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Ciara Watson focuses her practice on Financial Markets and Funds. She has previous experience working in large financial institutions, and uses the knowledge and expertise gained to deliver commercial advice for clients.

A wide range of experience in financial markets

Ciara works with a range of market participants who grapple with regulatory and compliance matters across the financial services sector. She advises clients on a broad spectrum of matters from reviewing and negotiating International Swaps and Derivatives Association (ISDA) documentation, to updating policies and procedures, and providing regulatory insights and recommendations. Prior to joining Katten, Ciara worked in New York in the Markets Legal department of a swap dealer. She also worked in the Regulatory Transformation team of a global investment institution. This means that she understands and appreciates the complex regulatory issues that firms face in the financial services sector.

News

- Katten Advises Areim AB on SAGA Joint Venture (December 9, 2025)
- Mondaq Honors Katten Authors in Its Autumn 2025 Thought Leadership Awards (November 18, 2025)
- UK Pro Bono Collaborative Plan's Pro Bono Recognition List Names 17 Katten Lawyers (April 11, 2025)
- 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 and Reputation Consultancy Lansons Launch New Podcast on Misconduct in Financial Services (September 6, 2023)

Practices

- Financial Markets and Funds
- Structured Products and Derivatives

Industries

- Finance and Financial Markets

Education

- LPC, BPP Law School, London
- LLB, University of Birmingham

Publications

- Long-term vision for tokenization in UK wholesale markets published | *Grip*. (June 15, 2026)
- Opening pan-DORA's box: Navigating the practical challenges of the EU's Digital Operational Resilience Act (June 2026)
- Financial Markets and Funds *Quick Take* | Issue 50 (May 2026)
- *UK Financial Insights from Katten* | Issue 31 (April 2026)
- *UK Financial Insights from Katten* | Issue 30 (February 2026)
- Financial Markets and Funds *Quick Take* | Issue 47 (February 2026)
- UK and European M&A: Predictions for 2026 (January 22, 2026)
- *UK Financial Insights from Katten* | Issue 29 (January 2026)
- Financial Markets and Funds *Quick Take* | Issue 45 (December 2025)
- ILPA Updates Capital Call & Distribution Template: Implications for GPs and LPs (November 26, 2025)
- *UK Financial Insights from Katten* | Issue 28 (November 2025)
- Financial Markets and Funds *Quick Take* | Issue 44 (November 2025)
- *UK Financial Insights from Katten* | Issue 27 (October 2025)
- Financial Markets and Funds *Quick Take* | Issue 43 (October 30, 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)
- HM Treasury Consultation on Changes to UK Money Laundering Regulations (September 19, 2025)
- Financial Markets and Funds *Quick Take* | Issue 42 (September 2025)
- Derivatives 2025: Law and Practice | Trends and Developments – England and Wales (September 2, 2025)
- Privacy, Data and Cybersecurity *Quick Clicks* | Issue 32 (August 2025)
- *UK Financial Insights from Katten* | Issue 25 (August 2025)

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- Bank of England Consults on Regulatory Framework for CCPs (August 15, 2025)
- Financial Markets and Funds *Quick Take* | Issue 41 (August 2025)
- Privacy, Data and Cybersecurity *Quick Clicks* | Issue 31 (July 2025)
- *UK Financial Insights from Katten* | Issue 24 (July 2025)
- Financial Markets and Funds *Quick Take* | Issue 40 (July 2025)
- *UK Financial Insights from Katten* | Issue 23 (June 2025)
- Financial Markets and Funds *Quick Take* | Issue 39 (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)
- Privacy, Data and Cybersecurity *Quick Clicks* | Issue 28 (April 2025)
- Financial Markets and Funds *Quick Take* | Issue 37 (April 2025)
- HM Treasury and FCA Proposals to Reform Regulation of UK AIFMs (April 16, 2025)
- Privacy, Data and Cybersecurity *Quick Clicks* | Issue 27 (March 2025)
- Financial Markets and Funds *Quick Take* | Issue 36 (March 2025)
- Privacy, Data and Cybersecurity *Quick Clicks* | Issue 26 (February 2025)
- *UK Financial Insights from Katten* | Issue 19 (February 2025)
- ILPA Publishes Updated Reporting Template and New Performance Template (February 18, 2025)
- Financial Markets and Funds *Quick Take* | Issue 35 (February 2025)
- *UK Financial Insights from Katten* | Issue 18 (January 2025)
- DORA: Navigating the Path Ahead (January 27, 2025)
- Privacy, Data and Cybersecurity *Quick Clicks* | Issue 25 (January 2025)
- *UK Financial Insights from Katten* | Issue 17 (December 2024)
- Financial Markets and Funds *Quick Take* | Issue 33 (December 2024)
- Financial Markets and Funds *Quick Take* | Issue 32 (November 12, 2024)
- *UK Financial Insights from Katten* | Issue 15 (October 2024)

