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### **3VB RECRUITS STAR SILK, FOUR JUNIOR BARRISTERS AND THREE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATE MEMBERS**

Leading commercial law barristers' chambers 3 Verulam Buildings has today confirmed that Hodge Malek QC, Saima Hanif, Cleon Catsambis, James Potts and Yash Bheeroo will be joining the set from 39 Essex Chambers and that international lawyers Mansoor Jamal Malik (Oman), Thierry Marembert (France) and Attila Tanzi (Italy) are becoming associate members of 3VB.

In a joint statement, 3VB's Heads of Chambers, Ewan McQuater QC and Adrian Beltrami QC, said: "We are thrilled to be welcoming as members of Chambers Hodge Malek QC, a renowned star of the Commercial Bar, along with these exceptional junior barristers, Saima, Cleon, Yash and James. As well as being substantially involved in our mainstream work, they strengthen some of our complementary areas of practice which we have planned to develop. There is also a significant international aspect to much their work, further increasing our already well-established international credentials. This opportunity is great news for 3VB, and we look forward to continuing our strategy of quality recruitment."

Hodge Malek QC said: "We have very much enjoyed our time at 39 Essex Chambers and we all look forward to joining 3VB, which is a perfect fit for the areas in which we practice. 3VB is a heavyweight commercial chambers, which allows us to continue expanding and developing our work in the areas of commercial law, banking and financial services, both domestically and internationally."

Robin Jackson, 3VB's Chambers Director, added: "In addition to the tremendous news of our new tenants, we are also delighted to be welcoming three international Associate Members: Mansoor Jamal Malik, the founder and managing partner of Muscat law firm Al Busaidy Mansoor Jamal & Co; Thierry Marembert, one of the founders and now head of Paris law firm Kiejman Marembert; and Attila Tanzi, Professor of Public International Law at the University of Bologna and a prominent arbitrator and international arbitration counsel. Not only do they bring to 3VB their own exceptional skills and knowledge, but their appointment expands the global reach of our cohort of associate members across yet further jurisdictions."

3 Verulam Buildings is one of the UK's principal sets of barristers' chambers, with over 70 members specialising in a wide range of commercial law, providing advice and representing clients in court and arbitration hearings in the UK, in other jurisdictions around the world and internationally.

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Brief profiles of the five joining barristers are attached.

For profiles of our new international Associate Members, please see the following links:

Attila Tanzi                      <https://www.unibo.it/sitoweb/attila.tanzi/cv>

Thierry Marembert            <https://www.kiejman-marembert.com/about-our-team>

Mansoor Jamal Malik        <http://www.amjoman.com/professionals/Mansoor-Jamal-Malik.php>

For enquiries, speak to Senior Practice Managers, Steve Penson or Stuart Pullum, or Chambers Director, Robin Jackson, on 020 7831 8441

**Hodge Malek QC** has an impressive academic and practical background. He has both undergraduate and postgraduate law degrees from Oxford University. He is the general editor of the leading book on the law of evidence, *Phipson on Evidence* (19th ed. 2018) and the joint author of *Disclosure* (5th ed. 2017), both of which are often cited in judgments in common law jurisdictions. He is also a contributor to *Mithani, Directors Disqualification* (Human Rights chapters with) and various volumes of *Atkins Court Forms* (Human Rights, Disclosure and Information Requests, and Administrative Court). He was a member of the Commercial Court working party chaired by Mr. Justice Cresswell on Electronic Disclosure.

Hodge is Chairman of the Competition Appeal Tribunal. He sits as a Recorder in both civil and criminal cases. He regularly sits as chairman of disciplinary panels of the Bar. He is a member of the Inn's Conduct Committee and a Bencher of Gray's Inn.

He has a successful and heavyweight commercial practice which includes the specific areas detailed below: commercial dispute resolution; banking and financial services; fraud; professional disciplinary, energy, insurance/reinsurance and procurement. He is particularly known for cases with an international element. He travels widely on cases, including Europe, Caribbean and the Middle East.

He is a member of the bar of the British Virgin Islands and has been called to other bars for specific cases, such as Isle of Man (insider dealings on NASDAQ and letters of request) and Gibraltar (dealing in shares on Lisbon Stock Exchange). He has appeared in the Tribunal de Commerce and Cour d'Appel in Paris on a number of cases. He also conducts arbitrations and regulatory hearings. He has appeared before various ad hoc and specialist bodies, including INTERPOL, Copyright Tribunal, the Upper Tribunal (and its predecessors).

**Saima Hanif** (2003 call) has a commercial regulatory practice and is recommended in the directories as a leading junior in three areas including Financial Services. She read Law at Oxford, where she was President of the Law Society. She is an experienced advocate, described by Chambers & Partners as "thorough, intelligent... someone with incredible analysis" and by Legal 500 as "extremely user-friendly, fast, efficient and extremely bright".

She is a recognised leading junior in financial services ("she has great knowledge of the FS industry", "a high profile in the field", Chambers & Partners) and has represented clients at all stages, from the RDC through to the Court of Appeal. High profile matters she has acted in include the Forex scandal, Libor manipulation and representing the former CEO of Keydata in a ground-breaking victory against the FCA ("one of the most headline-grabbing cases of its kind for many years", Chambers & Partners). She is currently sole counsel in two large FCA investigations and is instructed in a banking regulatory investigation in Singapore, emanating from the 1MDB scandal. She regularly advises across a range of technical matters; recent examples include MiFID II, the application of the listing rules of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, and the interpretation of the RAO.

She has a specific expertise in claimant judicial reviews of FS decisions and represented the claimants in *Ford v FSA* [2012] ("one of the few successful JRs of the FCA", Chambers & Partners) and *Chancery v FOS* [2015] (JR of a FOS jurisdiction decision). She has also advised on a number of potential challenges (e.g. a skilled person appointment under s166 FSMA, several FOS jurisdictional decisions and a decision of the Property Ombudsman).

She is similarly experienced in public law challenges to HMRC decisions, and has acted in a number of matters including APNs, Conduct Notices under the Finance Act 2014 and the application of ESCs,

She appears regularly in the Upper Tribunal (e.g. the widely-reported *Roberts v FCA* [2015] where she acted for the former CEO of Catalyst, *Amir Khan v FCA*, *Karan v FSA & UBS*) and has extensive cross-border experience, acting for clients in Hong Kong, Singapore, Dubai (*Al-Ansari v DFSA*, 2015, *X v DFSA*, 2017), the Isle of Man and Guernsey, where she has represented the Guernsey FS regulator.

Her previous experience includes secondments at Clifford Chance (FS department), the FCA (General Counsel's Department and Enforcement) and the Bank of England's Financial Markets Law Committee (FMLC).

She is a member of the FMLC's Advisory Group on Brexit and has delivered lectures and articles on the topic ("she is recognised for her understanding of Brexit-related finance issues," Chambers & Partners). Her publications include *Disciplinary & Regulatory Proceedings* (co-editor), the Atkins volume on Financial Services and *Phipson on Evidence*.

**James Potts** (2011 call) specialises in commercial litigation and arbitration, banking and financial services, civil fraud, energy, regulatory & professional disciplinary law, and aviation. He regularly appears as sole or junior counsel in the English courts, tribunals, and international arbitrations.

Much of James's work is international, including arbitrations under DIFC, LCIA, ICC and GCC Commercial Arbitration Centre rules. He has significant experience of litigation and arbitration in the Caribbean, the Far East (Singapore, Malaysia and Hong Kong) and a number of Middle East jurisdictions (including Dubai, Abu Dhabi and Bahrain). In 2014 he spent 3 months on secondment to the litigation and arbitration department of an English law firm in Dubai.

James is a contributing editor to *Atkins on Financial Services*, *Jordan's Regulatory and Disciplinary Proceedings*, and *Butterworths Financial Regulation Service*.

**Yash Bheeroo** (2011 call) has developed a wide commercial practice which encompasses: commercial litigation, dispute resolution; arbitration; banking and financial services; civil fraud; energy (focused on oil and gas disputes) and regulatory and disciplinary matters.

He appears as sole and junior counsel in a number of high-value and complex commercial disputes in the English courts, international courts and arbitrations. Much of his practice includes an international element and he has recently undertaken cases (both litigation and advisory work) in a number of jurisdictions in the Middle East (UAE, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain and Kuwait), the Far East (Malaysia, Hong Kong and Singapore), Europe (the Netherlands, France, Switzerland and Cyprus) and Africa (Mauritius). He is also regularly instructed in cases before ad hoc and specialist bodies such as INTERPOL and World Check.

Yash is a contributing editor to many publications, including the *Contract and Financial Services* volume of *Atkin's Court Forms*, *Jordan's Regulatory and Disciplinary Proceedings* and *Butterworths Financial Regulation Service*.

**Cleon Catsambis** (2011 call) has a strong commercial practice that encompasses commercial litigation and dispute resolution, banking & financial services and regulatory & disciplinary law. He also practices in administrative and public law.

Cleon applies his commercial nous, robust legal analysis and effective advocacy skills to each of his cases in order to achieve the best possible outcome for his clients. He regularly appears as sole and junior counsel in high-value and complex disputes in the High Court, the Court of Appeal and a variety of Tribunals. He also undertakes pleading and advisory work.

He is an editor and contributing author to a number of leading publications, including *Atkin's Court Practice* (Financial Services and Administrative Law volumes), *Jordan's Regulatory and Disciplinary Proceedings* and *Butterworths Financial Regulation Service*. He also speaks regularly on issues ranging from legal professional privilege to consultation requirements.