

Leading Venture Capital Professionals join Haynes Boone's London Office

April 17, 2023 Karma Samdup, Andrew Pannell, Ronan McCann, Taylor Wilson, David Harris, Mina-Marie Doherty, Fergal Coney, Tenzin Woden

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Haynes Boone has enhanced its ability to serve clients across the venture capital spectrum by adding 11 London and Belfast-based professionals, headed by Partners [Karma Samdup](#), [Andrew Pannell](#) and [Ronan McCann](#), to its Investment Management Practice.

“We are thrilled to add these lawyers and to further expand our private equity, venture capital and investment management capabilities,” said Haynes Boone Managing Partner [Taylor Wilson](#). “Our new colleagues build on the momentum in our Investment Management Practice, which added lawyers in the U.S. and U.K. last year and will continue to bring in top talent to serve our growing client base.”

Karma Samdup, who will join as head of Private Funds and Venture in the Haynes Boone London office, has extensive legal and commercial experience advising managers launching closed-ended fund structures, both onshore and offshore, as well as counselling corporations and fund managers on their long-term optimum investment structures. He also advises LPs on direct and indirect investments as well as secondary transactions and has a broad base of clients whom he represents, including private equity and venture capital managers, FOs and high-net-worth individuals, and high-potential start-up companies on their funding rounds and structuring as they scale-up.

Andrew Pannell has deep experience advising venture capital managers, family offices, corporate venture capitalists, high-net-worth individuals and angel syndicates on a broad range of matters, including venture and growth capital, private equity investments, mergers and acquisitions, exits, direct and indirect investments and secondary transactions. Andrew also regularly works with high growth start-ups / founders predominately operating in the technology sector.

Ronan McCann advises on a wide range of investment fund-related work, including the launch of new closed-ended funds and the creation of investment management businesses, carried-interest schemes, co-investment opportunities and limited-partner advisory mandates. He is a dual-qualified lawyer (England & Wales and Northern Ireland), and has a breadth of international legal experience, having worked in the Channel Islands, London and Asia during his career to date.

The lawyers are joined by Associates [David Harris](#), [Mina-Marie Doherty](#), Will Barrott, [Fergal Coney](#) and Caroline Hammond (joining in May); Trainee Solicitors [Tenzin Woden](#) and (joining in September) Zainab Al-Qaimi and paralegal Kirsty Harshaw.

“We are very excited to join a firm with a leading brand in the U.S. and a strong presence in the investment management, private equity, technology and life sciences sectors,” Karma said. “We were also very much won over by Haynes Boone’s collegial culture and its ambitions to grow in Europe and in other key markets.”

Haynes Boone's [Investment Management Practice Group](#) assists with the formation and ongoing operation of investment funds engaging in a spectrum of investment activities from general investment in listed and unlisted stocks to targeted acquisitions in a variety of industries, including in technology, energy, and real property, businesses, or investments. The firm represents both domestic and offshore primary investment vehicles and funds of funds and serves as lead outside counsel to numerous investment funds that combined have tens of billions of dollars in assets under management.

Haynes Boone is an international corporate law firm with 19 offices spanning Texas, New York, California, Charlotte, Chicago, Denver, Virginia, Washington, D.C., London, Mexico City and Shanghai, providing a full spectrum of legal services in energy, technology, financial services and private equity. With about 650 lawyers, Haynes Boone is ranked among the largest U.S.-based firms by *The National Law Journal*, *The American Lawyer* and *The Lawyer*. It was recognized in the BTI Consulting Group's 2022 "A-Team" report, which identifies the law firms that in-house counsel commend for providing superior client service.