of sectors, including:

 RENEWABLE ENERGY	 OIL & GAS	 ENERGY & INFRASTRUCTURE	 MINING
 LIFE SCIENCES & HEALTHCARE	 AGRICULTURE	 TMT	 GAMING
 RETAIL & LEISURE	 REAL ESTATE	 SUPPORT SERVICES & CONSTRUCTION	 FINANCIAL

Our history

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Simon Raggett
Chief Executive

“Partnering with our clients to achieve their aims and objectives is at the heart of our business – we thrive when our clients are successful.”

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1993
Strand Partners founded

1995
Founding Nominated Adviser & Broker to AIM companies following the LSE’s launch of the new AIM market

2008
African office established in Cape Town, marking the first such move by an AIM adviser

2009
Completed a successful management buy-out of founding shareholders and renamed Strand Hanson

2015
Appointment of The Lord (Anthony) St John of Bletso initially as a Non-Executive Director, and later as Chairman

2016
Established representatives in Southern and Central America

2022
Founded Debt Advisory Practice

2023
Entered into partnership with PrimePartners Group in Singapore

2025
Received FCA-approval to act as Sponsor to Main Market companies

2026
Established representative office in the Middle East

COMPANY TIMELINE

Our independent approach

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We pride ourselves on providing the highest quality independent financial and strategic advice to our clients across a broad range of sectors and geographies.



Simon Raggett
Chief Executive

OUR APPROACH

We partner with our clients to deliver solutions to support their strategies.

Using our focused expertise, we are able to minimise the risks inherent in complex transactions in order to structure the best deal for our clients. We seek to tailor each transaction to the specific needs of business owners, recognising that the “one size fits all” model neither maximises value nor ensures deliverability.

Effective planning significantly improves transaction processes – ensuring that the end result is consistent with the wider corporate strategy.

Drawing on our executive team’s considerable experience across a significant range of sectors, geographies and transaction types, Strand Hanson is focused on delivering bespoke, thoughtful and timely advice.

We were delighted to be named M&A firm of the year in 2025 and be ranked number one Independent Nominated Adviser in the various Rankings Guides published in 2026.

Our culture

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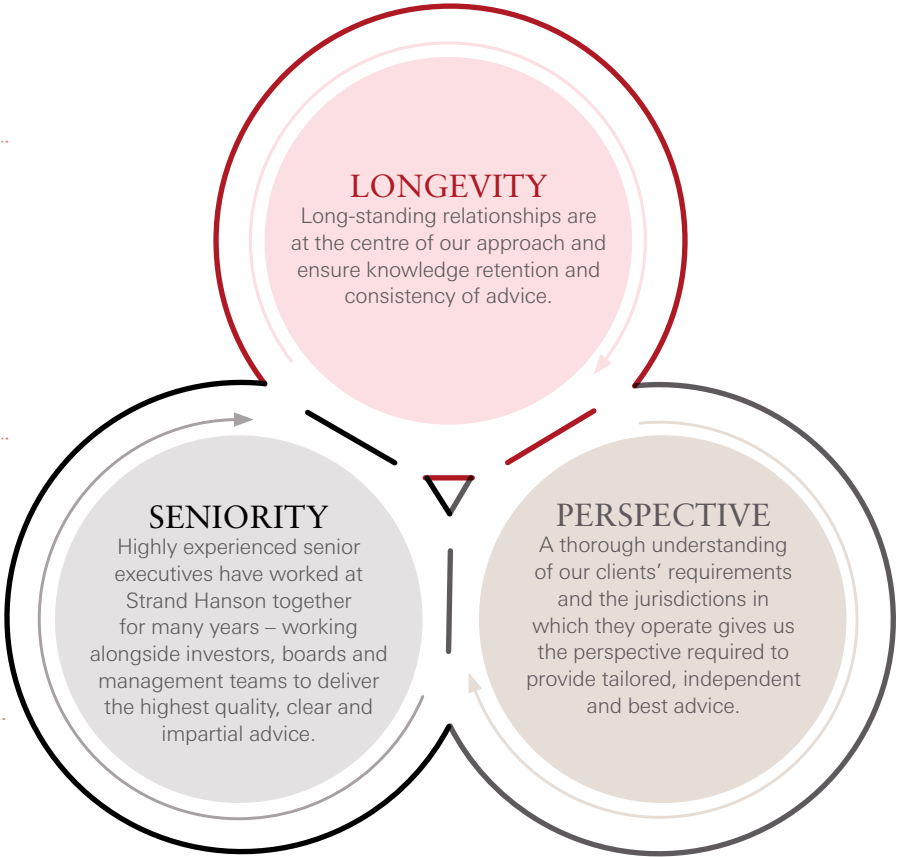
Strand Hanson forges long-lasting relationships of trust with its clients, partnering with them to identify and capitalise on opportunities, and efficiently manage challenges.

