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Jonathan graduated from the University of Southampton in 1970. He qualified as a solicitor in October 1973 and joined Nabarro Nathanson before becoming a merchant banker with Capel Court Corporation in Sydney. On his return he joined Berwin Leighton and was a founder member of SJ Berwin LLP where he was senior corporate finance partner until he became a consultant in 2003. He joined Davenport Lyons as a partner in the Corporate Department in October 2008.



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Jonathan specialises in corporate finance with an emphasis on takeovers, acquisitions, financings, flotations and joint ventures with particular expertise in the property, retail, sport and leisure sectors.

Amongst Jonathan's more high profile matters have been the acquisition of the Broadgate Centre and the Meadowhall Shopping Centre in Sheffield on behalf of the British Land Company Plc. Advising on the takeover of Tottenham Hotspur FC and the acquisition of Adidas by Maurice Saatchi and Robert Louis Dreyfus.

Jonathan is also actively involved in Israeli and South African affairs and has represented corporations in those countries investing, acquiring businesses and raising finance in the UK. He was a member for a number of years of COSAT (Committee on South African Trade) and formed and headed the SJ Berwin South African team. He is also a non-executive director of a wide range of companies and has consultancies with a number of financial organisations.