

United Kingdom

Overview

As the legal and regulatory landscapes of the United States and Europe continue to broaden — sometimes in different directions — companies need help navigating the evolving, sometimes disruptive legal issues affecting their businesses.

Katten's UK office serves such companies with a deep knowledge of the international financial markets and a range of industry sectors in all their complexity. Our attorneys represent clients on both sides of the Atlantic in transactions, asset management, investigations and other matters requiring multidisciplinary skill sets across a broad cross-section of industries and jurisdictions.

Financial services

Rather than focus exclusively on certain types of businesses, we address the financial markets as a whole — from infrastructure to market participants to the entire trading cycle — giving us an unmatched holistic view. Our clients span the entire trading continuum, from end users such as proprietary traders, commodity firms, crypto assets investors, alternative asset managers and hedge funds to brokers, investment banks and swaps dealers, as well as trading venues, clearing houses and settlement banks.

Asset management

We work with clients across the UK, Europe and elsewhere on mandates that traverse the spectrum of complexities applicable to collective investment arrangements in both trading and investing contexts. We are particularly skilled in structuring bespoke investment structures utilizing vehicles in a variety of jurisdictions to satisfy the specific requirements of investment managers and investors alike, whether in fund, joint venture or other arrangements. These skills permit us also to advise market participants effectively on proposed investments in collective investment structures at the outset, on the acquisition and disposal of investment portfolios on the secondary market, and on co-investment arrangements with collective investment structures.

Transactions

We advise across the entirety of corporate matters, including M&A, joint venture arrangements and other investments across the UK, Europe and worldwide. We regularly execute deals that are complex, that require speedy execution and closing, or that involve multiple jurisdictions and stakeholders with competing interests. We are known for our ability to help clients get their deals over the line on time and on budget. Through long-term client relationships, we have acquired unmatched knowledge of the real estate and hospitality sectors, which puts us at the cutting edge of the real estate market. We are adept at devising nonstandard, customized solutions to hard-to-solve problems, and our ability to pioneer new structures minimizes cost and maximizes the investment potential for clients.

Dispute resolution

We offer the full range of litigation, international arbitration and other dispute resolution services. In addition, we have highly regarded practices in contentious construction, contentious regulatory and crime, fraud, and investigations. We also have considerable experience in asset recovery using a variety of tactics, including private prosecutions. We are known for our ability to protect our clients from reputational damage and to shield them from worst-case scenarios.

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