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TMT TEAM OF THE YEAR

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BIRD & BIRD SIMON SHOOTER

DEVELOPING PIONEERING INSURANCE TECH

Advising Ernst & Young on its joint venture with Guardtime to develop the Insurwave platform – the world’s first blockchain for marine insurance – which has the potential to transform the global insurance market. The platform enables claims to be paid in hours, premiums to be agreed and settled in seconds and shippers to track assets and share data. It also allows insurers to track their exposures in real time. Bird & Bird’s role involved

setting up the joint venture, the transfer of IP into the joint venture and advising on IT-related licence arrangements and regulatory issues.

Mike Gault, Guardtime CEO, said: ‘The team at Bird and Bird were outstanding throughout the process and added tremendous value in helping us think through the many challenges in creating a joint venture with a Big Four auditing company.’

HIGHLY COMMENDED

KEMP LITTLE

CHRIS HILL

The firm was appointed by Nesta, the innovation foundation, to be its sole legal provider for stage two of the Open Up Challenge, which means advising 12 fintech businesses on bringing their products to the market. This includes authorisation applications to the FCA, regulatory concerns around data usage, IP issues, data protection and commercial contracting.

COMMENDED

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GARY MOSS

Successfully representing Unwired Planet against Huawei Technologies in a landmark standard essential patent dispute in the Court of Appeal. The case centred on important issues over licensing patents under fair, reasonable and non-discriminatory (FRAND) terms.

EVERSHEDS SUTHERLAND

CHARLOTTE WALKER-OSBORN

Playing an integral role in bringing ITSO’s secure authentication ticketing technology onto mobile devices. This cutting-edge Internet of Things project is a key part of the government’s £80m programme to bring smart ticketing to the whole of the UK.

PINSENT MASONS

DAVID BARKER

Successfully defending Google against a class action led by the former executive director of Which? magazine. The case, which was backed by £12m of litigation funding, centred on the setting of cookies on Apple’s Safari browser.

POWELL GILBERT

TIM POWELL

Successfully representing Activis in its long-running battle with Pfizer (Warner-Lambert) concerning the blockbuster drug pregabalin. The Supreme Court upheld lower court decisions that Pfizer’s patent for its pain relief product was invalid, leaving it open to substantial financial claims.

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