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Robert Gaut is a tax partner and head of our UK tax practice in London.

Robert provides advice on a full range of UK and international tax issues relating to fund formation, private equity deals, finance transactions and private equity real estate matters, including experience with non-traditional equity transactions, such as debt-like preferred equity and co-investments for private credit investors.

Robert is highly-regarded for his ability to provide sophisticated tax advice to many of the world's preeminent multinational companies, sovereign wealth funds, investment banks and private equity and credit funds. Clients have commented to legal directories that Robert is "really technical and knows his stuff," and "has a very strong knowledge of the various tax laws, but also presents more innovative techniques and strategies."

He is consistently recognized by *Chambers UK* and *The Legal 500 United Kingdom*, and has been recognized by *Chambers Global* as a leading individual in tax. *The Legal 500* comments that Robert has "vast experience in a range of matters, including corporate tax structuring, real estate tax and fund formation."

## **Matters**

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## Recent Representations:

- Advisor to funds managed by the credit group of Ares Management Corporation on the largest ever unitranche financing representing an aggregate £1.85 billion commitment to The Ardonagh Group
- Advising 17Capital on its inaugural NAV lending fund which raised €2.6 billion
- Representing Arkema S.A. on its acquisition of the performance adhesives division of Ashland for \$1.65 billion
- Advising Blantyre Capital Limited on its long-term agreement with a Greek bank related to equity management arrangements
- Representing Accor S.A. on the structuring and formation of its joint venture with Ennismore, one of the world's largest and fastest-growing hospitality companies
- Advising Willard Ahdriz, Founder and Chairman of Kobalt, on U.S. matters in connection with Kobalt's sale of its controlling interest to Francisco Partners.

## Practices

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Tax, Structured Capital, Family Office, Investment Management, Private Funds

## Industries

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Asset Management, Private Equity, Private Equity Real Estate

## Education

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University of Bristol, LL.B.

With Honors

## Admissions & Qualifications

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Admitted as a solicitor in England and Wales

## Memberships

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International Bar Association

International Fiscal Association  
Law Society of England and Wales  
Law Society's Tax Law Committee

#### Awards & Recognition

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Chambers UK: Tax 2015-2022  
Chambers Global: UK: Tax 2017-2022  
Chambers Europe: UK: Tax 2018-2022  
The Legal 500 United Kingdom: Corporate: Tax 2021  
Who's Who Legal: Corporate Tax 2019