

EXPERT WITNESS

CHRISTIE & CO

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OVERVIEW



Our specialist valuers combine sector expertise with extensive trading and transactional evidence to provide informed, commercially focused advice across a wide range of business types.

COLLABORATIVE

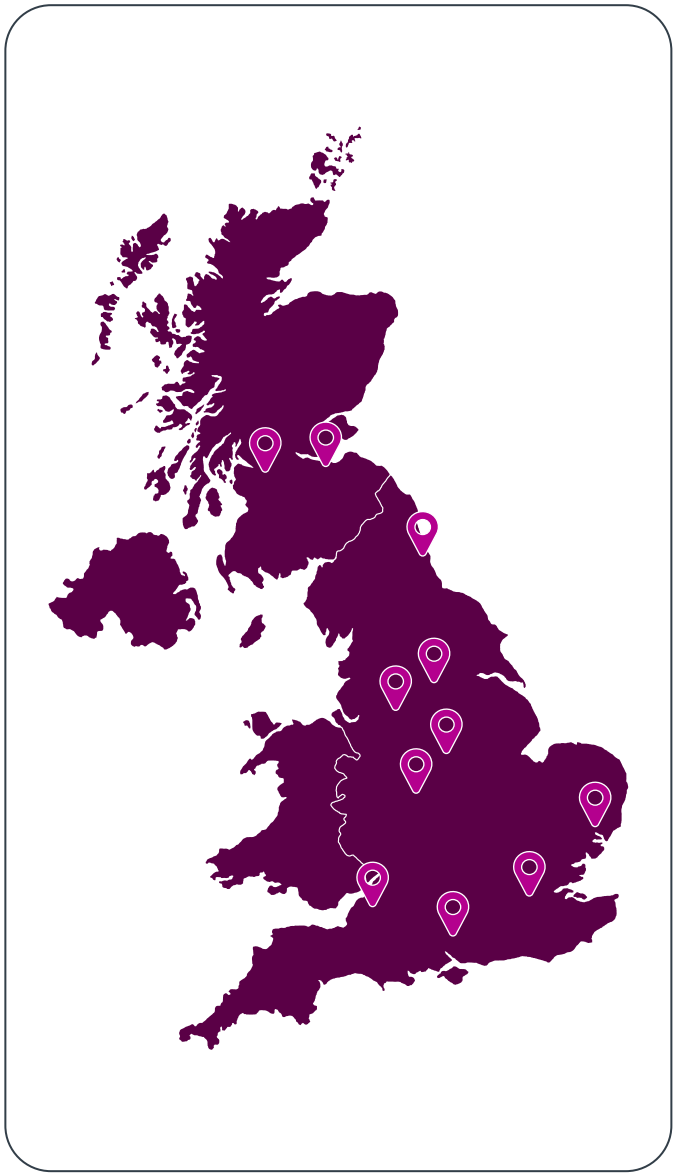
All our valuers work closely with the Christie & Co agents, consultants, and advisers to share market intelligence and comparable data, making our advice as strong as possible.

MARKET INSIGHT

Our team complete thousands of valuations and rent reviews each year; we combine this with the intelligence from our transactional and advisory teams, which gives us a comprehensive understanding of business performance and property values.

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE, NATIONAL REACH

With 11 UK offices and the UK's largest team of specialist valuers, we have in-depth knowledge of local markets and can mobilise quickly to value assets all across the country.



RANGE OF SECTORS

EIGHT CORE SECTORS WITH MULTIPLE SUB-SECTORS

Our specialist approach allows us to provide detailed expertise across more than 100 business asset types, drawing on knowledge from our valuation, advisory and transactional teams.



CARE



CHILDCARE



HOTELS



LEISURE



MEDICAL



PUBS



RESTAURANTS



RETAIL

OUR SERVICES

EXPERT WITNESS

Our experienced team of RICS-qualified Chartered Surveyors provides independent expert witness reports and considered advice across a wide range of property and business-related disputes.

Drawing on extensive sector knowledge, market intelligence and transactional evidence, our experts provide well-researched, informed opinions to support litigation, arbitration and other dispute resolution proceedings.

