

**SIMON FIRTH JOINS KAYE SCHOLER'S
EXPANDING FUNDS PRACTICE IN LONDON**

LONDON and NEW YORK, 4 January 2007 – Simon Firth, a leading UK funds lawyer, will join the London office of Kaye Scholer LLP on 8 January 2007 to head the firm's domestic UK funds practice. Firth was previously a partner at Berwin Leighton Paisner LLP.

Simon has advised numerous UK and international fund managers on structuring and marketing a wide variety of investment funds and on related UK and EU regulation. He also has previous experience of US investment advisor regulation.

“Kaye Scholer's investment funds practice is core to the London office's strategic growth plans,” said London office managing partner, Guilherme Brafman. “Simon's arrival will be a valuable addition to our team and provide us with a dedicated UK funds offering that few US firms can match.”

Kaye Scholer's clients in London include numerous hedge fund managers, private equity firms and traditional investment managers.

“I have worked closely with Simon over the last few years and have the highest regard for his knowledge, commerciality and commitment to his clients,” said Timothy Spangler, head of the firm's Investment Funds practice. “In an era of rapid regulatory change and product evolution, clients increasingly demand robust, innovative advice. Simon is uniquely able to advise domestic and international fund promoters on nuances of the legal and regulatory landscape in the United Kingdom.”

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