

Barclays Senior M&A Team
Biographies



Christopher L. Watson

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Chris Watson is a Managing Director in Barclays' Mergers & Acquisition Group in Investment Banking, focusing on Global Natural Resources. Mr. Watson joined Lehman Brothers in 1997 and joined Barclays in 2008.

During his 22 years with Lehman Brothers and Barclays, Mr. Watson has advised on a wide variety of strategic assignments for a broad range of energy clients including major integrated and independent oil and gas companies, master limited partnerships, midstream and pipeline companies, oilfield service companies and financial sponsors. He has executed over \$450 billion in advisory assignments including four of the largest transactions in the energy industry over the last 15 years.

Selected advisory representations include:

- ExxonMobil's \$41 billion acquisition of XTO Energy
- Petrobras' \$42 billion acquisition of 5 billion barrels of oil equivalent from the Brazilian government
- Kerr McGee's \$18 billion acquisition by Anadarko Petroleum
- Dominion's \$13 billion in exploration and production asset divestitures
- Encore Acquisition's \$5 billion merger with Denbury Resources
- Williams pipeline and midstream asset contribution to Williams Pipeline Partners
- Petrohawk Energy's two midstream transactions with Kinder Morgan
- BHP's \$5 billion acquisition of Chesapeake Energy's Fayetteville Shale assets
- Marathon's \$3.5 billion acquisition of Hilcorp Resources Eagle Ford assets
- BHP's \$15 billion acquisition of Petrohawk Energy
- Kinder Morgan's \$38 billion acquisition of El Paso
- Kinder Morgan's \$7 billion divestiture of El Paso's exploration and production business
- Copano Energy's \$5 billion acquisition by Kinder Morgan Energy Partners
- Plains Exploration's \$16 billion acquisition by Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold
- EPL Oil & Gas' \$2 billion acquisition by Energy XXI
- Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold's \$3 billion divestiture of Eagle Ford Shale assets to Encana

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- Kinder Morgan's \$71 billion acquisition of Kinder Morgan Energy Partners, Kinder Morgan Management and El Paso Pipeline Partners
- Encana's \$7 billion acquisition of Athlon Energy
- WPX Energy's \$2 billion acquisition of RKI Exploration & Production
- Memorial Resource Development's \$4 billion acquisition by Range Resources
- Rice Energy's \$10 billion acquisition by EQT
- BHP's \$11 billion divestitures of onshore shale assets to BP and Merit

Prior to joining Lehman Brothers, Mr. Watson spent approximately nine years with what was then called, Price Waterhouse. Mr. Watson's tenure with Price Waterhouse included seven years in the audit practice serving clients such as Exxon, Shell and Conoco and two years in the corporate finance group.

Mr. Watson received a BBA in Accounting with highest honors from the University of Oklahoma and an MBA from the Kellogg Graduate School of Management at Northwestern University.