



Thomas Laurer

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With over two decades of experience in the investment management and strategic corporate sectors, Thomas Laurer has built a reputation as a problem solver in the global financial landscape. He is a trusted advisor for a diverse range of clients — from financial institutions and investment managers to sovereign wealth funds, multinational companies, family offices and other high-net-worth investors.

Strategic investment management counsel in a transatlantic setting

Thomas is highly skilled when it comes to providing legal, regulatory and commercial guidance on a variety of investment strategies, whether they involve public or private equity, debt, venture capital, real estate, commodities or other asset classes. His clients appreciate his knack for navigating complex investments with ease and precision and note that he is "more personally invested in the process with rapid response times." (Legal 500 UK, 2024) The combination of Thomas's skills and extensive experience positions him as a highly sought-after advisor for individuals and entities aiming to raise or allocate substantial amounts of capital.

What sets Thomas apart is his ability to practice law across the United States, England and Europe. Having worked extensively in New York and London, he has a deep understanding of the legal and business systems in the EU, UK and the United States, which allows him to provide comprehensive and cross-border counsel.

Recognitions

Recognized or listed in the following:

- *The Legal 500 United Kingdom*
 - Recommended Attorney, 2021–2025
- *The Legal 500 United States*
 - Recommended Attorney, 2014

Practices

- Financial Markets and Funds
- International
- Investment Management and Trading

Industries

- Entrepreneurial Ventures
- Family Offices
- Finance and Financial Markets

Education

- LLM, The George Washington University Law School, *highest honors*
- Free University of Berlin Law School

Bar Admissions

- New York
- Frankfurt/Main (Germany)
- England and Wales

Court Admissions

- US Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit

Community Involvements

- American Bar Association
- New York State Bar Association
- Law Society of England and Wales
- Rechtsanwaltskammer Frankfurt

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News

- Katten Secures Top Spot in The Legal 500 United Kingdom 2025 Guide (October 4, 2024)
- Media Takes Note of New Investment Funds Trio (March 27, 2024)
- Katten Expands London Financial Service Offerings with Trio of Laterals Focused on Investment Management (March 21, 2024)

Publications

- *UK Financial Insights from Katten* | Issue 21 (April 2025)
- *UK Financial Insights from Katten* | Issue 19 (February 2025)
- ILPA Publishes Updated Reporting Template and New Performance Template (February 18, 2025)
- *UK Financial Insights from Katten* | Issue 18 (January 2025)
- *UK Financial Insights from Katten* | Issue 17 (December 2024)
- *UK Financial Insights from Katten* | Issue 16 (November 2024)
- Key LP Investments Trends in 2024 and Beyond (October 29, 2024)
- *UK Financial Insights from Katten* | Issue 15 (October 2024)
- *UK Financial Insights from Katten* | Issue 14 (September 2024)
- ILPA Publishes Guidance on NAV Financing in Private Equity Strategies (September 10, 2024)
- *UK Financial Insights from Katten* | Issue 13 (August 2024)
- *UK Financial Insights from Katten* | Issue 12 (July 2024)
- *UK Financial Insights from Katten* | Issue 11 (May 2024)
- *UK Financial Insights from Katten* | Issue 10 (April 2024)
- *UK Financial Insights from Katten* | Issue 9 (March 2024)

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“Thomas Laurer and [team] are my point people as I build out the fund. I love how they approach this relationship as a long-term investment and not a transactional exercise. It is refreshing. I have a lot of trust in them.”

***Legal 500 UK 2024
(Investment Fund Formation and
Management – Private Funds)
survey response***

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