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## Ansbacher appoints private client tax specialist Simon Rees

Ansbacher has appointed tax specialist Simon Rees to join its private banking and fiduciary team in London, where he will be strengthening the wide range of support the bank currently offers to individuals and trustees.

Simon joins from PricewaterhouseCoopers where, in addition to his main tax advisory role and editorship of the PwC Private client Newsletter, he also developed a high public profile as a media spokesperson for the firm's private client practice. Simon has specialised in the private client and trust field for more than 20 years, with a particular focus on international private clients and their issues.

Matthew O'Keefe is Ansbacher's head of UK Private Banking and Fiduciary and he commented on Simon's appointment:

*"Simon is an extremely experienced and accomplished tax practitioner and I am delighted to welcome him to the team. His skills will add to the breadth and depth of support that we offer to our private clients and trustees and I'm sure he will play a very active role in ensuring that our clients receive service of the highest possible quality."*

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### Notes to editors:

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