

Team

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As at 30 September 2016, Epiris had funds under management of over £2.2 billion on behalf of Electra Private Equity PLC and other clients. The senior management team have on average 22 years' experience in private equity. The investment team has an average of 18 years' experience in private equity and is supported by a team of specialists in compliance, finance, investor relations and marketing.



Alex Cooper-Evans
Partner

Alex joined Epiris in 2006. He has been in the buyout industry since 1993, first at Crédit Agricole Indosuez and subsequently with Duke Street Capital, Compass Partners and Lazard. Alex holds a degree in Philosophy, Politics and Economics from Oxford University. He is involved in Electra Partners Club 2007 fund and is responsible for all the investor and public relations activities of Epiris and its clients. He represents Epiris on the Boards of AXIO, and Knight Square and sits on the Investment Committee.



Rhian Davies
Senior Adviser

Rhian joined Epiris in 1992 from the Corporate Reconstruction and Insolvency department of PricewaterhouseCoopers, where she qualified as a Chartered Accountant. Rhian was involved in the Allflex and Kalle transactions. She has a degree in Mathematics from Bristol University. Rhian is a non-executive director of Schroders.



Charles Elkington
Partner

Charles joined Epiris in 2005. Prior to this he spent 12 years in corporate finance with Arthur Andersen and Deloitte, focusing mainly on mid-market private equity transactions. He was involved in the CALA, Kalle, Nuaire and Steadfast transactions, represents Epiris on the Boards of Audiotonix and Sentinel and sits on the Investment Committee. Charles is a Chartered Accountant and holds a degree in Economics from Bristol University.



Alex Fortescue
Managing Partner

Alex is the Managing Partner of Epiris, having joined as Chief Investment Partner in 2011. Prior to this he spent 11 years at Apax Partners, where he was Global Head of the Retail and Consumer Group. Before Apax he spent nine years at OC&C Strategy Consultants where he focused on corporate strategy and private equity commercial due diligence. Alex chairs Epiris' Management Committee and is a member of its Investment Committee. He sits on the boards of portfolio companies AXIO, Parkdean Resorts, Hotter Shoes and Knight Square.



Daniel Frazer
Investment Associate

Daniel joined Epiris in 2016. Previously he was at PwC for three years where he provided corporate finance advice and execution in the Financial Services and Business Services sectors. Daniel holds a degree in accounting and finance from the London School of Economics and a Masters degree in international finance, with distinction, from HEC Paris.



Nicola Gray
Investment Manager

Nicola joined Epiris in 2014 from Phoenix Equity Partners where she was an Investment Manager. Prior to that, Nicola worked in the Strategy Group at PricewaterhouseCoopers where she advised on a range of commercial due diligence and corporate strategy projects for a number of private equity and corporate clients. Since joining Epiris she has been involved with the Allflex, Davies, Nuaire and Retirement Bridge transactions and represents Epiris on the Board of Treetops. She has a degree in Natural Sciences from Cambridge University.



Chris Hanna
Partner

Chris joined Epiris in 2011, prior to that he was at Phoenix Equity Partners, Morgan Grenfell Private Equity and Credit Suisse First Boston. Chris represents Epiris on the Board of Treetops and was involved in the Allflex, Debt Portfolio, Elian and EPI Secondary Portfolio transactions and sits on the Investment Committee. Chris is a qualified solicitor and has a master's degree in Finance from the London Business School.



Steve Ozin
Partner (CFO and Compliance)

Steve joined Epiris in 1990, having previously worked for Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte. He is Epiris Chief Financial Officer, is responsible for Group Compliance and the Company Secretarial and also sits on the Investment Committee. Steve is a Chartered Accountant, has an Economics degree from the London School of Economics and a master's in Finance from the London Business School.



Bill Priestley
Chief Investment Partner

Bill joined Epiris in 2014 from LGV Capital where he held the role of Managing Director. He was with LGV Capital for over 10 years and before worked at N M Rothschild & Sons and Barclays. Bill leads the Investment Team and sits on the Investment Committee. He led the Photobox transaction and represents Epiris on the Boards of Hollywood Bowl, Innovia Group and TGI Fridays. Bill has a Law degree from Cambridge University.



David Symondson
Chairman of the Investment Committee

David joined Epiris in 1983, having previously spent six years with KPMG where he qualified as a Chartered Accountant. He is the Chairman of the Investment Committee and represents Epiris on the board of Allflex. David holds a degree in Agriculture from Reading University.



Arvind Tewari
Investment Manager

Arvind joined Epiris in 2016 having previously spent six years at NM Rothschild & Sons where he provided strategic analysis, advice and execution across the Healthcare, Consumer and Real Estate sectors. At Rothschild Arvind advised on a number of mid-market transactions including the sale of TOBC to Epiris. Arvind has a combined undergraduate and master's degree in Molecular & Cellular Biochemistry from Oxford University.



Sarah Williams
Investment Director

Sarah joined Epiris in 2007. Previously she worked at European Acquisition Capital and PricewaterhouseCoopers. Sarah is a Chartered Accountant and has a master's in Classics from Oxford University. Since joining Epiris she has been involved with the BDR Thermea, esure, Nuaire, Premier and TGI Fridays transactions and represents Epiris on the Boards of AXIO, Hotter and Parkdean Resorts.



Owen Wilson
Investment Director

Owen joined Epiris in 2013 having previously spent four years at Palamon Capital Partners and four years at Candover working on mid-market buyouts. Prior to that, he worked as a consultant at Bain & Company. Since joining Epiris Owen has been involved with the Cordatus VI, Innovia and Tymon Park transactions and represents Epiris on the boards of Retirement Bridge Group and TGI Fridays. He has an MBA from Harvard Business School and a BA in Mathematics from Cambridge University.



Ian Wood
Investment Director

Ian joined Epiris in 2012 having previously spent two years at GCP Capital and six at Silverfleet Capital focusing on mid-market UK and European buyouts. Prior to that, he worked at Deloitte and at Andersen. Since joining Epiris Ian has been involved with the Elian and Hollywood Bowl transactions and represents Epiris on the Board of Audiotonix. He is a Chartered Accountant and has a degree in Management Sciences from Warwick University.