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Biography

Christopher is a senior associate in the London Tax group. His work involves a broad array of corporate tax matters typical of a City tax lawyer, but the key planks of his practice are advising institutional and funds-based investors in real estate, working on structured finance transactions for large financial institutions, and acting in relation to commercial tax litigation.

Christopher sets great store by the belief that sound technical analysis becomes good tax advice when put in context. To that end he works closely with his transactional colleagues, is sensitive to the institutional needs and wants of different clients, and aims to anticipate tax issues before they become problems.

Representative experience

Acting for a property investor on a £400m London-based acquisition and development transaction.

Advising the trustees of a major UK corporate pension fund on the acquisition of a complex student accommodation development project.

Acting for M&G Real Estate on its £100m disposal of the Grafton Centre, Cambridge to an L&G managed fund.

Advising a major French financial institution on the acquisition of a UK leasing partnership.

Acting for a major Japanese financial institution on the acquisition of a UK leasing company.



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Practices

Tax

Acting for a group of international drilling companies to challenge the legality of Part 8ZA of the Finance Act 2014.

Advising Johnson & Johnson on the disposal of its Benecol business.

Acting for a large club of senior lenders in relation to the provision of post-IPO facilities to the food travel group SSP.

Latest thinking and events

■ Press Releases

- Hogan Lovells advises Ares Management on the refinancing of Sykes Holiday Cottages and its acquisition of Forest Holidays

■ Press Releases

- Hogan Lovells advises Landsec and M&G Real Estate on launch of Bluewater REIT on first day of new private REIT regime

■ Insights

- UK tax relief for green investment by landlords – a way of reaching the UK's net zero target?

■ Insights

- HMRC change their practice on VAT treatment of lease variations

■ Press Releases

- Hogan Lovells and Greenberg Traurig advise on the acquisition of Macquarie Europe Rail's rolling stock leasing business by Akiem Group

■ Hogan Lovells Publications

- The Construction Industry Scheme: Change in the air? *Keeping It Real Estate*