We act on behalf of solicitors, corporate clients, private owners and operators, providing specialist expertise across Christie & Co's core business sectors.

DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Our experienced team includes arbitrators, independent experts and RICS-accredited Expert Witnesses, offering specialist advice and representation across a variety of commercial property and business disputes.

From professional negligence and matrimonial disputes to compulsory purchase and landlord and tenant matters, we combine detailed market knowledge with extensive valuation experience to provide clear, evidence-based advice.

Our specialists can assist throughout the dispute resolution process, from initial advice and expert reports to negotiations, arbitration and court proceedings.

WHEN MIGHT YOU REQUIRE AN EXPERT WITNESS?

Our specialists provide expert advice across a range of matters, including:



Matrimonial and business disputes



Professional negligence



Commercial property rent reviews and lease renewals



Compulsory purchase



Litigation support



Taxation and valuation disputes



Business and property valuations



Tenure defects and land contamination

CASE STUDIES



The Local Authority instructed us to provide retrospective market rental appraisals for a care home in Scotland to support a loss-of-rent and wider dilapidation case.



We acted as an expert in respect of the value of a central London hotel asset which was subject to compulsory purchase by the Government acting to secure the route of the HS2 railway line. Christie & Co's Expert acted on behalf of the hotel owner.



We were recently instructed to provide expert valuation advice to the Court in relation to a negligence case being pursued for losses incurred during the acquisition of several pharmacy businesses in Scotland.



Our team regularly acts as an Expert Witness in arbitration, rent reviews and lease renewal proceedings, providing expert advice to the Court. Several team members hold the Advanced Professional Award in Expert Witness Evidence.

YOUR EXPERT WITNESSES



CHRIS VOWLES
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Chris joined Christie & Co in 2008, was appointed Director in 2010 and in July 2017 was appointed Head of Valuation - Medical. Chris has overall responsibility for valuation work undertaken across our medical business with particular expertise in the GP, pharmacy and dental sectors. With a client base of leading corporate and independent operators together with key banks and lending institutions, Chris has been integrally involved in all of Christie & Co's major medical advisory instructions since joining the business and is frequently invited to speak at industry events and conferences.



STEPHEN OWENS
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Stephen joined Christie & Co in 2008 and was appointed as Managing Director Pubs and Restaurants in October 2019. Stephen is a Fellow of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and a Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, and is on the RICS panel of Arbitrators and Independent Experts of dispute resolvers in respect of rent review disputes on licensed and leisure properties. He also acts as an Independent Assessor under the Pubs Code and takes appointments both privately from the parties and from the Pubs Code Adjudicator via the Dispute Resolution Service of the RICS. He also acts as an Expert Witness in litigation and landlord and tenant matters and has attended and given evidence in Court up to Lands Tribunal and High Court level.

Stephen is an RICS-accredited Expert Witness. He has over 42 years of experience in advising on licensed and hospitality premises, having worked in private practice for over 20 years and prior to that held senior property and acquisition roles in pub and hospitality companies.

YOUR EXPERT WITNESSES





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Jeremy joined Christie & Co in 2006 and was appointed Head of Care Valuations in December 2015. Over the past 20 years, he has been involved in a number of major healthcare and education projects across the UK, providing professional advice to owner-occupiers and corporate operators as well as the principal lending institutions and investors.

He has a vast amount of experience and has provided advisory services across a range of care sectors, including elderly care, specialist young adult and children's homes, independent hospitals, children's day care, schools, doctors' surgeries and dental practices.



NICK BYWATER
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Nick is a Chartered Valuation Surveyor who has been advising on investment and operational real estate for over 35 years, originally providing valuations of investments throughout Western Europe to UK pension funds, private equity investors and banks. During the last 10 years, Nick has been providing trade-related and investment property valuations, lease advisory services and expert witness valuations in the petrol filling station, convenience retail and garden centre sectors, for corporate, private and banking sector clients.



