

# Chris Harrison

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### **Practices**

FOCUS: Corporate  
Capital Markets  
Financial Markets and Funds  
Mergers and Acquisitions  
Private Credit  
Real Estate  
United Kingdom

### **Industries**

Technology  
Aviation  
Energy  
Finance and Financial Markets

### **Education**

The College of Law in Guildford  
LLB, University of Bristol

Christopher Harrison leads the Finance and Transactions practice group in the London office. He has over 30 years' experience advising corporations, banks, investment funds and government entities on a broad range of finance and corporate transactions. He is a thorough and skilled practitioner in a variety of industries including technology, media, transportation, energy and financial services.

### **A client-centric approach to capital markets and finance matters**

Christopher has vast experience advising investment funds and corporates on acquisitions, disposals and workouts; advising activist stakeholders on strategies to drive value; corporates and funds on debt and equity capital market issuances; pharmaceutical royalty-based financings and restructurings of various distressed multi-national businesses.

Clients appreciate Christopher's extensive experience in a wide variety of matters coupled with his in-depth approach. Recognized as one of the best financial services attorneys in the UK, Christopher maintains a great awareness of his clients' businesses and their needs. Clients look to Christopher for assistance with their most elaborate equity and debt matters, including spin-offs, acquisitions and disposals.

Chris also has many years of experience representing lenders, leasing companies, equity investors, and airlines in leasing, portfolio trading, secured lending, and capital markets transactions involving commercial aircraft and in airport financing, and he heads Katten's London aircraft finance practice.

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## Recognitions

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*Recognized or listed in the following:*

- *Best Lawyers in the United Kingdom*
  - Capital Markets Law, 2023
  - Financial Services, 2009-2020, 2023
- *The Legal 500 United Kingdom*
  - Corporate M&A 2024
  - Emerging Markets, 2013-2015, 2020, 2024

## News

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- Katten Acclaimed in The Legal 500 United Kingdom 2024 Guide (October 4, 2023)
- Katten Attorneys Distinguished by *Best Lawyers*™ in the UK (June 8, 2023)
- Katten UK Named Transatlantic Firm of the Year 2022 (November 30, 2022)
- Katten's Analysis of the Hong Kong Airlines Proposed Restructuring Plan is the Subject of Articles in *Airfinance Journal* and *AVIATOR* (October 17, 2022)
- Katten and Rock Trade Law's Analysis on Aircraft in Violation of US Export Controls is Published by Several News Sources (August 5, 2022)
- Katten Attorneys Named to the *Best Lawyers*™ in the United Kingdom (June 9, 2022)
- Media Outlets Make Note of Katten's Aviation Finance Practice Expansion to London (February 10, 2022)

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- Katten London Strengthens Capital Markets Offering (December 13, 2021)

## Publications

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- *UK Financial Insights from Katten* | Issue 9 (March 2024)
- Companies House Reforms Begin to Bite on 4 March 2024 (March 18, 2024)
- Navigating the Regulatory Landscape – SEC Adopts New Rules Requiring Increased Disclosure on Stock Buybacks – Including Quarterly Reporting of Daily Repurchase Activity (May 12, 2023)
- Court Finds That Payment on Aircraft Lease Security Deposit Letters of Credit Would Not Have Violated the United Kingdom's Sanctions Against Russia (March 30, 2023)
- Leased Aircraft Stranded in Russia: A Survey of the Pending Insurance Claim Litigation in Different Jurisdictions (January 3, 2023)
- SEC Adopts Amendments to Rule 10b5-1 Plan Requirements and Increases Disclosure Requirements Regarding Insider Trading Policies (December 27, 2022)
- US Moves to Seize Aircraft for Apparent Violation of Export Controls (October 12, 2022)
- Features of the Hong Kong Airlines Restructuring Plan (October 4, 2022)
- Protecting the Financer of the Conversion of a Passenger Aircraft to a Freighter (September 13, 2022)
- BIS Identifies First Foreign-Produced Commercial Aircraft Exported to Russia in Apparent Violation of US Export Controls (August 3, 2022)
- Aircraft Lessors Should Prepare for UK Restructuring Processes (June 13, 2022)
- BIS Takes Enforcement Action Against Russian Airlines — but not Lessors or Financers — For Flights to or Within Russia (April 8, 2022)

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- BIS Grants Authorization of Aircraft to Leave Russia and Updates List of Aircraft Operating in or to Russia in Violation of Export Controls (March 31, 2022)
- Commerce Department Identification of Aircraft Exported to Russia in Violation of Export Controls Offers Guidance on Whether the Continued Leasing or Finance of Aircraft in Russia Violates US Law (March 21, 2022)