Approach

- Discretion and confidentiality assured
- Genuine independence of advice
- Speed of response
- Flexibility and creativity
- Deep market and regulatory relationships

Impact for clients

- Meaningful, value-add dialogue and direction
- Unbiased advice
- Expert transactional execution
- Consistency of advice for the long term



Our service areas

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Strand Hanson offers a full range of corporate finance services.

FLOTATIONS

Strand Hanson advises businesses from a wide range of sectors and jurisdictions on flotations in London, on AIM, the Main Market of the London Stock Exchange and the Aquis Stock Exchange. Our advice includes structuring and valuation work, alongside IPO execution and management.

We take great pride in providing uncompromised, truly independent advice to our clients in the flotation process, identifying and working with a broad range of brokers and fundraisers to ensure the highest standards of service and the best chance of success.

NOMINATED ADVISER

As a Nominated Adviser, Strand Hanson provides independent, highly focused advice to high-growth companies, from a variety of jurisdictions, on AIM. This includes dual listings with other global capital markets, IPOs and reverse takeovers.

- We currently act as Nominated and Financial Adviser to AIM quoted clients across a range of sectors and geographies
- As an independent adviser we can provide impartial advice that is truly in the best interests of our clients
- Our independence also enables clients to maintain a close advisory relationship while utilising the services of a broker or, as we increasingly see, multiple brokers recognising that company requirements change over time
- Our objective is to proactively provide advice that has a positive impact and genuinely adds value to our clients, rather than simply enabling clients to fulfil their AIM regulatory requirements
- We have expertise in advising companies which operate in jurisdictions outside of the UK, particularly emerging markets, and in dealing with the more complex issues which arise with growth companies in these markets and in tailoring solutions for them

- Our experience in advising companies either in emerging or frontier markets, means we are ideally placed to advise on, and more importantly to deal with, the challenges and opportunities that are often faced by companies traded on AIM.

FUNDRAISING

Strand Hanson provides advice to clients on all aspects of their fundraising activities, whether public or private, and including assistance with sourcing and structuring of both equity and debt finance.

For clients looking to raise equity or debt finance, Strand Hanson advises on:

- Optimal capital structure
- Appropriate equity and debt sources
- Timing
- Financial implications of equity and debt issues
- Current market conditions and investor sentiment

We have also established relationships with a wide global network of institutional, private and DFI investors that may not be on the radar of traditional London broking houses. We are able to introduce such investors to selected public and private transactions, where appropriate.

MBO, MBI & RESTRUCTURING

Strand Hanson has extensive experience advising clients (including management teams, financial sponsors and activist shareholders) on MBOs/LBOs and MBIs, assisting with the analysis, marketing, fundraising, project management, shareholder engagement, capital structuring and execution of such transactions. Strand Hanson has strong relationships with a number of leading Financial Sponsors, UHNWs, Family Offices, and other finance providers, including non-traditional capital pools.

STRATEGIC ADVISORY

We offer a wide range of general corporate advisory services, to both private and public companies, which complement our AIM and Main Market advisory practices.

This includes:

- Market analysis
- Board structuring advice

- Advice to activist shareholders
- Financial and business restructuring advice
- Dual listings, including AIM Express Market listings
- Secondary listings

M&A

Strand Hanson provides a full M&A offering with a dedicated team advising corporate clients, financial sponsors and activist shareholders on all aspects of M&A, including both public and private acquisitions and strategic defence planning. Strand Hanson is one of the most active UK Takeover Panel approved advisers, and has significant experience of working as financial adviser, to both offerors and offerees, on all M&A related matters.

We have advised on some of the most complicated, multi-jurisdictional transactions in the UK public market. Strand Hanson prides itself on creating innovative solutions to complex problems and is consistently one of the most active in our market.

Strand Hanson has won a number of awards for M&A – including, most recently, Best UK Mid-Market Public M&A Adviser from the M&A Today Global Awards.

DEBT ADVISORY

Strand Hanson has extensive experience arranging bespoke and flexible debt financing solutions across a wide range of sectors, geographies, and currencies. Our Debt Advisory practice supports corporate borrowers seeking to raise between £1m and £500m+ of debt capital.

