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Rob Bradshaw Joins Dechert in London

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Dechert has hired Rob Bradshaw, who previously practiced at Kirkland & Ellis, as a global finance partner based in its London office. Bradshaw advises lenders and borrowers on highly complex financings, refinancings and restructurings, while also working extensively with private equity sponsors and their portfolio companies.

For coverage of other recent hires at the firm, see [“Jeff Mackey Joins Dechert in Dublin”](#) (Mar. 9, 2017); [“Michael Wong Joins Dechert in Hong Kong”](#) (Feb. 16, 2017); and [“Phillip Sacks Joins Dechert’s Financial Services Group in Dubai”](#) (Jul. 14, 2016).

Practically every transaction Bradshaw works on in the current environment extends across borders, he noted, with purely domestic work growing increasingly rare. This reflects the nature of his clients’ operations and business, whether they are attempting to optimize tax treatment when forming funds or are determining where and how to invest. Clients expect their external counsel to bring a similar cross-border perspective to the table, he said.

Although Brexit is widely known to have had a significant impact on firms’ marketing and distribution strategies, Bradshaw explained that his clients are continually assessing and re-assessing these strategies. See [“Dechert Partners Discuss How Cross-Border European Fund Managers Can Prepare for Brexit’s Momentous Regulatory Effect”](#) (Apr. 6, 2017). Besides planning for post-Brexit scenarios, firms grapple with a constantly shifting regulatory environment on both sides of the Atlantic.

While many expect that the new presidential administration in the U.S. will pare down the regulatory burden on some businesses, Bradshaw emphasized that it is important not to overestimate the impact this will have on clients’ regulatory compliance operations and activities. See [“Ways the Trump Administration’s Policies May Affect Private Fund Advisers”](#) (Mar. 2, 2017). “Notwithstanding the potential for a reduction in regulation arising in the U.S., regulatory compliance will continue to be on the radar for funds and their investors,” he added.

“Brexit and the regulatory landscape aside, the increasing appetite of investors toward non-traditional hedge fund products such as [distressed/illiquid debt trading](#) and [direct lending](#) will likely see more hedge funds operating in already crowded parts of the market,” Bradshaw continued. Borrowers, sponsors and other market players will continue to watch closely to gauge the impact of these shifts, he concluded.

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