

Edward A. Tran

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Edward advises clients worldwide on corporate and transactional matters, including mergers and acquisitions (M&A), private equity, joint ventures, fund investments, co-investments and other direct investment transactions, equity and debt financings, and corporate governance matters. He is based in the London office and has practiced law in New York and Silicon Valley. Edward regularly counsels clients on cross-border matters involving the UK, the broader EMEA region, the United States and Asia.

International advisor to clients across industries

Edward represents a range of clients including institutional investors, private equity firms, real estate private equity funds, venture capital funds, hedge funds, sponsors, investment managers, family offices, financial institutions and corporations across a wide range of sectors, including real estate, financial services, technology, manufacturing, oil and gas, and logistics.

Edward regularly advises investors on fund investments, co-investments and indirect investments in real estate assets. He frequently assists clients on joint venture arrangements, club deals, closed-end funds, separate managed accounts and other investments where real estate is the underlying asset.

Edward also counsels charities on cross-border structuring and governance matters.

Representative Experience

- Represented pension funds, sovereign wealth funds and other institutional investors on a range of investment transactions.
- Represented Areim AB on SAGA Joint Venture which plans to have a gross asset value of €1.5 billion and will focus exclusively on key European markets, including France, Germany, the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Hungary, and the related acquisition of assets.

Practices

- Corporate
- Corporate Governance
- Financial Markets and Funds
- International
- Investment Management and Trading
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Private Equity
- Private Equity and Real Estate Fund Formation
- Real Estate

Industries

- Technology

Education

- JD, Columbia Law School
- MA, Stanford University
- BA, Stanford University

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- Represented a US asset manager in connection with the restructuring of certain aspects of its European private equity business and other corporate matters.
- Represented a US pension fund in connection with debt and equity investments in US real estate assets and other asset management matters.
- Represented joint venture partners in connection with acquisition of the JV interests held by a third partner, the restructuring of the JV and the sale and leaseback of the JV's real estate assets.
- Represented a family office in connection with the sale of a global shipping and harbor terminals business.
- Represented a UK-based manager in connection with the structuring of an investment vehicle, formation of a joint venture entity and related acquisition of a £300 million hospitality business.
- Represented a UK-based investment firm in connection with the acquisition of various hotel and leisure businesses in the UK, including structuring the arrangements for the consortium funding the transaction.
- Representing an Asian private equity fund in connection with its joint venture with a UK partner.
- Representing a joint venture vehicle backed by a consortium of Asia-based investors in connection with the purchase of a data centre by the JV and the negotiation of the related joint venture arrangements.
- Represented Niya Partners as the lead investor in a $20 million Series A financing of Kapital, a Mexican fintech company providing a platform for small- and medium-sized businesses to support their financial needs in terms of capital solutions, cash flow considerations, investments and credit facilities.
- Representing a US fund investor in connection with an investment in a UK-based emerging growth business in the retail sector.
- Represented global real estate fund sponsor, asset manager and developer in various real estate investments, disposals, joint ventures, syndications and recapitalisations in Europe.*
- Represented investor in the sale and leaseback of hospital properties in the United Kingdom.*
- Represented sovereign wealth funds and pension funds in investments in private equity funds, real estate funds, co-investment vehicles and joint ventures.*

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- Represented a cross-border credit fund in the acquisition of a portfolio comprised of non-performing loans.*
- Represented a REIT in its capacity as a financing provider and development partner in the management buy-out of a developer/operator of senior care homes in the United Kingdom.*
- Represented a Middle East-based family office in acquisitions, dispositions, investments and corporate structuring matters.*
- Represented marine terminal service provider in the acquisition of global ports and terminals business, as well as various other acquisitions and joint ventures.*
- Represented a Fortune 500 company in the acquisition of a business based in the Middle East and the buyout of its joint venture partner's stake in a joint venture.*
- Represented satellite company on various matters including its debt and equity investments in, and acquisition of, a satellite-based communications system.*
- Represented US asset manager in its European private equity funds, including structuring and joint venture matters.*
- Represented an international fund in its acquisition of a school assessment business.*
- Represented a Middle East-based business group and its shareholders in a strategic transaction involving a private equity fund.*

*Experience prior to Katten

Recognitions

Recognized or listed in the following:

- *The Legal 500 United Kingdom*
  - Leading Individual, 2019, 2022–2027

News

- Katten Earns Recognition in 2027 *Legal 500* UK Guide (September 30, 2026)
- Katten Advises Aendre Group on Joint Venture and Co-Investment Arrangements for the Acquisition of a Central London Luxury Hospitality Portfolio (September 3, 2026)

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- Katten Advises Areim AB on SAGA Joint Venture (December 9, 2025)
- Katten Distinguished in Legal 500 UK Guide (October 1, 2025)
- UK Pro Bono Collaborative Plan's Pro Bono Recognition List Names 17 Katten Lawyers (April 11, 2025)
- Katten Secures Top Spot in The Legal 500 United Kingdom 2025 Guide (October 4, 2024)
- Katten Advises Areim in First Joint Venture European Acquisition With VGP (May 21, 2024)
- Katten Advises Areim AB in Complex Joint Venture Structure With VGP NV (January 5, 2024)
- Katten Acclaimed in The Legal 500 United Kingdom 2024 Guide (October 4, 2023)
- Katten Represents Lead Investor in Financing of a Game-Changing Mexican Fintech Company (August 16, 2023)
- Edward Tran and Oliver Williams Discuss ESG reporting and M&A on *Grip* Podcast (July 27, 2023)
- Edward Tran and Oliver Williams Discuss ESG Trends in M&A (June 28, 2023)
- Katten UK Recognized in The Legal 500 United Kingdom 2023 Guide (September 30, 2022)
- Coronavirus (COVID-19) Resource Center (November 10, 2021)
- Katten UK Receives Numerous Distinctions in The Legal 500 United Kingdom 2022 Guide (October 4, 2021)
- *Institutional Investor* Talks With Edward Tran on Direct Investing Best Practices (September 13, 2021)
- Katten Advises Ekata Shareholders on Acquisition by Mastercard (June 16, 2021)
- Edward Tran Discusses ESG Investment Opportunities in Real Estate, Pensions (April 23, 2021)
- Edward Tran Talks Investor Challenges in Latest *PERE* Europe Roundtable 2020 Report (November 18, 2020)
- *PERE* Features Insight From Edward Tran in Europe Roundtable 2020 Report (May 28, 2020)
- Katten UK Named a Leading Firm in Finance, Real Estate, and Corporate and Commercial by The Legal 500 United Kingdom (November 27, 2018)

- Katten UK Hires New Corporate Partner (April 9, 2018)

Publications

- The Road Ahead: Next Steps for Late-Life Funds (November 16, 2026)
- *UK Financial Insights from Katten* | Issue 35 (October 2026)
- Key LP Investment Trends in 2026: How LP Expectations Are Changing (October 14, 2026)
- *UK Financial Insights from Katten* | Issue 34 (September 2026)
- Taxation of earn-outs on business sales: capital gain or disguised salary? (September 8, 2026)
- Fifth NSI Act Annual Report: More Notifications, Fewer Interventions (August 5, 2026)
- *UK Financial Insights from Katten* | Issue 33 (July 2026)
- *UK Financial Insights from Katten* | Issue 32 (June 2026)
- ILPA Continuation Fund Disclosure Template: The New Framework and the Coller Capital Mock Transaction (June 18, 2026)
- AI Deals Call For Tailored Approach To Address Hidden Risks (June 18, 2026)
- Financial Markets and Funds *Quick Take* | Issue 50 (May 2026)
- *UK Financial Insights from Katten* | Issue 31 (April 2026)
- Preparing a Family Business for Sale in the UK – Things To Consider (April 27, 2026)
- UK National Security and Investment Act: Government Confirms Targeted Reforms to Mandatory Notification Regime (April 13, 2026)
- UK-Based AIFM Regulatory Hosting SEC Compliance Requirements for Serving US Clients (March 16, 2026)
- Artificial Intelligence and M&A: Navigating the New Deal Landscape (March 12, 2026)
- UK and European M&A: Predictions for 2026 (January 22, 2026)
- *UK Financial Insights from Katten* | Issue 29 (January 2026)
- Retail Capital in Private Markets: Key ILPA Takeaways (January 14, 2025)
- Financial Markets and Funds *Quick Take* | Issue 45 (December 2025)
- The NSI Act (November/December 2025)

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- ILPA Updates Capital Call & Distribution Template: Implications for GPs and LPs (November 26, 2025)
- *UK Financial Insights from Katten* | Issue 28 (November 2025)
- Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Act 2023 — Identity Verification and Companies House Filings (2025 Update) (October 30, 2025)
- *UK Financial Insights from Katten* | Issue 27 (October 2025)
- Financial Markets and Funds *Quick Take* | Issue 43 (October 30, 2025)
- National Security Meets Investment: Understanding the United Kingdom's Evolving NSI Regime (October 22, 2025)
- *UK Financial Insights* from Katten | Issue 26 (September 2025)
- Key LP Investments Trends in 2025 and Beyond: Navigating Fee Transparency, Liquidity Solutions and Governance (September 24, 2025)
- UK National Security and Investment Act Update: Streamlining Security, Supporting Investment (September 11, 2025)
- Privacy, Data and Cybersecurity *Quick Clicks* | Issue 32 (August 2025)
- *UK Financial Insights* from Katten | Issue 25 (August 2025)
- Tokenization of Real-World Assets: Opportunities, Challenges and the Path Ahead (August 7, 2025)
- *UK Financial Insights* from Katten | Issue 24 (July 2025)
- *UK Financial Insights from Katten* | Issue 23 (June 2025)
- *UK Financial Insights from Katten* | Issue 22 (May 2025)
- Financial Markets and Funds *Quick Take* | Issue 38 (April 2025)
- *UK Financial Insights from Katten* | Issue 21 (April 2025)
- HM Treasury and FCA Proposals to Reform Regulation of UK AIFMs (April 16, 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 and European M&A: Predictions for 2025 (January 27, 2025)
- *UK Financial Insights from Katten* | Issue 17 (December 2024)

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- What UK Security Act Report Indicates For Future Gov't Policy | *Law360* (November 18, 2024)
- Key LP Investments Trends in 2024 and Beyond (October 29, 2024)
- *UK Financial Insights from Katten* | Issue 15 (October 2024)
- The New UK Government, Industrial Strategy and the National Security and Investment Act (October 23, 2024)
- Foreign Investment and National Security: Navigating Heightened Scrutiny of US, EU and UK Cross-Border Deals (October 16, 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 M&A Transactions: Key Considerations for US Buyers (July 16, 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)
- Companies House Reforms Begin to Bite on 4 March 2024 (March 18, 2024)
- *ESG Guidepost* | Issue 11 (February 2024)
- *UK Financial Insights from Katten* | Issue 8 (February 2024)
- UK and European M&A: Predictions for 2024 (February 1, 2024)
- Fraud, Reform and the Registrar: Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Act 2023 (November 27, 2023)
- You Say Hello. I Say Goodbye: The *DnaNudge* Case and Differences of Opinion on Share Conversions and Other Variations of Class Rights (November 6, 2023)
- *ESG Guidepost* | Issue 5 (August 2023)
- *ESG Guidepost* | Issue 4 (July 2023)
- *UK Financial Insights from Katten* | Issue 1 (July 2023)
- A New Era for Continuation Fund Transactions: ILPA Issues New Guidance (June 27, 2023)
- *ESG Guidepost* | Issue 3 (June 2023)

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- Go Green or Go Home: ESG's Increasing Impact on M&A in the UK and Europe (June 22, 2023)
- More Money, More Problems: Providing additional capital to UK companies in turbulent times (May 16, 2023)
- Hot Topics in Private M&A Transactions in the UK: Macroeconomic Uncertainty, Cash Is King and Bridging Value Gaps (March 27, 2023)
- Financial Markets and Funds Quick Take | Issue 11 (February 21, 2023)
- Register of Overseas Entities – Approaching Deadline of 31 January 2023 (January 25, 2023)
- Managing Legal Uncertainty in Sole-Director Companies - Recent Developments (December 22, 2022)
- NSIA and CFIUS: recent developments and observations (November 1, 2022)
- Financial Markets and Funds Quick Take | Issue 7 (October 12, 2022)
- The UK National Security and Investment Act – Guidance Notes (September 14, 2022)
- Financial Markets and Funds Quick Take | Issue 5 (August 16, 2022)
- UK Real Property Beneficial Ownership Register Progresses in England and Wales (August 8, 2022)
- M&A in the FinTech Space (July 12, 2022)
- Direct Investment Strategies: Risk and Legal Issues (August 10, 2021)
- The UK National Security and Investment Act – New Regime Effective on 4 January 2022 (July 30, 2021)
- Going Direct – The Factors Driving Direct Investment Strategies and the Barriers to Adoption (July 26, 2021)
- UK National Security and Investment Law Adopted: New UK Rules for Reviewing Foreign Direct Investment (May 11, 2021)
- New UK Rules for Reviewing Foreign Direct Investment (December 17, 2020)
- ILPA Releases Deal-By-Deal Model LPA (October 6, 2020)
- COVID-19 and Returning to the Workplace — Considerations for FCA-Regulated Firms (June 11, 2020)

- Force Majeure and Frustration in English Law M&A Agreements in the Context of COVID-19 (April 15, 2020)
- UK Entrepreneurs' Relief Takes a Hit Following the March Budget (April 6, 2020)
- ILPA Publishes Model Limited Partnership Agreement Applying Principles 3.0 (November 19, 2019)
- Potentially Helpful Changes to Entrepreneurs' Relief (January 29, 2019)
- Proposed Changes to Entrepreneurs' Relief (December 14, 2018)
- UK Real Property Beneficial Ownership Register – Draft Legislation Published (August 9, 2018)
- UK to Tax Real Estate Capital Gains of Non-UK Investors (July 18, 2018)
- UK Government Consults on Proposals To Reform Limited Partnerships (June 26, 2018)
- UK Supreme Court Confirms 'No Oral Modification' Clauses Prevail Over Oral Amendments (June 18, 2018)
- UK Government Proposes Beneficial Owners Registry of Overseas Companies That Own UK Property (May 14, 2018)

Presentations and Events

- NAPABA 2025 Convention (November 6–8, 2025)
- PERE Europe Forum (June 10–11, 2025)
- 2023 Crypto with Katten London Symposium (March 1, 2023)
- PERE Europe 2020 (November 17–18, 2020) | *Moderator* | *Scene-setting: European real estate's largest investors survey - the landscape as we enter a new decade*
- PERE Fund Domiciles and Regulation Roundtable (September 2020) | *Panelist*
- PERE 2020 Europe Roundtable (January 2020) | *Panelist*
- The Katten Regulatory Briefing (May 15, 2019) | *Presenter*