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UK Report

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The last 6 months have been an incredibly bountiful time for hiring in the financial services sector and continues to be one of the busiest markets that we have seen in quite a few years.

During this time, we saw a number of high profile General Counsel hires being made within the banking groups and also senior lawyers moving into partnership roles in law firms.

Below is a snapshot of some high-profile Legal moves in the banking and financial services Legal sector.

January 2022 *(update)*

Ayah Elmaazi has been promoted to Head of Legal at Insight Investment from her previous role as Head of Corporate and Commercial Legal.

Angela Cheung has been promoted to Head of Legal, Wealth Management at Schroders from her role as Senior Legal Counsel, Corporate.

April

Gideon Moore joined Natwest Group as Chief Legal Officer and General Counsel having left his role as Firmwide Managing Partner at Linklaters.

Nian Lala has been promoted to General Counsel from Pictet Asset Management from his previous role as Head of Legal.

Shika Soni has been promoted to Assistant General Counsel from her role as Regional Head of Legal, Europe & Middle East at Principal Global Investors.

Julia Smithers Excell has joined ING Bank London as Managing Director and UK Head of Financial Markets Legal. She moves from her previous position as a Partner in the Financial Services Regulatory practice at White & Case.

Richard Pugh, who has been at Bank of America for over ten years as director and assistant general counsel, has re-joined Dechert's London office as a commercial real estate finance and securitisation partner. Richard was previously at Dechert between 1998-2003.

Robyn Grew has taken on addition responsibility as Head of ESG in addition to her role as Group Chief Operating Officer and General Counsel at Man Group.

Wingh Yang Cheung has been promoted to Head of Legal, EMEA Funds at J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Wingh Yang was previously Assistant General Counsel and has been at J.P. Morgan Asset Management since 2013.

Kai Zeng has been appointed Counsel at Blantyre Capital Limited. Kai Zeng was previously a Partner in the Restructuring practice at Kirkland and Ellis.

Rickin Patel has been appointed General Counsel at Trust Payments from his previous role of Senior Legal Counsel at Starling Bank.

James Spencer has been appointed as Head of Legal (Ventures) at NFJ Capital. Having qualified into the Corporate team at Pinsent Masons, James then spent eight years at Mishcon de Reya before joining NFJ Capital.



May

Ivo Keltner has been appointed Managing Director & Senior Counsel, Strategic Value Credit at Cheyne Capital. Ivo was previously Associate General Counsel, Head of Trading Legal & Transaction Legal at BlueBay Asset Management.

Olly Buxton has joined Tramontana Asset Management as General Counsel. Olly was previously an Executive Director at UBS and has over 25 years of in-house and private practice experience specialising in commodities, structured products and derivatives.

Natalie Salunke has been appointed the General Counsel of Zilch, a London based fintech firm. Natalie moves from her role as Head of Legal at RVU.

Ed Freeman has moved from his role as General Counsel and Company Secretary at Tandem Bank to become General Counsel at TapTapSend, a money transfer platform.

Vikas Katyal has been promoted to Head of DECM UK, Legal, BNP Paribas from his previous role as Legal Counsel in the same team.

Joanna Moberly has been appointed as Head of Legal & Company Secretary at Saxo Markets UK from her role as Lawyer at Lloyds Banking Group.

Shahan Jamil has been appointed Deputy General Counsel at Wahed, an ethically-focused digital investment platform in the US, UK & Malaysia . Prior to this, Shahan served as Deputy Head of EMEA Legal and Associate General Counsel at Legg Mason Global Asset Management and was also a Director in the Funds Team at BlackRock.

Louise Boddy has been promoted to Head of Legal and Global Manager at from her role as Head of Legal EMEA at BNP Paribas Securities Services. She has held various leadership roles at BNP Paribas since 2010.

Rossana Eloisa Conti has been promoted to Global Head of Corporate, Legal at Go Cardless. Rossana joined Go Cardless as Principal Legal Counsel in September 2021 having previously been at Charles Russell Speechlys for just under seven years.

June

Sophie Chaudauka MBE has been appointed Head of Americas Risk Management and Intelligence at Meta from her role as Global COO Shared Services and Banking Operations at Morgan Stanley.

Matthew Mizzi has been appointed General Counsel at Glow Financial Services Limited, a FinTech offering solutions to the telecoms sector from his role as Managing Associate in the Structured Finance & Derivatives group at Simmons and Simmons.

Omar Salem is the incoming Head of Legal of Algbra, digital ethical finance platform. Omar was previously at Linklaters for 9 years, his most recent role was as a Managing Associate in the Financial Regulatory practice.

Nigel Spells has been appointed Head of Legal at MetLife UK. Nigel moves from his role as In-House Counsel at the Direct Line Group.

Andrew Stevens has been promoted to Partner and General Counsel at Inflexion Private Equity. Andrew has been General Counsel at the firms since 2017.



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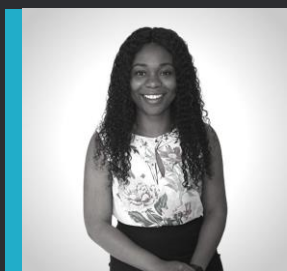
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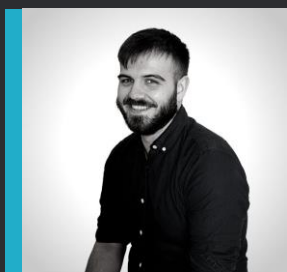


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