Strand Hanson's Debt Advisory team has the expertise to structure both private and public debt solutions, tailoring financing structures to meet the specific needs of each client. We advise across the full spectrum of debt products, working closely with borrowers to optimise terms, enhance flexibility, and support strategic objectives. Within Corporate Finance, we assist both sponsor-led and sponsor-less companies in accessing debt capital, leveraging our deep relationships with a broad range of lenders, including banks, credit funds and alternative capital providers.

Strand Hanson prides itself on delivering innovative and flexible financing solutions to complex situations and is consistently one of the most active advisers in our market.



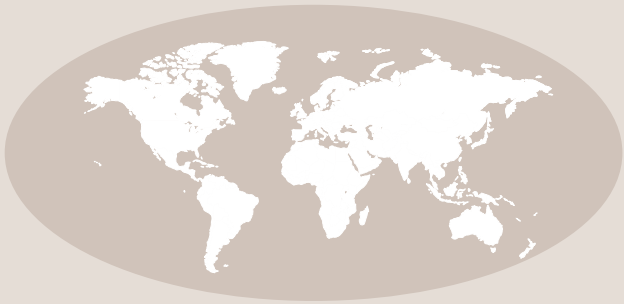
Our global reach

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Strand Hanson has developed strong strategic partnerships in key locations to broaden our global reach and contacts, providing access to a large number of opportunities, particularly in emerging markets.

In a truly international business world, a physical presence in different global regions enhances communication and promotes better understanding of local business, legal, political and cultural issues – leading to more efficient deal execution and greater support for clients.

In addition to our first international office in South Africa, which is key to servicing clients across Africa, we have subsequently forged a partnership with PrimePartners Group in Singapore and became a member of the Eaton Square network. Our regional partners work closely with our London office, to identify opportunities and execute transactions in key emerging markets.



Strand Hanson recognises the importance of having on-the-ground representation in regions where it is most active, working seamlessly with its international office heads and partners for the benefit of its clients.

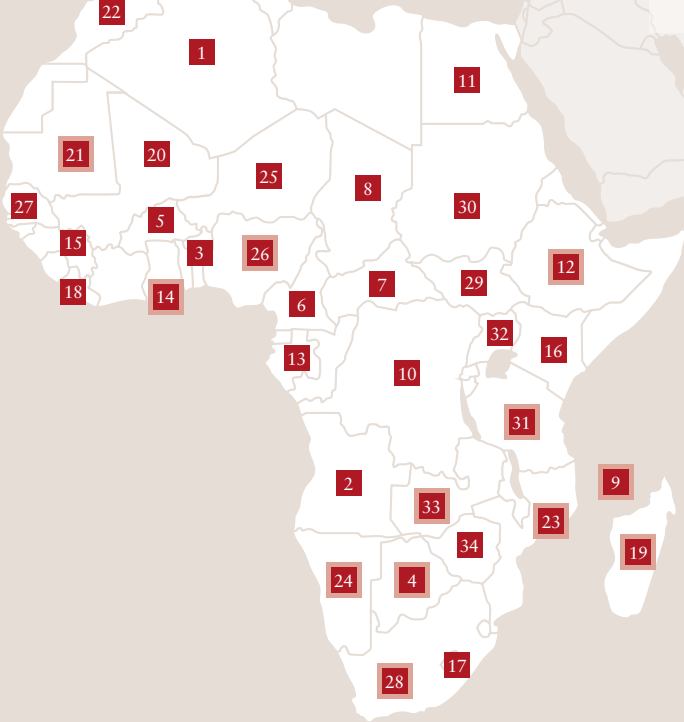
Approach

- Global partnership network
- Proactive sourcing of opportunities for clients through extensive referral network

Impact for clients

- Enhanced execution capability
- Global reach and visibility

33 African countries in which we have either advised clients or directly invested



Warren Pearce
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Constantine Chikosi
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EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE OF AFRICA

Strand Hanson has extensive experience in Africa, having advised clients across the continent, as set out below:

■ **Advisory**

- Up-to-date, relevant in-country knowledge
- Key relationships with local market participants

■ **Investment**

- On-the-ground presence leading to early identification of opportunities
- Flexible approach enabling co-investment

