



RACHEL RIGBY

JOURNALIST

PERSONAL PROFILE

Over 16 years' experience as a financial journalist covering all aspects of M&A in every sector. Excellent interpersonal skills and the ability to communicate effectively at all levels.

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SKILLS

- Journalism (online & offline)
- Public Relations
- Client Management
- Training

EDUCATION

Smith College, Massachusetts
BA (Hons), Modern European
History, 1993

HOBBIES & INTERESTS

Creative writing, travel writer for various magazines, painting, reading, scuba diving, photography and travel

References available upon request

WORK EXPERIENCE

CTFN News, London, Journalist

JUN 2016 - APR 2020

- Wrote about large mergers and acquisitions in Europe and the UK with a focus on European Commission competition rulings. Recent achievements include:
- Revealed that the Allergan Abbvie merger would be cleared by the European Commission in advance of the announcement. First to report that Oxford Nanopore would not accept the remedies presented by Illumina in its acquisition of PacBio

Lionsgate Communications, London, Accounts Manager

FEB 2014 - JUN 2016

Lionsgate Communications is a company providing professional financial Public & Investor Relations advice, specialising in advising junior market growth companies.

- Built the company client base in the private equity and healthcare sectors.
- Provided PR strategy and leveraged off my previous experience writing about large pharmaceutical/biotech and private equity deals.
- Worked for AFC Energy, the alkaline fuel cell company, one of AIM's risers in 2015.

Cognolink, London, Media Consultant

JUL 2013 - NOV 2013

- Advised private equity firms, hedge funds, management consultants and institutional investors on trends in the media sector.

Mergermarket, Financial Times Group, London, Head of Special Coverage

APR 2000 - SEPT 2012

- Liaised with European CEOs and VPs, as well as investment bankers and other advisors, regarding the larger M&A transactions.
- Interviewed high level government officials globally regarding privatisations, nationalisations, regulatory and political decisions affecting business.
- Reported and wrote articles for Mergermarket, Financial News, Media Week, Sunday Business and Reuters Breaking Views.
- Trained new recruits in reporting and writing techniques, using the site and sent them leads; included training new staff in NYC and HK.
- Attended business conferences worldwide and interviewed personalities such as billionaire Philip Green.
- Interviewed as a regular guest on CNBC about trends in M&A.