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John Bellew is the heads of private equity at Bowmans, an Africa-focused law firm with offices in South Africa, Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania. He specialises in private equity – fund formation, mergers and acquisitions, management arrangements and acquisition finance. His expertise extends to public market mergers and acquisitions and listings. John has advised prominent South African and international private equity houses on some of the largest private equity transactions undertaken in the South African market. He has represented private equity borrowers and high yield lenders and has formed a number of private equity funds with a focus on South and Sub-Saharan Africa. In recent times he has been involved, on behalf of the industry body SAVCA, in various lobbying activities, especially in regard to pension fund participation in private equity funds, taxation and exchange control.

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