

IN-HOUSE TEAM OF THE YEAR

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SKYSCANNER

Carolyn Jameson

RAISING THE BAR IN A CUTTING-EDGE INDUSTRY Chief legal officer Carolyn Jameson joined Skyscanner in 2013. She has built a team which has not only helped it to become the world's fastest-growing travel search site but is also now recognised as a core unit within the business and respected within the online travel industry more widely.

Skyscanner's lawyers have played an important role in developing thought leadership on issues such as access to data, price parity, unbiased search, regulation of online platforms and promoting the goals of the Digital Single Market. The team also negotiated Skyscanner's joint venture with Yahoo! Japan and has worked with various other online partners to help the company grow in Asia.

Among a string of testimonies, both internally and from private practice firms, Skyscanner chief financial officer Shane Corstorphine said: 'I did not think their achievements could be surpassed. I was wrong. The legal team have built upon their success last year and raised the bar again.'

HIGHLY COMMENDED

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Dan Fitz

As one of the first in-house legal teams to obtain an alternative business structure licence, BT has continued its impressive record of finding new ways to resource legal work, with commercial legal spend 75% lower than it was in 2010. During 2015, Fitz's team was heavily involved in the process of managing BT's £12.5bn acquisition of EE.

FUNDING CIRCLE

Lucy Vernall

Lucy Vernall, who became Funding Circle's first full-time UK-based lawyer in July 2014, has played a lead role in pushing for FCA regulation in the nascent peer-to-peer lending marketplace rather than relying on traditional regulatory structures. Her team also played an important role last year one of the largest-ever private fundraising rounds by a British technology start-up.

INTERCONTINENTAL HOTELS GROUP

Nigel Stocks

The team at IHG has played a lead role in the company's transformation from a hotel-owning real estate company to a brands-led franchisor and management company. It is responsible for promoting and leading strategic projects and the company's reputation and responsible business agenda.

ROCHE PRODUCTS

Funke Abimbola

Representing the UK pharmaceutical arm of Roche, the legal team has been

involved in a number of important strategic initiatives, including the integration of four companies into the UK & Ireland business following Roche's acquisition of Intermune Group; supporting product launches; and advising on pricing negotiations with NHS England, the company's biggest customer.

SABMILLER

John Davidson

A busy 2015 for the SABMiller legal team saw it heavily involved in the biggest M&A takeover anywhere in the world, following Anheuser-Busch InBev's £71bn bid. General counsel Davidson is noted as a standout individual by private practice firms, while senior M&A counsel James Down led the team on its largest corporate transaction of 2014.





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