



The Allen & Overy team, on behalf of Denise Gibson, with David Saunderson of Cantab Asset Management

# LAWYER OF THE YEAR

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## DENISE GIBSON ALLEN & OVERY

### AN ALPHA STAR IN THE CITY FIRMAMENT

In searching for senior female talent in the City for our recent cover feature, 'Alphas', we amassed nearly 60 interviews with partners, law firm leaders, corporate heads and recruiters. Allen & Overy finance star Denise Gibson quickly emerged as the standout individual from the research. Not only one of the City's most respected female deal lawyers but also one of the most-tipped young banking partners in the City, period.

The former Goldman Sachs director covers the complex end of leveraged finance. 'She's outstanding. Clients love her – she's a natural business generator. Fortright style – cuts to the quick of the issues. Very well respected,' recalls former A&O senior partner David Morley. She describes her favoured transaction as light on precedent with the loan sold to an unusual audience, summing up: 'leveraged finance with a twist'.

### HIGHLY COMMENDED AEDAMAR COMISKEY LINKLATERS

Linklaters' global head of corporate Aedamar Comiskey is one of the few female heavyweights in public M&A. The former senior partner contender has established herself as a substantial business generator, acting as Linklaters' relationship partner for key clients including Aviva and HSBC. Despite possessing the full portfolio of skills, Comiskey wears her status lightly and is regarded as a superb role model internally and externally. 'Aedamar is so successful and dynamic and has balanced her roles with her family life for many years,' says senior partner Charlie Jacobs. 'A great role model.'

### COMMENDED DAVID GREEN QC SERIOUS FRAUD OFFICE

David Green QC took over the Serious Fraud Office in 2012 at what was, even for the frequently beleaguered agency, a low ebb. However, the consensus among hardened white-collar crime specialists is that the veteran silk has had considerable success turning around a body derided as toothless and operationally slack into much more of a force. He hands over to his successor a prosecutor in much better shape than when he began.

### NILUFER VON BISMARCK SLAUGHTER AND MAY

Nilufer von Bismarck stands as the dominant female operator in the City's best M&A team. The corporate and equity capital markets veteran has sustained a robust practice across more than 25 years and her reputation and work saw her pick up an OBE in the New Year and she was enduring respect from rivals, who describe rubbing shoulders with her in the boardroom as being 'Nilufered'.

## Cantab Asset Management was delighted to honour the excellent work of Denise Gibson of Allen & Overy by awarding her the 'Lawyer of the Year 2018'

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We would be delighted to meet and discuss how we may help you. Please contact us on **020 3651 0570** or email [david.saunderson@cantabam.com](mailto:david.saunderson@cantabam.com)

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'David Saunderson'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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