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- Counting Down to DORA Compliance (October 23, 2024)
- Financial Markets and Funds *Quick Take* | Issue 31 (October 2024)
- Foreign Investment and National Security: Navigating Heightened Scrutiny of US, EU and UK Cross-Border Deals (October 16, 2024)
- Privacy, Data and Cybersecurity *Quick Clicks* | Issue 21 (September 2024)
- *UK Financial Insights from Katten* | Issue 14 (September 2024)
- Financial Markets and Funds *Quick Take* | Issue 30 (September 12, 2024)
- ILPA Publishes Guidance on NAV Financing in Private Equity Strategies (September 10, 2024)
- Capital Markets: Derivatives 2024: Trends & Developments – England and Wales (September 4, 2024)
- Capital Markets: Derivatives 2024: Law & Practice – England and Wales (September 4, 2024)
- *UK Financial Insights from Katten* | Issue 13 (August 2024)
- Financial Markets and Funds *Quick Take* | Issue 29 (August 2024)
- *UK Financial Insights from Katten* | Issue 12 (July 2024)
- Financial Markets and Funds *Quick Take* | Issue 27 (June 2024)
- *UK Financial Insights from Katten* | Issue 11 (May 2024)
- Financial Markets and Funds *Quick Take* | Issue 26 (May 2024)
- *UK Financial Insights from Katten* | Issue 10 (April 2024)
- Privacy, Data and Cybersecurity *Quick Clicks* | Issue 16 (April 18, 2024)
- Financial Markets and Funds *Quick Take* | Issue 25 (April 2024)
- Privacy, Data and Cybersecurity *Quick Clicks* | Issue 15 (March 2024)
- *UK Financial Insights from Katten* | Issue 9 (March 2024)
- Financial Markets and Funds *Quick Take* | Issue 24 (March 2024)
- *UK Financial Insights from Katten* | Issue 8 (February 2024)
- Financial Markets and Funds *Quick Take* | Issue 23 (February 2024)
- *UK Financial Insights from Katten* | Issue 7 (January 2024)
- Financial Markets and Funds *Quick Take* | Issue 22 (January 2024)
- *UK Financial Insights from Katten* | Issue 6 (December 2023)

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- Preparing for the implementation of EMIR REFIT (Winter 2023)
- Financial Markets and Funds *Quick Take* | Issue 21 (December 2023)
- *UK Financial Insights from Katten* | Issue 5 (November 28, 2023)
- Financial Markets and Funds *Quick Take* | Issue 20 (November 2023)
- *UK Financial Insights from Katten* | Issue 4 (October 2023)
- Financial Markets and Funds *Quick Take* | Issue 19 (October 2023)
- *UK Financial Insights from Katten* | Issue 3 (September 2023)
- Financial Markets and Funds *Quick Take* | Issue 18 (September 2023)
- *UK Financial Insights from Katten* | Issue 2 (August 2023)
- FCA's Plans to Improve Whistleblower Confidence a Positive Step (August 21, 2023)
- Financial Markets and Funds *Quick Take* | Issue 17 (August 2023)
- Financial Markets and Funds *Quick Take* | Issue 16 (July 2023)
- *UK Financial Insights from Katten* | Issue 1 (July 2023)
- FCA Announces Plans to Improve Whistleblower Confidence | *Financial Regulation International* (July 3, 2023)
- A New Era for Continuation Fund Transactions: ILPA Issues New Guidance (June 27, 2023)
- Financial Markets and Funds *Quick Take* | Issue 15 (June 13, 2023)
- Financial Markets and Funds *Quick Take* | Issue 14 (May 30, 2023)
- Financial Markets and Funds *Quick Take* | Issue 13 (April 25, 2023)
- The SMCR – is it fit for purpose? (February 3, 2023)
- Qualifying Asset Holding Company: A New UK Taxation Regime (August 25, 2021)
- Tax Implications of LIBOR Reform (June 15, 2021)
- The UK Government and HMRC's Efforts to Clamp Down on Promoters of Tax Avoidance (June 3, 2021)
- Note on Proposed Changes to UK Taxation of Securitisation Vehicles (May 26, 2021)
- Taxes — Not So Certain After All? HMRC Looks to Mind the Gap (May 25, 2021)

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Podcasts

- (mis)Conduct, Money & Reputation | Odey, FCA, Non-Financial Misconduct (September 6, 2023)