Earlier this year we launched our search for the rising stars of the private funds legal world. Trusted contacts, industry participants and the law firms themselves nominated both colleagues and peers, and in total we were sent 129 profiles of high-achieving lawyers under the age of 40 based around the world. Competition was stiff, which made the judging process challenging, but nominees were whittled down to a final list of 30 based on their career progress, their client base, notable work to date and their X Factor - many of those on the list today are engaged in good-will work outside of their funds practice. The list follows and, we’re sure you’ll agree, each and every one of them deserves to be there.

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