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Experience and qualifications

John Biggart is a Director in the Forensic group in Zurich, with over 18 years of disputes and investigations experience. His disputes work focuses on the quantification of damages relating to breach of contract and post acquisition disputes. He has worked in litigation, international arbitration and expert determination and has experience of a wide range of industry sectors, including natural resources, financial services, manufacturing, pharmaceuticals, telecommunications and shipbuilding.

Below is a brief summary of some of John's disputes work:

Expert witness

- Appointed expert witness by the Respondent, a global manufacturer of consumer goods, in an international arbitration with a former supplier, concerning the quantification of damages arising from the termination of the supply agreement (ICC Paris; amount in dispute CHF10m)
- Appointed independent quantum expert by the Sole Arbitrator in an International Arbitration in the munitions sector (Geneva; amount in dispute USD30m).
- Appointed as accounting expert in respect of litigation in Liechtenstein between a Foundation and its former financial adviser, to analyse certain transactions and trace the transfer of funds.
- Appointed as expert witness by the Defendant in a Zurich based litigation in the insurance industry with regard to an internal investigation undertaken by the Claimant.
- Acting for the Respondent in an International Arbitration in the media industry, against a German private equity firm in a breach of warranty claim under a Sale & Purchase Agreement (Zurich)
- Acting for the Claimant in an International Arbitration between two JV parties in the market research sector, concerning the valuation of the business (Geneva)
- Expert determination of a post-acquisition dispute between a UK pharmaceuticals company and a German contract manufacturer, including preparation for and attendance at oral hearings and drafting of the determination
- Advising a Claimant in the pharmaceuticals sector on accounting matters relating to wasted costs resulting from the manufacture of drugs using faulty filters from a supplier
- Advising a global biotechnology business on its claim in the French Courts against a supplier of faulty filters used in the manufacturer of drugs (claim c.€30 million), focussing on wasted costs and the valuation of work in progress under International Accounting Standards.
- Assisting the purchaser of coal mining businesses in South America in preparing its submissions to the independent expert in a post acquisition dispute (amount in dispute USD 100m)
- Leading an investigation into a global natural resources group, and preparation of expert report for use by the client in its defence against the tax authorities (amount in dispute USD 2bn)
- Preparation of expert report for Claimant in the IT sector, relating to a litigation involving

loss of profits from the breach of a joint venture agreement

- Expert report for the Respondent in a USD multi-million International Arbitration relating to a post acquisition dispute in the chemicals industry (LCIA)
- Acting for an Algerian Claimant in an International Arbitration against a global manufacturer of consumer electronics, concerning breach of an exclusive distribution contract (Geneva).
- Acting for the Claimant in a USD multi-million International Arbitration concerning contractual delay in the construction of a ship
- Acting for the Claimant in a breach of warranty claim concerning the valuation of work in progress in the shipbuilding industry
- Expert determination of a completion accounts dispute between two global truck manufacturers with quantum totalling in excess of US\$500m.
- Acting for the Claimant in a valuation dispute involving the GBP2bn IPO of a cable company.
- Acting for UK HM Revenue & Customs against a global direct seller of household products.
- Preparation of expert report on the valuation of tools and methodologies used by a leading global management consultancy business, in connection with a dispute over the departure of a senior employee to a competitor
- Preparation of expert report on loss of profits in the retail sector, resulting from the failure of a third party to control inventories.
- Preparation of expert report on the losses suffered by an acquirer of a business in the retail sector resulting from the alleged professional negligence of the advising accountants
- Acting for private equity investors in a bilateral investment treaty dispute against the an Eastern European government, to assess the quantum of loss suffered by a retail bank, as a result of government actions
- Assisting counsel to a major UK retail bank in preparing its defence in the Office of Fair Trading test case over unfair prices for unauthorised overdrafts
- Defence of leading hedge fund against allegation from the Financial Services Authority (FSA) of market abuse, with particular emphasis on systems and controls
- Assisting leading fund manager in dispute over valuation of part of the business sold to former employees in MBO
- Assisting counsel to the Defendant in a large banking dispute in the Middle East, concerning alleged fraudulent activities

**Education
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June 1987 MEng, First Class, Chemical Engineering, Imperial College, London
FCA Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales