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Gwenaël Kropfingier is a tax partner and a member of both the Private Funds and Private Equity M&A Groups, as well as the firm's Private Capital industry group. Gwenaël has extensive experience advising private equity funds and multinational groups on the tax structuring of M&A transactions, including leveraged buyouts (LBOs) and capital markets deals.

In addition to his transactional work, Gwenaël is highly experienced in the formation and structuring of French and pan-European private equity funds.

He is also regularly involved in general reorganisation projects for corporate groups, providing comprehensive tax advice across the full spectrum of private capital activity.

Matters

Select Representative Matters:

Transactions

- ? **Meanings Capital Partners** on the majority acquisition of **Emresa**.
- ? **MML Capital** on closing of EUR 1 Billion **Partnership VIII Fund**.
- ? **Andera Partners** in connection with the transaction enabling the combination of **Sphérea** with **Averna**.
- ? **Investcorp** on the sale of **Shine** to **CEGID**
- ? **PSG Equity** on the sale of **N2F**; as well as its founder and management on their reinvestment into N2F.
- ? **Morgan Stanley Capital Partners** in connection with the financing of the acquisition of the **Hublo Group**.
- ? **Montefiore** on the sale of **Cercles de la Forme** group.
- ? **Alpha Private Equity** on the sale of **Feu Vert**.
- ? **Financing Sources** on Euro 730 million Syndicated Financing for **Platinum Equity's** Acquisition of **Solo Invest and XD Connects**.
- ? **The management team and Eurodommages group** in connection with its sale to **Ascentiel**.
- ? **Kinobe Group** on equity investment by **Aquasourça** and Société Générale Capital Partenaires.
- ? **Initiative & Finance** on its investment alongside Latour Capital in **Rollakin** Group.
- ? **Management Team of Caillau Group** on acquisition by **Montyon Capital**.
- ? **Wallix** on the acquisition of **Malizen**.

Fund formation

- ? **Andera Partners** on the structuring of a continuation vehicle dedicated to **Sphérea and Averna**
- ? **Alba Infra Partners** on the first close of **Alba EOPF II**.
- ? **Motion Equity Partners** on closing of €215m newly formed single-asset Continuation Fund structured around **Olyos**.

Quaero Capital (Quaero European Infrastructure Fund III) on the structuring and fundraising of their third successor infrastructure fund (€1.5 billion)

Prior to joining Proskauer, Gwena's representative matters include advising:

A global asset management company on its investment in a group dedicated to the equipment and deployment of telecommunication networks and datacenters, on the acquisition of a player in cellular stimulation and on the acquisition of a company working in the development of infrared systems

An asset manager, a key player in sustainable investment, and a company specialising in private equity as part of the acquisition of a group operating in the maintenance and construction of heating and air conditioning equipment

A UK investment fund as part of an optician chain's acquisition (EV 800 million), on the sale of a 49% stake in a frozen food trading company to a food company (EV 2.2 billion) and on the acquisition of a textile company

Two French private equity firms and an independent asset management company on the sale of a French furniture and decoration company to an asset management and financial services firm. (680 million euros EV)

A private equity fund regarding the acquisitions of a customer experience management outsourcing company, a manufacturer of optical measuring and recording instruments, a specialist in the distribution of calcium aluminate-based materials (EV EUR600m) and concerning the sales of an insurance brokerage company to an Anglo-American multinational providing insurance companies (EV EUR730 million) and a leading technologies company providing secure solutions to a leading global alternative investment manager focused on private equity (EV EUR1.5 billion)

Practices

Tax, Private Equity Transactions, Mergers & Acquisitions, Private Funds, Investment Management

Industries

Education

University of Paris I, Pantheon Sorbonne, H.E.C. Master II, Business and Tax Law
Avocat admis au barreau de Paris

Admissions & Qualifications

Paris

Awards & Recognition

The Legal 500 EMEA (France): "Tax - Firms to watch", 2026

The Legal 500 EMEA (France): "Tax" - Recommended lawyer, 2026

The Legal 500 EMEA: Tax - Recommended, 2021-2023

Best Lawyers in France: Leveraged Buyouts, 2026 (recognized since 2022)

ITR World Tax: Transactional Tax - Highly Regarded (France), 2026

Leaders League (France): "Mid-cap LBO transactions" - Leading, 2025

Leaders League (France): "LBO tax" - Highly Recommended, 2025

Leaders League (France): "Transactional tax" - Highly Recommended, 2025

Option Droit & Affaires (France): "Transactional tax", 2025

Option Droit & Affaires (France): "LBOs and growth capital, with the majority of transactions exceeding €200 million", 2025