1 Algeria	10 Congo (DRC)	19 Madagascar	28 South Africa
2 Angola	11 Egypt	20 Mali	29 South Sudan
3 Benin	12 Ethiopia	21 Mauritania	30 Sudan
4 Botswana	13 Gabon	22 Morocco	31 Tanzania
5 Burkina Faso	14 Ghana	23 Mozambique	32 Uganda
6 Cameroon	15 Guinea	24 Namibia	33 Zambia
7 Central African Rep.	16 Kenya	25 Niger	34 Zimbabwe
8 Chad	17 Lesotho	26 Nigeria	
9 Comoros	18 Liberia	27 Senegal	

*Singapore is at the heart
of our Asian strategy*

■ Singapore

SINGAPORE IS AT THE HEART OF OUR ASIAN STRATEGY

Strand Hanson is proud to work in collaboration with PrimePartners Group, one of Singapore's leading investment advisory firms, to leverage business connections and maximise value creation.

PrimePartners Group holds a Capital Markets Services license from the monetary authority of Singapore and undertakes advisory and capital raising activities for clients around the globe, with an emphasis on South East Asia and Greater China.

Strand Hanson's partnership with PrimePartners Group creates a combined pool of diverse clients, which is expected to leverage a host of new opportunities,

particularly in the area of energy transition where a key to success is effectively linking the procedures of critical raw materials with end users.

On top of the enhanced connectivity, the collaboration also enables knowledge transfer, especially in regard to regulations, legislation, and culture between the two firms, which will improve service efficiency levels in mutual regions.

LATIN AMERICA IS A CORE MARKET

Strand Hanson established a presence in South America in 2016.

Strand Hanson has advised some of South America's leading industrial families on structuring and financing transactions in oil & gas, renewable energy, telecommunications, infrastructure and technology and advised several of our AIM quoted clients across the region.

Strand Hanson also represents a number of major international infrastructure and EPC companies assisting with market entry, business development and political access across a range of territories and

developing financing strategies that include working with Multilaterals, Development Banks and Export Credit Agencies. Strand Hanson has also developed an extensive network of contacts in Mexico where it is active in the mining, energy, technology and fintech arenas.

The Latin American presence is managed by Miles Lewis, who has a strong track record in business development, and originating and executing advisory mandates.

11 *Latin American countries in which we have either advised clients or directly invested*

■ Mexico

■ Bahamas

■ Nicaragua

■ Trinidad

■ Venezuela

■ Guyana

■ Colombia

■ Brazil

■ Peru

■ Argentina

■ Uruguay

Proprietary investment

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Strand Hanson uses its own resources to invest in carefully selected opportunities where the team can identify future growth potential.

- Approach
- Global partnership network
 - Proactive sourcing of opportunities through carefully vetted referrals



“A limited financial exposure to our clients can help to demonstrate an alignment of interests to both boards and shareholders.”

This capability enables us to take advantage of unique or early stage investment opportunities that are identified internally, whether in London, via our own offices, or through our network of representatives, contacts and clients.

To date, many of Strand Hanson’s interests have been in jurisdictions in which it has previously acted and where our local knowledge, often enhanced by our network of contacts, enables us to make informed investment decisions.

Strand Ventures

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Specialising in advising private companies, from early stage to larger, more mature enterprises.



Iek van Cruyningen
Director, Strand Ventures

“For private businesses seeking to raise funds, the type of investor is as important as the quantum of funds raised.”

Strand Ventures provides high level advice and introduces funding and strategic partners to a range of corporates and asset owners.

The growth in emerging markets presents opportunities for Strand Hanson to leverage its well developed network of finance partners with high quality projects.

The principal focus of these transactions is in the natural resources, traditional energy, renewable energy and infrastructure sectors, where significant opportunities often exist and need to be structured appropriately to satisfy investors.

Many projects which are key to opening up new markets require bespoke funding which meets their particular needs, as well as the political demands of different jurisdictions. Strand Ventures works in partnership with project owners, insurance companies, banks, funds and DFIs to structure propositions to ensure that commercial, jurisdictional and project risks are successfully managed.

Debt advisory and capital markets

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Strand Hanson has extensive experience arranging bespoke and flexible debt financing across a variety of sectors, geographies, and currencies.

Strand Hanson’s Debt Advisory team helps corporate clients raise debt financing across both the public and private markets. We advise Sponsor-backed and non-Sponsor-backed businesses on structuring tailored financing solutions, leveraging our expertise across a broad range of debt products and providers.

Our practice supports corporate borrowers seeking facilities from £1 million to more than £500 million, delivering strategic advice throughout the financing process.

