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Sam Whittaker advises on the full spectrum of funds work, including the structuring and establishment of funds, fund restructuring (contentious and non-contentious), advice to potential investors in funds and advice about structured products.

Sam also advises on most types of investment funds, including debt funds, hedge funds, private equity funds, real estate funds, venture capital funds and structured products.

Sam's experience is truly global, having advised clients based in jurisdictions throughout the world including the Cayman Islands, France, Jersey, Hong Kong, the Middle East, Russia, Shanghai, Singapore, the UK and the USA. He has also spent time on secondment in the Luxembourg office of DLA Piper.

Sam has a broad range of experience advising sponsors about the establishment and restructuring of investment funds, club deals and joint ventures ranging from GBP20 million to GBP500 million in size.

Sam has particular experience in advising institutional investors about their fund investment programmes and he has advised on some of the most bespoke and innovative investment fund products in the market today.

His institutional investor clients include fund managers, insurance companies, pension funds, sovereign wealth funds and venture capital businesses as well as other market participants.

- Corporate
- Global Investment Funds

- Financial Services
- Real Estate
- Technology

- Advising a UK-based property asset manager about the establishment of a GBP250 million open-end real estate fund, structured as a Jersey property unit trust, which invests in government-backed real estate in the United Kingdom
- Advising a Luxembourg-based multinational banking group about the establishment of a USD100 million private equity fund, structured as a Cayman Islands exempted limited partnership, which invests in venture capital and technology across the globe
- Advising a UK pension scheme about a USD600 million private equity investment in a Cayman Islands master feeder structure established and managed by KKR, New York
- Advising the venture capital arm of a multinational insurance company about its GBP100 million investment programme in venture

capital funds

- Advising a UK pension scheme about its GBP1.5 billion hedge fund advisory arrangements with Goldman Sachs, New York and associated investment management arrangements
- Advising a Middle Eastern sovereign wealth fund about the USD1 billion acquisition of a portfolio of Alberta, Cayman, Delaware and Guernsey private equity interests in the Apax, Apollo, Green Equity and TowerBrook family of funds

CREDENTIALS

Prior Experience

Sam joined DLA's London office in May 2016 from a City law firm, where he trained, qualified and worked for five and a half years prior to joining DLA.

Education

- Kaplan Law School, Legal Practice Course, LL.B, 2010
- College of Law, Graduate Diploma in Law, LL.B, 2009
- University of York, History and Politics, BA (Hons), 2008

Memberships

- British Private Equity & Venture Capital Association

NEWS

DLA Piper advises Harrison Street on its joint venture with CA Ventures to acquire and develop purpose-built student accommodation in Ireland

18 August 2021

DLA Piper has advised leading real estate investment management firm Harrison Street on its joint venture (JV) partnership with CA Ventures to develop and acquire purpose-built student accommodation (PBSA) assets across Ireland.

DLA Piper advises Harrison Street on GBP750 million joint venture to develop BTR accommodation

31 July 2020

DLA Piper advised Harrison Street on its joint venture with Cortland to build a European residential platform targeting a GBP750 million build to rent (BTR) pipeline in UK and Ireland. The first development is a 367 unit build-to-rent BTR property in Watford, UK. The deal has the backing from Homes England and AIG Asset Management.
