Simon Mateus

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Simon has progressed at an exceptional pace, establishing himself as one of the Corporate M&A team's most capable emerging lawyers. His inclusion in The Rising 20 recognises his technical excellence, maturity, client credibility and leadership potential.

Over the past 24 months, Simon has worked on more than 20 transactions spanning private and public M&A, cross-border carve-outs, business rescue and real estate acquisitions. He manages multiple complex mandates concurrently, maintaining high standards and sound judgement while identifying critical negotiation points and transaction risks.

He has developed specialist expertise in data centre M&A, an increasingly complex intersection of real estate, technology, regulatory and corporate law, as well as public M&A and the JSE regulatory framework. His contribution to the South African chapter of Baker McKenzie's Global Public M&A Guide further demonstrates his expertise and commitment to knowledge sharing.

Simon has earned the trust of clients and counterparties through his responsiveness, credibility and solutions-oriented approach. During a period of significant resourcing pressure, he willingly assumed additional responsibilities without compromising work quality or professional relationships, demonstrating resilience and accountability.

Beyond transactions, Simon contributes to the firm's global pro bono programme, supporting initiatives focused on the rights of women, children and LGBT communities. His involvement in the Associates Committee and the Inclusion, Diversity and Equity Committee reflects his commitment to an inclusive profession and the wider firm.

Simon combines technical expertise, commercial instinct and resilience with a commitment to others. His ability to deliver under pressure, build trusted relationships and contribute beyond his role marks him as an emerging talent.



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