STRAND HANSON’S DCM SOLUTIONS:

- Senior Debt
- Mezzanine Debt
- Asset Backed Lending
- M&A funding
- Revenue Based Financing
- Reserve Based Lending
- Convertible Debt and Structured Equity
- Venture Debt / Growth funding
- Revolving Credit Facilities
- LBO / MBO Financing
- Warehouse Financing
- Project Financing



Stuart Galvin
Managing Director, Debt Advisory

“Debt financing is more than just bank loans and bonds. For most corporate borrowers flexibility, affordability, and duration are decisive factors, and at Strand Hanson we work with a wide variety of lenders to find the best solution for our clients.”



Corporate social responsibility

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As an organisation operating across a broad range of sectors and geographies, we recognise the value and necessity of acting in a responsible way.

As a financial advisory company acting across a range of sectors and geographies, we recognise the need to act in a way that is sustainable and responsible, and strive wherever possible to make a meaningful difference to the numerous stakeholders and communities with which we interact.

It is important that we recognise the areas in which we can have the greatest impact as a responsible business, and we approach sustainability through three interconnected pillars:

Our clients and investments – we consider the profile of potential clients and investments from an environmental,

social and governance (ESG) as well as a financial perspective and actively encourage clients and partners to adopt best-practice ESG principles.

Our communities – we provide both financial and non-financial support to our communities in various ways, including donations, sponsorships and employee volunteering.

Our planet – we strive to minimise our environmental impact, encouraging schemes to improve our energy efficiency and minimise waste.

Strand Hanson has selected the Atlantis Dream Team as an official corporate social investment (CSI) initiative.

“Projects like this, which create opportunities for people to change their circumstances, are the future of corporate social investment.”

The Atlantis Dream Team is a registered non-profit organisation based in the Atlantis community in Cape Town, South Africa. The initiative is focused on empowering and uplifting a disadvantaged community through developing sustainable job creation programmes, basic health care, nutrition, education and training, and the promotion of human rights.

The Atlantis Dream Team also feeds 350 children on a daily basis and hosts an annual Christmas lunch that provides food and gifts to 1,000 children in the Atlantis community.

Strand Hanson is working with Caban Investments, one of our African partners, to provide the platform for the Atlantis Dream Team to become self-sustaining, a model which over time is intended to be applied and developed in other communities across Southern Africa.

Selected transactions

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Strand Hanson has extensive experience delivering successful transactions across a variety of sectors, geographies, and market environments.

METALS & MINING Metals Exploration plc Advising Metals Exploration on its £90m acquisition of Condor Gold PHILIPPINES AND NICARAGUA	FINANCIAL The Smarter Web Company plc £150m Listing of the equity shares (commercial companies) category of the Official List and admission to trading Main Market of the London Stock Exchange UNITED KINGDOM	TECHNOLOGY Pathos Communications plc £20m IPO on AIM DUBAI
GAMING Winking Studios Limited £66m dual listing on AIM SINGAPORE	ENERGY Pulsar Helium Inc. £37m dual listing on AIM UNITED STATES AND GREENLAND	INDUSTRIALS SigmaRoc plc £260m placing, acquisition of Nordkalk, Reverse Takeover and Re-Admission to AIM FINLAND, POLAND, SWEDEN

“A track record built on delivering high-quality outcomes across a range of sectors, structures, and growth stages.”

TECHNOLOGY Quantum Base £15m IPO on AIM UNITED KINGDOM	ENERGY Savannah Energy plc £31.m fundraise to advance company initiatives, secondary market share sale and restoration to trading NIGERIA AND NIGER	ENERGY Rift Helium plc £13m IPO on AIM TANZANIA
METALS & MINING Hummingbird Resources plc £13.4m Recommended Cash Offer for Hummingbird Resources plc by Nioko Resources Corporation effected by means of a contractual offer MALI AND GUINEA	PHARMA Surgical Science Sweden AB £45.2m All-cash acquisition of Intelligent Ultrasound Group plc by Surgical Science UNITED KINGDOM	TECHNOLOGY Fintech Asia Limited £130m Acting as Financial Adviser to Fintech Asia Limited on the £130m Reverse Takeover of ICFG Pte. Ltd SINGAPORE

Our people

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Strand Hanson's team has extensive corporate finance experience across a broad range of sectors – including the wider natural resource, energy, biotech and pharmaceutical sectors – and geographies, including developed, emerging and frontier markets.

The Executive Team will meet with you from the outset to discuss your specific needs and to ensure that you receive the services best suited to your strategy and corporate finance needs.

