

## Haynes Boone Continues Strategic Growth with Michele Navazio as Co-Chair of Derivatives Practice in New York

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Haynes Boone is delighted to welcome [Michele “Miki” Navazio](#), who will join [Brian Sung](#) as co-chairs of the firm’s [Derivatives Practice Group](#), as the firm continues its strategic growth in the New York finance space. Navazio joins from Seward & Kissel LLP, bringing more than two decades of experience advising high-profile clients on derivatives and structured finance transactions.

The arrival of Navazio follows [the addition of seven finance attorneys](#) in the New York office in early February, led by Partners [Greg Cioffi](#) and [Jeff Berman](#). Haynes Boone also [added M&A Partner Zachary Jacobs](#) to the New York office in January, now the firm’s second-largest outpost globally by attorney headcount.

Navazio represents a number of the world’s largest hedge funds and asset managers, as well as private equity firms, mutual funds, institutional investors and corporate end-users in a broad range of complex transactions. His practice revolves around structuring, documenting and negotiating an array of over-the-counter derivative instruments, structured products and repo facilities. These include complex derivatives, such as credit default swaps and total return swaps, that provide synthetic or leveraged exposure to underlying assets of all types.

“We are thrilled to be welcoming Miki to Haynes Boone, further positioning our firm as a leader in the derivatives space,” Haynes Boone New York Office Managing Partner [Craig Unterberg](#) said. “Miki complements and significantly bolsters our leading finance practice and our strategic plans for our New York office.”

This enhancement of the Haynes Boone Derivatives Practice Group [follows the addition of Partner Ed Ivey in Charlotte](#) last fall as the firm continues to rapidly expand its global finance and corporate practices.

“It is exciting to be joining Haynes Boone as the firm positions itself to make a significant mark in the derivatives and structured finance spaces,” said Navazio. “Haynes Boone is committed to demonstrating an elite capacity in this field, and I am delighted to contribute to the firm’s continued success.”

Late last year, [the firm renewed its lease in 30 Rockefeller Plaza](#) and announced plans to move into renovated and expanded square footage in the building in 2025. This came on the heels of the office celebrating [its 20th anniversary](#), a milestone reached after doubling headcount over the previous decade with a focus on strategic growth and dedication to client needs.