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Proskauer Advises Robert Wood Johnson on Agreement to Acquire Stake in Crystal Palace Football Club

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NEW YORK, June 25, 2025 – Proskauer, a leading international law firm, announced today that it advised Robert Wood Johnson, "Woody," on his agreement to purchase a significant ownership interest in Crystal Palace Football Club, a Premier League football club, from Eagle Football. Closing of the sale is subject to receipt of necessary approvals from the Premier League and the Women's Super League.

Ambassador Johnson is an American businessman, former United States Ambassador to the United Kingdom, and principal owner of the New York Jets. Ambassador Johnson's team was led by Ira Akselrad, President of the Johnson Company and a former Proskauer partner. Mr. Akselrad also represented Johnson when he acquired the Jets in January 2000.

The Proskauer team was led by partners Jon Oram (Sports) and Jay Waxenberg (Private Client Services) and included associates Alon Elhanan and Sabrina Palazzolo (Sports); partners Amanda Nussbaum and Richard Miller, special tax counsel Amy Zelcer and associates Bowon Koh and Charlotte Ahamed (Tax); partner Adam Creed and associates David Hill and Anna Sykes (M&A); and partner Nathaniel Birdsall (Private Client Services).

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For more than 60 years, Proskauer has advised the world's premier sports organizations on their most critical and complex matters. Our lawyers play a pivotal role in the transactions, negotiations and litigations that are at the leading edge of the business of sports.

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