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 Partner, 2021–2027
- *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

Court Admissions

- US Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit

Professional & Community Involvement

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

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News

- Katten Earns Recognition in 2027 *Legal 500* UK Guide (September 30, 2026)
- Thomas Laurer Discusses ILPA Guidance on PE Organizational Expenses (July 9, 2026)
- Katten Distinguished in Legal 500 UK Guide (October 1, 2025)
- 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 34 (September 2026)
- BlueCrest in the Supreme Court: applying Condition B of the salaried members rules in practice (September 9, 2026)
- *UK Financial Insights from Katten* | Issue 33 (July 2026)
- Financial Markets and Funds *Quick Take* | Issue 52 (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)
- 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)
- *UK Financial Insights from Katten* | Issue 30 (February 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)

"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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- 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)
- *UK Financial Insights* from Katten | Issue 25 (August 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 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)

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- *UK Financial Insights from Katten* | Issue 10 (April 2024)
- *UK Financial Insights from Katten* | Issue 9 (March 2024)