

Liz Claydon, Head of Deal Advisory

KPMG in the UK

Transcription

Hi, my name is Liz Claydon and I'm the Head of our UK Deal Advisory business.

I joined as a graduate into our Audit practice back in the early 90's, so definitely showing my age there! I actually started in our Leeds office which is where I'd gone to university and I can honestly say, it was the people and the culture of KPMG that attracted me, versus the other firms I interviewed with. Since joining, I've had a hugely diverse career, delivering transaction advice on many complex, headline making deals, a number of fantastic international client secondments, as well as a variety of rewarding sector and Lead Partner roles.

Throughout this, what I've loved is really the breadth of experience and opportunities and the environment to stretch myself, develop new skills and grow. So, for me, there's never been a more exciting and relevant time to join our Deal Advisory practice. Every client is facing market disruptors be that across ESG, technology, the levelling up agenda or just dealing with adjusting to life post-COVID.

And for me, what differentiates us across Deal Advisory is, we really love to support clients in executing on their great strategies or realising shareholder value through our technical expertise, our deal know-how and, really importantly, our deep sector knowledge of the industries that they operate in. As well as not forgetting to bring the human touch to everything we do.

We're also really proud of our diverse and inclusive culture. Every one of our colleagues is what makes our business a fabulous place to work, and what inspires diversity of thought, and ultimately better outcomes, for our firm and our clients. We do really care about making our people feel extraordinary. And, to do this, we focus on how we can help them accelerate their career progression through providing that variety of experience right across the life cycle. From deal strategy up front, through transaction services and M&A, to integration and separation. We also have a thriving infrastructure advisory business, a valuations business - all of this with a sense of purpose really shining through everything we do with our clients.

So, what do I love most about KPMG? Well, that's easy. I love watching the people I work with thrive, watching their careers advance and seeing them promoted. I love people's curiosity, hunger to learn and the brilliant collaborative relationships we form with each other and our clients. And we really can work flexibly, which is really important coming out of the pandemic. But, for me, it's always been there. I'm a Mum of three kids and there were times in my career where I needed to look for roles across Deal Advisory that provided more flexibility and weren't always about long hours. But all of these roles enabled me to

develop and learn and brought me to the role I'm in here today, which I do think is one of the best across the firm - but I'm probably biased!

Deal Advisory at KPMG is a fantastic place to work. Whether you're at the start of your career, or continuing it, we will support you to be at your very best.

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