



Gavin Vollans

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Gavin Vollans helps and supports clients with a wide range of real estate investment matters. Working with multi-family offices, pension funds, hotel groups, apart-hotel operators, national property investment companies, high net worth individuals, collective investors and asset/fund managers, Gavin advises on investment acquisitions and sales, development, joint ventures, forward funding, borrower-side finance as well as corporate occupier landlord and tenant matters. Furthermore, Gavin has represented building societies and banks with regards to disposal of distressed assets, as well as represented investors purchasing distressed assets from receivers or administrators.

A collaborative, efficient approach to real estate investments

By offering excellent deal management, working with the whole team — including third parties — assessing issues early and closing them off quickly, Gavin moves his clients' transactions through to close more quickly and with an approach that clients trust. Gavin's recent work has included a number of pension fund forward fundings and investment acquisitions (some of which are from receivers or administrators), central London office acquisitions, hotel financings and portfolio acquisitions.

Recognitions

Recognized or listed in the following:

- *The Legal 500 United Kingdom*
 - Leading Individual, 2014, 2017–2019, 2023–2026
- *Chambers UK*
 - Notable Practitioner, Hotels & Leisure - UK-wide, 2025
 - Hotels & Leisure, 2026
 - Notable Practitioner, Hotels & Leisure, 2025

Practices

- Real Estate
- Real Estate Development
- Real Estate Finance and Lending

Education

- LPC, The College of Law in Guildford
- LLB, University of Reading

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News

- Katten Transatlantic Restructuring Team Advises on Radley Group Sale to Gordon Brothers (May 28, 2026)
- Katten Advises Fattal Hotel Group on Three Leonardo Acquisitions (December 16, 2025)
- Katten Honored in *Chambers UK* Guide (October 16, 2025)
- Katten Distinguished in Legal 500 UK Guide (October 1, 2025)
- Katten Guides RE Capital UK in Landmark £48 Million Hotel Transaction (June 27, 2025)
- Katten London Recognized by *Chambers UK* (October 18, 2024)
- 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 Acclaimed in The Legal 500 United Kingdom 2024 Guide (October 4, 2023)
- *Hospitality Investor* Summarizes Annual Hotel Conference Panel Moderated by Gavin Vollans (October 3, 2023)
- Gavin Vollans Discusses Factors Impacting Real Estate Investment Trusts with *Law360* (June 26, 2023)
- Katten UK Recognized in The Legal 500 United Kingdom 2023 Guide (September 30, 2022)
- Katten Advises RE Capital in Achieving Record Submarket Rent in Westminster, London (November 8, 2021)
- Katten UK Named a Leading Firm in Finance, Real Estate, and Corporate and Commercial by The Legal 500 United Kingdom (November 27, 2018)
- Katten Lauded by *The Legal 500 United Kingdom 2017* (October 11, 2017)
- Katten UK Featured in *The Lawyer* Regarding Old War Office Deal for Raffles (June 15, 2017)
- Katten Names 19 New Partners (July 1, 2015)
- Katten UK Real Estate, Finance, Corporate and Commercial Teams Lauded By *The Legal 500 United Kingdom 2014* (October 3, 2014)

Publications

- Break Free? Not So Fast — Strict Compliance and the Hidden Traps in Commercial Lease Breaks (June 3, 2026)
- *UK Financial Insights from Katten* | Issue 16 (November 2024)
- Cutting Costs: Commercial Break Clauses (October 28, 2024)
- *UK Financial Insights from Katten* | Issue 13 (August 2024)
- Navigating Break Clauses in Commercial Leases: How to Avoid Breaking Bad (July 22, 2024)
- Is Your Property Affected by the Building Safety Act? (February 16, 2024)
- Gotta Have [good] Faith (August 29, 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)
- Overseas entities laws set to crack down on tax evasion | *Property Week* (August 30, 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)
- Recent Decision on Rights of Light Acts as a Warning to Developers (June 8, 2020)
- Options Available to Landlords Post Statutory Demand as of 1 June 2020 (June 2, 2020)
- Property Developers Should Beware of Greater Local Authority Scrutiny of Guardian Schemes (August 22, 2019)
- Understanding the Homes (Fitness for Human Habitation) Act 2018 (April 23, 2019)
- UK Real Property Beneficial Ownership Register – Draft Legislation Published (August 9, 2018)
- UK Government Consults on Proposals To Reform Limited Partnerships (June 26, 2018)
- UK Government Proposes Beneficial Owners Registry of Overseas Companies That Own UK Property (May 14, 2018)

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- Key Money and Exclusivity Arrangements—What You Need to Know (February 27, 2017)

Presentations and Events

- Annual Hotel Conference (September 11–12, 2023)
- The Annual Hotel Conference (AHC) (November 22–23, 2021)
- PERE Europe 2020 (November 17–18, 2020) | *Moderator* | *Hospitality investments and the impact of Covid-19*
- The AHC Reimagined (October 8, 2020) | *Speaker*
- The Annual Hotel Conference (October 10–11, 2018) | *Participant*