Strand Hanson also retains a diverse group of non-executive directors and special advisers who have deep expertise and experience in political and economic spheres across the globe. This advisory group provides us, and our clients, with bespoke advice and access to decision makers at the highest levels.

Our senior executive team comprises a collective of specialists with significant experience advising on a wide variety of corporate finance transactions.



THE BOARD



The Lord Anthony St John of Bletso
Chairman

Anthony joined Strand Hanson in April 2014 and was appointed as its Chairman in January 2015. In addition, Anthony chairs its African business.

Anthony qualified as a lawyer in South Africa and obtained a Masters in Law from the University of London before going on to work as an oil analyst at County NatWest and thereafter as a senior consultant to Merrill Lynch.

Anthony was Chairman of Spiritel PLC between 2004-2012 and has also been a Non-Executive Director of Regal Petroleum plc, Sharp Interpak Limited and Pecaso Group Inc. He has also served on the advisory boards of Infinity SDC, Chayton Capital and Ariya Capital with a focus on Agriculture and African business opportunities. He is currently a Non-Executive Director of Albion Ventures LLP and Chairman of the Governing Board of Certification International.



Simon Raggett
Chief Executive

Simon joined Strand Hanson from Greig Middleton & Co in 1999. He became Chief Executive in 2006 and led the management buy-out of the business in 2009.

Simon has been responsible for the Company's international expansion through the development of global strategic relationships. He acts as lead adviser to a broad range of domestic and international clients, sovereign wealth funds and global private equity investment organisations.

Simon is active, as a senior adviser, in ECM, M&A and proprietary transactions.



James Spinney
Managing Director

James read Politics and Philosophy at Durham University before qualifying as a Chartered Accountant with PricewaterhouseCoopers, he later joined the Corporate Finance practice of Ernst & Young.

James has gained extensive experience of cross border transactions, working in New York, Moscow and Johannesburg, as well as being involved in a number of high profile transactions within Europe and in his previous roles. He maintains a strong international focus in many of the clients he continues to advise.

James joined Strand Hanson in 2008 and has advised on both M&A and equity capital market transactions and was appointed Head of Capital Markets in 2015 and Managing Director in 2022.

Angela Hallett
Chief Operating Officer

Angela has almost 20 years' investment banking experience, having joined the corporate finance team at Strand Hanson in 2000 from Arthur Andersen in Australia where she qualified as a chartered accountant.

Angela has extensive experience of all aspects of public company work, including IPOs, fundraisings, Takeover Code work, the Listing Rules and the AIM Rules. She previously advised a number of UK and international companies, primarily focused on the Natural Resources and Services sectors.

James Harris
Director, Head of Corporate

James has over 25 years investment banking experience, having worked at Robert Fleming, Société Générale and Arbuthnot Securities, before joining the corporate finance team at Strand Hanson in 2004.

James acts as lead adviser to a broad range of domestic and international clients, covering IPOs and secondary fund raisings, restructurings and Mergers & Acquisitions.

Rory Murphy
Director, Head of Natural Resources

Rory qualified as a chartered accountant with KPMG prior to joining Greig Middleton & Co's corporate finance division.

He joined Strand Hanson in November 2001, having worked latterly for Charterhouse Securities Limited and then ING Barings. He is experienced across a broad spectrum of sectors and has advised on flotations, secondary fundraisings and merger and acquisition transactions. He is particularly focused on the oil and gas sector and has advised international oil companies with assets throughout the world.



SENIOR EXECUTIVES

Simon Wharmby
Non-Executive Director

Simon was an institutional and corporate stockbroker for some 35 years with Sheppards, Charles Stanley and Corporate Synergy. Graduated 1969 University of East Anglia with a degree in economics and sociology.

He co-authored a North Sea Oil & Energy review for some 20 years prior to concentration on a broader range of new AIM issues. He is a member of the Securities Institute and a former LSE member.

Constantine Chikosi
Non-Executive Director

Constantine joined Strand Hanson in 2026, having previously served as Senior Adviser to the Board.

He is an international board director and former Director at the World Bank with more than 30 years of experience across global capital markets, sovereign finance and complex cross-border transactions. During his time in Washington, DC, he worked on financial sector reform, capital mobilisation and institutional strengthening across emerging and developed markets.

Constantine has held senior board roles across financial services and investment platforms, including serving as Chair of Old Mutual Zimbabwe Limited. His experience spans engagement with sovereign stakeholders, development finance institutions and private capital providers.

