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Eric is a partner in Cooley's UK emerging companies and venture capital team. He advises high-growth technology companies and their investors on private financings, M&A and strategic and corporate governance matters.

Eric regularly advises leading US and European venture capital investors – including Accel, Andreessen Horowitz (a16z), EQT Ventures, Felix Capital, Founders Fund, General Catalyst, Institutional Venture Partners (IVP), Lightspeed Venture Partners, LocalGlobe, Northzone, QED Investors, Stride.VC, 20VC and others – on their investments in technology companies.

Eric also represents private technology companies at all stages, from inception through to sale/initial public offering, and in a range of sectors, with a particular focus on artificial intelligence (AI) and fintech companies.

Eric's recent company-side experience includes advising:

- **Codat**, a fintech company that develops accounting, banking and commerce integration solutions, on its \$100 million Series C financing, led by J.P. Morgan, and its \$40 million Series B financing, led by Tiger Global
- **Synthesia**, an AI video creation software developer, on its \$90 million Series C financing, led by Accel, its \$50 million Series B financing, led by Kleiner Perkins and Google Ventures (GV), and its \$12.5 million Series A financing, led by FirstMark
- **Stable**, an index-based commodity hedging solutions provider, on its \$60 million Series B financing, led by Acrew Capital, and its \$6.5 million Series A financing, led by Greycroft
- **Runa** (formerly WeGift), an automated digital payout company, on its 26-million-pound Series B financing, led by Element Ventures, and its \$12 million Series A financing, led by AlbionVC
- **Red Sift**, a cybersecurity company, on its \$54 million Series B financing, led by Highland Europe

Before joining Cooley, Eric worked as an investment principal at a London-based venture capital firm, where he originated investment opportunities, negotiated and executed new and follow-on investments, and monitored and supported the firm's portfolio companies.

Eric trained as a solicitor at a London-based international law firm before joining the London corporate team of a multinational Magic Circle firm. He earned a Master of Business Administration from BPP University, completed his legal studies at BPP Law School and received a bachelor's degree in international relations from the University of Sussex.

Education

BPP University

MBA, 2013

BPP Law School

Legal Practice Course, 2011

BPP Law School

Graduate Diploma in Law, 2010

University of Sussex

BA, 2008

Admissions & Credentials

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