SARAH HART
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Sarah joined Christie & Co in 2018 after spending six years within a niche licensed and leisure property consultancy. She is based in our London office and specialises exclusively in lease advisory across a range of sectors including hotels, public houses, restaurants, day nurseries and medical, acting on behalf of both tenants and landlords. Sarah works on a national basis with her caseload including rent reviews, lease renewals, rental advice and lease restructuring. Sarah is an MRICS-qualified Chartered Surveyor and Registered Valuer, having previously attained a BA (Hons) in Property Management and Investment from the University of West of England. Sarah is an accredited Expert Witness. Sarah is on the RICS panel of Independent Experts of dispute resolvers in respect of rent review disputes on hotels and licensed and leisure properties. Sarah also acts as an Expert Witness in landlord and tenant matters.

OUR EXPERT BIOS – SOUTH ENGLAND



ALASTAIR HOCKLEY
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Alastair is a qualified Chartered Surveyor with over 12 years of experience in the sector. He is based in our London office, where he undertakes valuations and advisory work for Christie Co's specialist hotels and leisure team. Alastair's experience extends to leading valuations across a wide range of UK and European markets, with clients including banks, institutional investors, high net worth individuals, and governmental organisations. Previously, he attained a degree in Economics from the University of Bristol and a Masters in Real Estate Management from Oxford Brookes University.



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Ollie joined Christie & Co in 2015 as a graduate surveyor after gaining a BSc in Property Investment and Finance from Nottingham Trent University. He qualified as a Member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) in 2017 and holds Registered Valuer status. Since 2018, Ollie has been working in the medical sector. In this role, he undertakes valuations for a variety of purposes, including acquisitions, secure lending, matrimonial disputes, taxation and disposal. Ollie operates across the South East of England, with a large proportion of his valuations being carried out within London.



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Rachel qualified as a Chartered Surveyor in 2012 and has been a RICS Registered Valuer with Christie & Co since this time. Rachel specialises in valuation across our medical business with particular expertise in the GP, pharmacy and dental sectors. Originally based in the South East, Rachel relocated to the South West in 2015, so she has been valuing medical businesses across the south of England for over ten years. A large proportion of the work comprises secured lending valuations for all the major banks together with valuations for other purposes including matrimonial disputes, probate, partnership changes, taxation or strategy planning. She has provided a number of expert witness reports relating to the formal valuation of going concern businesses across the medical sector.



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Karl qualified as an Associate Member of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors in 1997 and has specialised in the valuation of licensed, leisure and retail properties since 2005 and has extensive experience in the valuation of trading businesses, specifically hospitality and leisure properties, including golf courses. A large proportion of the work comprises valuations for secured lending purposes for most of the major banks, along with valuations for other purposes, including matrimonial disputes, taxation or disposal purposes, and he only undertakes specialist valuations across the South East and Lincolnshire on both an individual and portfolio basis. He has provided expert witness reports in several cases relating to the formal valuation of going concern businesses across the hospitality, retail and leisure sectors.



OUR EXPERT BIOS – NORTH & MIDLANDS



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Joe joined Christie & Co in 2015, having qualified as a Member of the RICS (MRICS) and Registered Valuer in 2014. Joe's role is Valuation Surveyor, covering all aspects of medical-led businesses and property, focusing on the northern regions, where most work involves valuations for secured lending purposes for the major banks. Joe is an RICS-accredited Expert Witness and has used his expertise on a number of party-appointed medical-led cases.



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Richard Green MRICS, Director and Lead Valuer, Childcare and Education, joined Christie & Co in 2003 following 3 years with Orange plc and 3 years with AAH Pharmaceuticals (trading as Lloyds Pharmacies). Richard's role is to undertake mainly capital valuations for a variety of purposes, such as loan security, finance, probate, dispute resolution, and rental on behalf of a wide variety of clients. These range from large investors to High Street banks, purchasers, solicitors and accountants and occupiers. Specialisations include Healthcare (nursing and residential homes), Independent/SEN schools, children's homes and children's day nurseries, as well as Specialist Healthcare such as hospitals.



