

## Press release

### Racine invests in its talents: Philippe Johnston appointed partner

***Paris, 5 January 2026 – Philippe Johnston has been appointed as a partner in the Real Estate department at Racine. This internal promotion, effective from 1 January 2026, reflects Racine's ongoing commitment to developing talent and strengthening its core practices.***

Philippe Johnston has been a member of the Paris Bar since 2013 and joined Racine in 2016. He advises on all aspects of real estate transactions, including the acquisition and disposal of assets, commercial leases, property development transactions, as well as restructuring and construction projects. He assists French and international clients, including investors, developers, and end users.

Philippe Johnston holds dual Master's degrees in English and French law from King's College London and Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne, and a Master II degree in European business law from Université Paris II Panthéon-Assas.

Recognised for his technical expertise and commitment to clients, Philippe has been awarded an 'Excellent' rating in the 'Real Estate – Real Estate Transactions – Investment' category by Décideurs magazine's 2025 guide.

Nicolas Boytchev, Real Estate Partner at Racine, says: *“Philippe is a talented lawyer who has quickly become a key member of the team. His expertise of complex transactions and his ability to support clients over the long term are key assets to the department. His appointment was an obvious choice.”*

Mélanie Coiraton, Racine's Managing Partner, comments:

*“Philippe embodies Racine's values of excellence, rigour and team spirit perfectly. His appointment will strengthen a key department within the firm. We are proud of his career and are delighted to welcome him as a partner.”*

#### **About Racine**

*Racine is an independent business law firm that combines legal excellence with strategic pragmatism. For over 40 years, its 270 lawyers, including 76 partners, have been helping companies and executives overcome their most challenging issues, providing advice and representing them in litigation. Litigation is part of the firm's DNA, accounting for around half of its business and giving it unrivalled expertise in managing strategic disputes. With offices in France and Brussels, Racine covers all areas of business law and has particular expertise in corporate/M&A, private equity, employment law, taxation, finance, real estate, IP/IT, competition, and restructuring.*

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