He brings a global institutional perspective to transaction structuring, governance oversight and strategic capital allocation, combining international capital markets insight with deep understanding of emerging market dynamics across jurisdictions.



Warren Pearce
Managing Director, Africa

Warren completed an honours degree in Business Science at the University of Cape Town before joining Strand Hanson in February 2000.

Warren provided M&A, Takeover Code and equity financing advice to listed and private companies in the UK before establishing the regional office in South Africa in 2008. Since 2008, Warren's role has been focused on developing Strand Hanson's African presence, including the cultivation of an extensive network of client companies, investors, advisers, governmental and quasi-governmental agencies and industry bodies.



James Dance
Director, Head of Mergers & Acquisitions

James graduated from Bristol University, in June 2006, with a BSc Honours in Biochemistry. After graduation, James joined Smith & Williamson where he qualified as a chartered accountant in 2009. He then moved into Transaction Services, gaining experience in financial modelling and valuation, followed by two years in the Corporate Finance department.

James is a CFA charterholder and a member of the CFA Society United Kingdom. James joined Strand Hanson in December 2012.



Ritchie Balmer
Head of AIM advisory

Ritchie read Economics & Management at Keble College, Oxford University. Following university, Ritchie joined the Natural Resources investment banking team of RBC Capital Markets in London, before moving to Gleacher Shacklock, the M&A advisory house, in 2010.

He joined Strand Hanson in October 2012, focusing on advising on equity capital markets and M&A transactions predominantly within the Natural Resources, Agriculture and Technology sectors. Ritchie is a CFA charterholder and a member of the CFA Society United Kingdom.



Matthew Chandler
Director, Corporate Finance

Matthew graduated from Bath University with B.Sc. (Honours) in Business Administration and subsequently qualified as a chartered accountant with Ernst & Young.

He then joined Capita Corporate Finance Limited, advising a diverse range of unquoted clients on acquisitions, disposals and venture capital backed transactions. Matthew has been a member of the executive team at Strand Hanson since March 2001 and advises on all types of M&A and ECM corporate transactions.

James Bellman
Director, Corporate Finance

James graduated from Bristol University with a B.Sc in Economics & Finance and joined Strand Hanson in July 2011.

He is an AIM Qualified Executive and has over a decade of experience advising domestic and international clients on both equity capital markets and M&A transactions, predominantly in the technology, natural resources and healthcare sectors.

Richard Johnson
Director, Corporate Finance

Richard joined Strand Hanson in May 2022 from Arden Partners, following over 20 years in the Corporate Finance departments at Grieg Middleton & Co and its successor companies, Arbuthnot Securities, Westhouse Securities and Stockdale Securities.

He has broad sectoral experience advising on IPOs, equity capital fundraisings and M&A transactions, including clients in the TMT, Oil & Gas and Leisure sectors, with operations both in the UK and overseas.

Christopher Raggett
Director, Corporate Finance

Christopher has over 15 years of experience in energy and corporate finance. Prior to joining Strand Hanson, Christopher was CEO of UK based incubator fund, Green House Capital Group.

Until September 2023, he sat on the executive committee of finnCap Group plc – an AIM quoted financial services firm incorporating capital markets, M&A, private capital and debt advisory services – where he was also Head of Energy and Natural Resources and Co-Head of Corporate Finance. Prior to joining finnCap, Christopher was a solicitor at a multi-national US-based law firm. In September 2022, Christopher was appointed to the board of net-zero energy consultancy, Energise Ltd.

Carl Holmes
Director, Corporate Finance

Carl has 20 years’ experience of the London capital markets with expertise across all forms of corporate finance transactions ranging from IPOs, secondary placings, M&A, multiple P2Ps and private capital raises.

A NOMAD for the purposes of AIM for over a decade and has built strong relationships with corporate clients as well as institutional investors. Recent years spent focused on the Consumer, Leisure and Media sector but have also worked extensively across Technology, Healthcare and FIG.

Prior to joining Strand Hanson, Carl worked for a decade at Cavendish, a full-service investment bank and advisor to small cap growth companies. Prior to Cavendish he was at Charles Stanley Securities and Linklaters.

Barnaby Hayward
Associate Director, Corporate Development

Barney joined Strand Hanson in January 2024 as an Associate Director in Corporate Development and has 10+ years experience working in the Natural Resources sector.

