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BIOGRAPHY

Benedict is experienced in all aspects of real estate finance in the UK and across Europe.

Benedict acts for both sponsors and lenders, with his lending clients including investment banks, clearing banks, debt funds and other alternative lenders and sponsor clients including private equity borrowers, institutional investors and developers. Benedict's experience includes acquisition financings, development financings and refinancings, working across all real estate asset classes including offices, residential (both build-to-rent and build-to-sell), student accommodation, hotels, later living, self-storage, logistics and life sciences. Benedict has a focus on green finance and has experience of advising lenders and sponsors on this area, including some of the most significant green development loans in the UK.

Benedict has spent time on secondment in the real estate finance team at HSBC Investment Bank (Global Banking and Markets).

Benedict is recognised by Legal 500 UK 2024 as a rising star for Real Estate: Property Finance.

THE SUSTAINABILITY IMPERATIVE

The Future of Real Estate Investment

We explore the sustainability challenge faced by the real estate sector, and examine the challenges and opportunities for investors and corporate occupiers

ADMISSIONS

- England and Wales

RELATED PRACTICE AREAS

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EXPERIENCE

- Advising **Brookfield Asset Management** funds on UK and European acquisition financings, including:
 - Advising **Brookfield Asset Management's** first European core-plus real estate fund (BPREP-E) on financing the acquisition of eight logistics assets located in France and the Netherlands. The facilities have a total value of c.€125 million.
 - Advising **Brookfield Asset Management's** first European core-plus real estate fund (BPREP-E) on the acquisition and development financing of four logistics assets located in Germany, the Netherlands and Spain. The facilities have a total value of c.€120 million.

- Advising **Brookfield Asset Management's** fourth flagship opportunity fund (BSREP IV) on financing the acquisition of a logistics asset located in the United Kingdom. The facility has a value of £54 million.
- Advising **Brookfield Asset Management's** first European secondaries fund (BRES) on financing the acquisition of four logistics assets located in the United Kingdom. The facilities have a total value of c.£106 million.
- Advising **Argent** on behalf of King's Cross Central Limited Partnership to secure over £2 billion of financing used to fund the multi-award winning King's Cross mixed-used urban regeneration scheme, including a £400 million green loan from Wells Fargo, HSBC and Helaba to support the development of two new environmentally-conscious office buildings.
- Advising **Qatari Diar** on a £400 million green loan for the development of their award winning Chelsea Barracks residential development provided by a consortium of five lenders: Credit Suisse AG, Standard Chartered Bank, Allied Irish Bank (UK) plc, Qatar National Bank and National Bank of Kuwait.
- Advising **Lodha Developers UK Limited**, part of the Lodha Group (India's largest residential real estate developer), on development and inventory financings secured on its super prime residential schemes at No.1 Grosvenor Square, London and Lincoln Square, London.
- Advising **Allianz Real Estate** on providing a £140 million facility to finance the development of 33 Charterhouse Street, a London office-led scheme owned by a 50-50 joint venture of Helical and Ashby Capital.
- Advising **HSBC Investment Bank** on its financing of a purpose built student accommodation building in Birmingham.
- Advising **LaSalle Investment Management** on providing senior development finance for the Fusion design-led 437 bed luxury student accommodation in Nottingham.
- Advising **Tristan Capital Management's debt fund** on its c.£45m acquisition facility to an Invesco and George Capital joint venture for the acquisition of the Fort retail park in Birmingham.
- Advising **a global asset manager** on providing a £323 million development facility in respect of St Giles Circus, a cutting edge mixed-use project in the heart of London's West End.

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From brown to green: financing real estate decarbonisation

Across the real estate sector, the discussion has often focused on “green” development such as building carbon neutral real estate. Many traditional lenders have also focused their sustainability initiatives on financing renewable projects. Less attention has been given to develop specific energy efficiency solutions, activities which result in the “greening” of existing brown real estate assets. However, the market is shifting and in this article we explore the landscape of the financing options available to asset owners and managers to fund these types of energy efficiency projects with examples drawn from the US, UK, Singapore and Hong Kong SAR markets.

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BCLP acts for Qatari Diar on £400M Development Facility

International law firm BCLP has advised Qatari Diar on a £400 million Green Loan for the development of their award winning Chelsea Barracks residential development.

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