

Chris Lees joins Brookland Partners as vice president

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Real estate investment advisory firm Brookland Partners has appointed Chris Lees as vice president.

Lees brings with him more than seven years of real estate finance and CMBS experience, having provided modelling, structuring and restructuring advice on more than 40 transactions with a total value in excess of USD20bn.

At Brookland Partners, Lees will work closely with the senior team advising on all aspects of real estate debt.

Lees joins the company from KPMG's restructuring practice, where he spent two years restructuring distressed structured finance vehicles and investment funds as well as advising HM Treasury on the Asset Protection Scheme in relation to RBS' multi-billion pound commercial real estate portfolio.

Prior to this he headed up the CMBS team in KPMG's securitisation department, where he worked on a wide variety of CMBS conduits including the ELOC, EMC, EPIC, Nemus, Opera, REC Taurus, Talisman and Windermere programmes.

Lees says: "There is a huge amount of change and opportunity in the real estate finance markets at the moment and it is an exciting time to be joining a young and rapidly up-and-coming firm such as Brookland. The company is filling a very real need for effective and experienced financial advice in the real estate market, and the speed at which it has established itself as a leading player is testimony to the weight of knowledge and experience underlying its management. I am delighted to become a part of the team."

Nassar Hussain, founder and managing partner, adds: "Very few institutions combine the range of expertise and skills that Brookland provides to the real estate markets. Chris is a key strategic hire for Brookland, bringing with him both a breadth and depth of experience which, combined with his proven track record, will be invaluable as our business continues to grow."

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