



PRESS RELEASE

GENERAL COUNSEL ANNOUNCEMENT - JOE WHITFIELD

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We are pleased to announce that Joe Whitfield has joined Phatisa as Partner - General Counsel. Joe will dedicate half of his time to Phatisa; he will also continue in his role as a corporate partner at Michelmores, a London law firm.

Joe specialises in international investment and financing transactions, including mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, private equity and funds (representing both limited and general partners, and also advising on downstream investment activity), corporate finance, and banking transactions. He has more than 15 years experience representing leading international financial institutions, advising on private equity and other funds, and providing advice for corporations and government agencies on a wide variety of complex cross border transactions in some of the most challenging emerging markets (in particular throughout Africa where he has advised on transactions in more than 20 jurisdictions).

Before joining Phatisa and Michelmores London, Joe was a corporate partner at Steptoe & Johnson, a leading US law firm; he co-founded Africa Legal (which is now part of Norton Rose); and prior to that he was General Counsel of CDC Group plc, the UK's official development finance institution with a long record of investing in emerging markets.

Joe has significant Africa experience, having lived in a number of African countries, including Nigeria, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Malawi, and Uganda. Joe will be based predominantly in London in his new role.

"We are delighted that Joe is joining Phatisa. His reputation and legal track record in Africa precedes him. This appointment again highlights Phatisa's commitment to grow long term equity value for all funds under management. Joe will be a great addition to our team," Phatisa Senior Managing Partner, Duncan Owen.

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