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Expertise
Fund Formation
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A seasoned fund formation practitioner with global experience, James partners with his clients to achieve optimal results. James ensures that both his foreign and domestic clients' complex, fund-related transactions are completed smoothly and efficiently.

James assists a broad range of international and Canadian clients – from global asset managers to venture capital investors – with private fund formation, fundraising and structuring. James has significant experience advising on co-investments, general partner-led restructurings and carried interest arrangements across the private capital space.

James is admitted to practice as a solicitor in England and Wales. Before joining Davies, he practised for nearly a decade at leading international law firms in London, UK, with a focus on private investment funds.

REPRESENTATIVE WORK

Northleaf Capital Partners
Acted for Northleaf Capital Partners in connection with the formation of Northleaf Private Credit III, a closed-end credit fund focused on mid-market corporate direct lending and asset-based specialty finance investments.

Novacap Management Inc.
Acted for Novacap Management Inc. in the formation of US$1-billion Novacap Digital Infrastructure Fund I, L.P., first fund dedicated to digital infrastructure.

Alaris Equity Partners
Acted for Alaris Equity Partners in its strategic recapitalization of Ohana Growth Partners, LLC, a leading Planet Fitness® franchisee.

BrandProject
Acted for BrandProject in connection with the formation of BrandProject Capital Fund II LP, an early-stage venture capital fund focused on making investments in next generation consumer product, service, and technology companies across North America.

PSP Investments
Acted for PSP Investments with the establishment of its new wholly-owned subsidiary, Canada Growth Fund Investment Management Inc., and the negotiations with the Government of Canada and Canada Development Investment Corporation in connection with the management of the newly-established $15-billion Canada Growth Fund.

Golden Venture Partners
Acted for Golden Ventures in connection with the formation of its fifth fund,

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Golden Ventures V, a leading seed-stage venture capital fund investing across North America.

ArcTern Partners Inc.
Acted for ArcTern Ventures in the formation of its third flagship fund, ArcTern Ventures Fund III, a US$335 million venture capital fund focused on climate technology companies around the world.

Persistence Capital Partners
Acted for Persistence Capital Partners in the formation of PCP MSP II, L.P., a $375-million continuation fund raised to support PCP's investment in MedSpa Partners Inc., a leading acquirer and operator of medical aesthetics clinics in North America.

Sprott Inc.
Acted for Sprott Inc. in the formation of Sprott Private Resource Streaming and Royalty Annex Fund, a US$310-million annex fund that invests alongside Sprott's first streaming fund, which brings the combined total assets under management of Sprott Resource Streaming and Royalty Corp. in both funds to US$1.1 billion.

RECOGNITIONS

IFLR1000: The Guide to the World's Leading Financial Law Firms—Investment Funds

The Canadian Legal Lexpert Directory—Private Equity

INSIGHTS

Panel Moderator, CVCA Invest Canada '24, "Building World-Class Companies"; Montréal, QC
May 29, 2024

Continuation Funds: Key Considerations
Mar. 07, 2023

EDUCATION

BPP Law School, Legal Practice Course (Commendation), 2011
BPP Law School, Postgraduate Diploma in Law (Commendation), 2010
University of Cambridge, BA (Hons.), 2009