Prior to this he worked in Equity Capital Markets at finnCap Group and Cavendish, raising money for and advising UK listed businesses. He has also worked for Tavistock in Financial PR & IR, where he was advising AIM quoted mining and oil and gas companies on their financial and corporate communications.

Barney has previously worked in-house at an AIM quoted, Nigerian Oil & Gas company. He has obtained a mining for bankers certificate and an honours degree in business management.

Rob Patrick
Associate Director, Corporate Finance

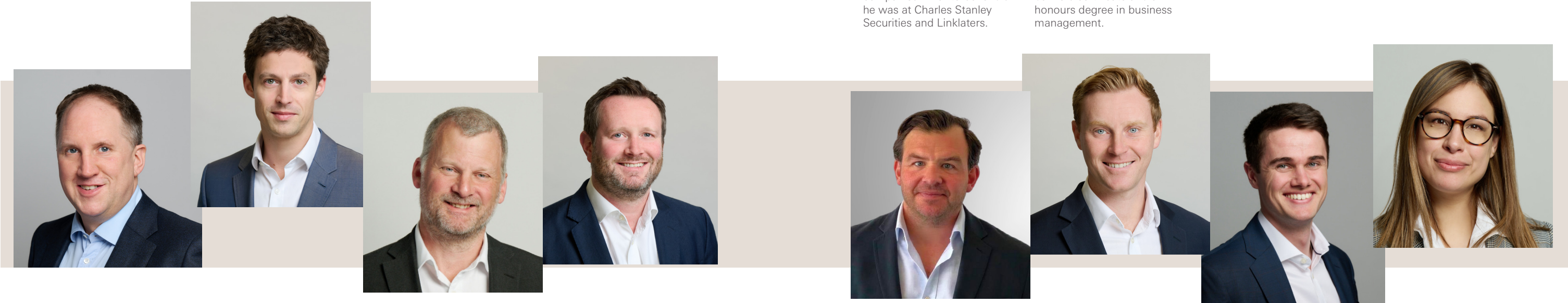
Rob graduated from the University of Sussex with a First Class Honours in Economics and Finance. There, he was awarded the MacQuitty Prize for the top-performing student across all arts, humanities and social science degrees in 2019, and was also awarded a CISI qualification. During summers, Rob undertook various internships, including with an oil and gas company, Buried Hill, and with Strand Hanson in 2018.

Rob joined Strand Hanson in September 2019 as an analyst within the corporate finance team.

Abigail Wennington
Associate Director, Corporate Finance

Abigail read law at the University of Winchester, and completed her LPC at BPP University, being admitted as a Solicitor in England and Wales in 2018. Abigail has a background of assisting with a wide range of corporate and commercial transactions and has previous in-house experience with a specialist bridging lender.

Abigail joined Strand Hanson in June 2021 as a Senior Analyst within the Corporate Finance team.



STRAND VENTURES

Iek van Cruyningen
Director

Iek has over 20+ years’ experience in the investment banking industry, working in London, New York and Los Angeles. Iek has a broad range of sector and transaction experience and was formerly at SilverWind Securities.

Prior to that, Iek worked for Libertas Capital for over 6 years where he joined to help establish the securities operations in London before becoming Head of Libertas Americas. Prior to that Iek worked in various equity capital market roles at HSBC, Enskilda Securities, Merrill Lynch and Smith New Court.



Stuart Galvin
Managing Director, Debt Advisory

Stuart brings over 35 years of experience in debt and equity capital markets. After earning a BA Joint Honours in Politics and French, he began his career at Salomon Brothers in London before moving into senior capital markets roles at Merrill Lynch, JP Morgan, and Mizuho. He later held senior positions at Cenkos, Peel Hunt, WH Ireland, and Singer Capital Markets.

Throughout his career, Stuart has gained extensive cross-border experience in debt transactions while working in London, New York, Tokyo, and Paris. He has worked across a wide range of products, countries, and sectors, with a particular focus on public and private bonds, private credit, refinancings and restructurings, and broader debt advisory.



SENIOR ADVISORS

Raymond O’Leary

Raymond is a seasoned investment banking professional based in the UAE, with deep-rooted relationships across the GCC, including the UAE, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Bahrain, as well as South & Sub-Saharan Africa and other key global markets. He is leading Strand Hanson’s expansion across the GCC as part of the firm’s broader international growth strategy.

Raymond brings extensive experience in raising investment funds and managing institutional and family office relationships, delivering tailored solutions aligned with the objectives of sovereign wealth funds, pension funds, banks, foundations and family offices.

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