

RISING STARS

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THE NEXT GENERATION OF CITY PRIVATE EQUITY TALENT

By Hannah Roberts

The battle to recruit and retain the most promising up-and-comers in private equity is sparking fierce competition across the City, as law firms look to build up their bench of talent in this increasingly influential sector.

In this article, we profile some of the rising stars at top UK and international law firms in London. Almost everyone on the list, which is by no means definitive, made partner in 2015 or later, while a few hotly tipped associates have also made the cut.

LATHAM & WATKINS

Angel Quek

Latham & Watkins

Will make partner: 2019

Key deals: Advising CVC on the acquisition financing of Breitling; advising Cinven, Permira, and Mid Europa Partners on an LBO financing for the acquisition of Allegro Group.

What advice do you have for those hoping to become partner? Being a technically great lawyer seems to be an assumed prerequisite these days, so it is useful to work out how you can distinguish yourself and add



value in other ways. It's also really important to seek out a supportive and collaborative environment that will help you thrive and make the most out of your opportunities.

Why private equity? Having the opportunity to work with some of the brightest minds in the industry. It is also interesting to be able to learn about and be engaged with different businesses and sectors throughout the job.