

AT A GLANCE

Corporate restructuring and advisory

Shoosmiths' national team of skilled corporate restructuring lawyers has a broad range of experience across the full spectrum. We advise company directors and businesses operating with financial difficulties, insolvency practitioners, banks and asset-based lenders providing bespoke and innovative solutions.

We are seen as the go-to law firm for retail CVAs and restructurings having advised on more CVAs than any other law firm in the past three years, helping a number of large, well known retail businesses going through this process.

Recent experience, includes advising:



On the administration of **Lendy Limited**, an online peer-to-peer lending platform, in respect of the recovery of the multi-million pound loan portfolio.



The administrators of **Monarch Aircraft Engineering Limited**, a company of significant strategic importance within the aviation industry with circa 800 employees.



Alvarez & Marsal, on the administration of global retail brand **Cath Kidston**, including on the sale of the business and assets.



Administrators of women's fashion and accessories retailer **Monsoon Accessorize**, including the sale of the business and assets of those companies.



The administrators of **Harveys and Bensons for Beds** who operate a UK manufacturing site and 242 stores, including the sale of **Bensons for Beds**.



On their CVA, including a portfolio of circa 450 stores.



The administrators **ASA Resource Group plc**, a company with mining interests in South Africa, Zimbabwe, Angola and the Democratic Republic of Congo.



On the sale of the business and assets of **UK Window Group Limited**, one of the largest window manufacturers in the UK with circa 1000 employees.



One of the major stakeholders of **British Steel Limited** prior to and following the liquidation of British Steel Limited.

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National firm of the year

THE LAWYER
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The LEGAL 500
UNITED KINGDOM
TOP TIER
2021

TOP RANKED
Chambers
UK
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Shoosmiths LLP

LegalWeek
Innovation
Awards 2020

INVESTORS IN PEOPLE
We invest in people Platinum

Why Shoosmiths

We know that in a financially distressed scenario our client needs urgent, practical advice, which is why we pride ourselves on our fast response times. We offer constructive, commercial and clear advice in a straightforward manner to provide solutions tailored to our clients' objectives.

We are also part of one of the UK's largest law firms, giving clients ready access to a range of specialisms – including tax, employment, pensions, competition, property and commercial – supported by more than 150 corporate lawyers operating across the UK. Our collective experience gives clients unrivalled market insights.

Clients tell us that we get the “people bit” right, listening and investing in the relationships which are at the heart of great service. We're ready to think differently and deploy our knowledge in a tailored way to meet and exceed each client's expectations.

Key facts

- Shortlisted Restructuring Team of the Year at the Legal Business Awards 2020
- Shortlisted for National Corporate Restructuring team of the year at the TRI Awards 2020
- James Keates named in THE LAWYER HOT 100 list for 2020
- Shoosmiths LLP is a UK law firm with 13 office locations across the United Kingdom
- 210 partners and 1400+ lawyers and business support employees
- Turnover of £167.9 million to end April 2021
- National Firm of the Year in The Lawyer Awards 2019
- Law Firm of the Year, Women in Law Awards, 2020
- Shortlisted in Legal Week's Innovation Awards 2019
- Winner of corporate/commercial specialism in the Legal 500 Awards 2019
- Legal Team of the Year in the Estates Gazette Awards 2018
- Rated a Best Employer for the 15th consecutive year by Legal Week
- Gold standard status in Investors in People
- Signatory to the United Nations Global Compact as part of our responsible business commitments

International

Shoosmiths works with individuals and companies investing in the UK, in addition to UK-based clients operating in global markets (the latter via our membership of the World Services Group, an international network of professional services firms).



They give strong and practical advice in what is a technical and complex area of the law”

Chambers, 2021



They have good strength in depth. James has built a good senior team around him.”

Chambers, 2021



The firm has a strong reputation in the retail sector, including in the context of company voluntary arrangements (CVAs).”

Legal 500, 2021