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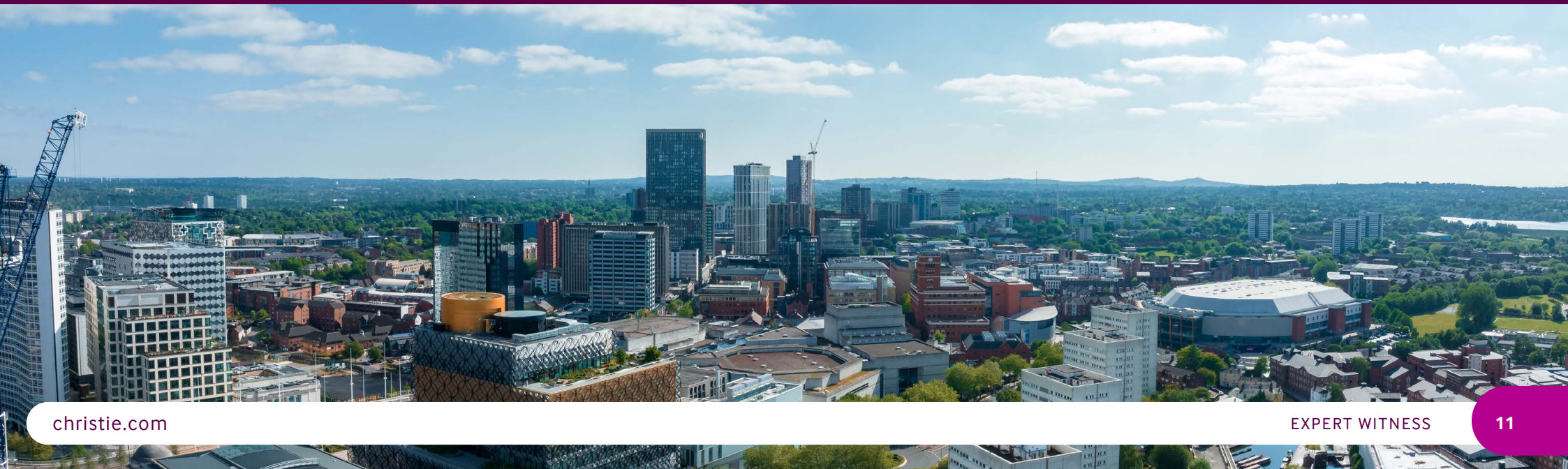
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Jon Hodgkins BSc (Hons) MBA MRICS, qualified as a Chartered Surveyor in 1990 and is a RICS Registered Valuer with over 30 years' experience in the valuation of trade-related properties, mainly in England and Wales. He joined Christie & Co in 2018, having previously been a director in the healthcare teams at Colliers and Savills, and provides valuation, rent review and consultancy advice to operators, purchasers, UK banks and investors on Care Homes (elderly and specialist), Integrated Retirement Communities (retirement villages, extra care, assisted living), Supported Living, Independent/SEN schools, Children's Homes and Children's Day Nurseries.



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Specialising in lease advisory work including rent reviews, lease renewals and lease re-gears across the spectrum of the Hospitality sector. Particularly, but not limited to, Pubs, Bars, Restaurants, Cafés, Casinos and Holiday Parks. I also undertake lease advisory work for a range of other property types including Retail properties, Pharmacies, Dental Practises and Eye Clinics.



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Jamie Savage BSc (Hons) MSc MRICS, qualified as a Chartered Surveyor in 2007 and has over 17 years' experience in the valuation of commercial property in Scotland. He joined Christie & Co in 2019 and oversees circa 120 trading-related valuations annually. Of these, the majority are within the healthcare and education sectors and cover elderly care, specialist care, retirement living, education units, GP practices, dental surgeries and Pharmacies. Jamie is on the RICS panel of Independent Experts of dispute resolvers in respect of rent review disputes on Care and Medical properties.



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George Ranachan BSc, MRICS, qualified as a Chartered Surveyor in 1991 and has over 30 years' experience in the valuation of commercial property in Scotland. He joined Christie & Co in 2004 and, as Director of Valuation in Scotland, oversees circa 250 trading-related valuations annually. He is regarded as one of the most experienced Chartered Surveyors specialising in trading sector valuations in Scotland and advises banks, operators and administrators on valuation and disposal covering all Christie & Co sectors. George is an RICS-accredited Expert Witness.

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