Ryan Hansen

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With deep cross-border experience, Ryan Hansen is a trusted adviser to international investment and private fund managers, venture capital firms, sovereign wealth funds, family offices and high-net-worth individuals. His work spans fund formation, corporate governance and marketing, equity and debt financings, mergers and acquisitions, strategic partnerships, and reorganizations and restructuring. He helps clients navigate the myriad commercial and regulatory issues that arise in connection with international investment and fundraising activities.

Delivering counsel with cross-border vision and a client-centric approach

Within the investment management industry, Ryan provides regular guidance to private fund managers on various topics, including the formation of domestic and offshore funds, the offering of fund interests, investment screening and due diligence, portfolio investment acquisitions and dispositions, and ongoing compliance with US regulatory requirements. He is well-respected in this space, with clients noting that he is "responsive, thorough and approachable." (Legal 500 UK, 2024)

Ryan focuses his corporate practice on advising institutional investors, family offices and high-net-worth individuals on their venture capital investments and related financings. He understands the unique needs of emerging companies and helps them achieve their goals through equity and debt financings, mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures and strategic partnerships, reorganizations and restructurings, and commercial contracts with key customers, suppliers and service providers. Additionally, he provides guidance to public and private companies, sovereign entities and private investors on matters relating to US securities laws, including securities offerings under Regulation D, Regulation S, Rule 144A and other private placement exemptions, as well as compliance with reporting and disclosure requirements from the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and other self-regulatory organizations (SROs).

Practices

- Corporate
- Corporate Governance
- Financial Markets and Funds
- International
- Investment Management and Trading
- Mergers and Acquisitions

Industries

- Energy
- Entrepreneurial Ventures

Education

- LLM, London School of Economics and Political Science, *with merit*
- JD, The University of Iowa College of Law, *with distinction*
- BBA, The University of Iowa

Court Admissions

- US Court of Appeals, Eighth Circuit

Professional & Community Involvement

- New York State Bar Association

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Ryan also has particular experience in infrastructure development and the energy and natural resources sector, advising oil and gas, commodities, transportation and tourism clients on their large-scale energy, mining and infrastructure projects. Additionally, he regularly assists governments and state-owned entities with natural resource sector laws, regulations and agreements, including the preparation, administration and oversight of production-sharing contracts and related project agreements. He is a trusted adviser on public bid tenders for oil, gas and mineral reserves, cross-border unitization and joint development agreements.

Representative Experience

- Represented a UK-based venture capital fund and family office on their venture capital investments. *
- Represented a US private equity fund sponsor in the formation and marketing of various US and offshore feeder funds.*
- Represented a US hedge fund sponsor in the formation and marketing of various US and offshore funds.*
- Represented a US venture capital adviser on various secondary transactions in startups and early-stage companies. *
- Represented various Middle East-based sovereign wealth funds and pension funds in investments in private equity funds, venture capital funds, and co-investment vehicles and joint ventures. *
- Represented a Middle East-based family office in various corporate and commercial transactions, including acquisitions, dispositions, investments and corporate structuring matters. *
- Represented a Middle Eastern special economic zone, its investment fund and affiliates in venture capital investments and strategic commercial arrangements.*
- Represented a US registered investment adviser and affiliated private funds on various transactional, governance and compliance matters, including direct portfolio investments, regulatory filings and disclosures. *
- Represented a US-based family office in various private fund investments.*
- Represented a Middle East-based industrial manufacturer and its shareholders in connection with a $650 million sale to a strategic buyer.*
- Represented a Mexican transportation and logistics company in its SEC reporting and compliance obligations.*

> ***"Ryan Hansen has been exceptional in servicing our firm. He is prompt in his response, always on a timely basis, and works with a sense of urgency which we appreciate very much."***
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> ***Legal 500 UK* 2023 (Investment Fund Formation and Management – Private Funds) survey response**

- Represented a UK corporate venture capital group in its venture capital investments. *
- Represented a US specialty food business in its equity and debt financings, corporate restructurings and commercial arrangements.*
- Represented a US provider of reusable rocket and satellite launch services in its equity financing.*
- Represented a UK provider of cloud kitchen software in its convertible note financing.*
- Represented a US industrial hemp business in its equity financings, restructurings, commercial and joint venture agreements, and international expansion.*
- Represented a US manufacturer of military vehicles on its joint venture arrangements with a Middle East-based local partner.*

*Experience prior to Katten

Recognitions

Recognized or listed in the following:

- *The Legal 500 United Kingdom*
  - Recommended Attorney, 2022–2026

News

- 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

- Fifth NSI Act Annual Report: More Notifications, Fewer Interventions (August 5, 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)
- Financial Markets and Funds *Quick Take* | Issue 50 (May 2026)
- *UK Financial Insights from Katten* | Issue 31 (April 2026)

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- 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)
- 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 21 (April 2025)
- *UK Financial Insights from Katten* | Issue 19 (February 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)
- *UK Financial Insights from Katten* | Issue 15 (October 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)
- *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)
- *UK Financial Insights from Katten* | Issue 10 (April 2024)
- *UK Financial Insights from Katten* | Issue 9 (March 2024)

Presentations and Events

- International Law Institute 2019 Seminars (October 29, 2019)