

Biography



Matt Taber

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Expertise

Banking & Finance , Corporate , Digital Assets & Blockchain , Investment Funds , Fund Formation , Fund Services , Private Equity , Regulatory & Tax , Economic Substance in the Cayman Islands

Matt Taber is a highly accomplished partner in our Cayman Islands office, with nearly two decades of practice as a Cayman Islands lawyer. He is widely regarded as one of the most knowledgeable transactional lawyers in the region, with a wealth of expertise in a range of areas that are critical to the Cayman Islands and global investment and financial services industry.

Matt's experience includes advising clients on all aspects of investment funds and investment management, and subscription finance and fund finance for many of the top lenders in the field. He also has extensive knowledge in mergers and acquisitions, early-stage financing, and the regulation and licensing of financial services firms in the Cayman Islands. Additionally, he is well versed in the rapidly evolving area of virtual assets.

Before Harneys, Matt worked at several leading law firms in the Cayman Islands and spent a number of years as a corporate and M&A lawyer in London. He is an active member of the board of the Cayman Islands chapter of AIMA and has previously served as the secretary of the Blockchain Association of the Cayman Islands. Matt is frequently invited to participate in government and industry working groups to provide input on legislative and regulatory matters.

Recommendations

Matt is ranked for his expertise in the Cayman Islands Corporate & Finance and Investment Funds expertise.

Recent testimonials include:

- "Matt Taber is excellent at interpreting our needs and then assembling the team to deliver complex international advice." (2024 guide)

- "Matt Taber is a fantastic lawyer with brilliant responsiveness and level of service." (2024 guide)
- "Matt Taber is a safe pair of hands and his advice is clear and concise." (2024 guide)

- Chambers and Partners, 2024

Matt is recognised as a "leading individual" in the Cayman Islands Investment Funds rankings.

- Legal 500, 2024

Matt is ranked as "highly regarded".

- IFLR1000, 2023

Matt is recognised as a "next generation partner" in the Cayman Islands Investment Funds rankings.

- Legal 500, 2023

Matt is recognised as a "next generation partner", and is "bright, hardworking, accessible and well informed; he has proven time and time again that he gets clients' business and provides excellent tailored advice".

- Legal 500, 2020 - 2022

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Bar Admissions

Cayman Islands
2005

England and Wales (not practising)
2001

Education

College of Law (LPC)
1999

College of Law (CPE)
1998

University of Durham (BA)
1997

"... very experienced fund finance lawyer, commercially driven, always responsive and solution-focused."

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