

Maples Teesdale announces new Managing Partner

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Paul Burke sets out vision for growth at the UK's leading specialist real estate law firm

Maples Teesdale, the UK's leading full-service real estate law firm, is announcing the appointment of Paul Burke as Managing Partner. Burke will take over from Chris Wilkinson on 1 April, as Wilkinson steps down after six years as head of the firm.

Setting out his vision for Maples Teesdale – lawyers who act for some of the UK's biggest property companies, funds, financial institutions and occupiers including abrdn, CBRE Investment Management, City of London Corporation, Lloyds Bank, Legal & General, Columbia Threadneedle Investments, Mileway and Yoo Capital – Burke has identified three key objectives for his tenure as Managing Partner:

- Enhance Maples Teesdale's position as the leading full-service law firm to the real estate industry in the UK
- Unlock new practice areas and develop the complementary service offerings within the firm
- Nurture talent and enable the Maples Teesdale team to embrace leadership and responsibility skills early in their careers as part of their pathway to partnership

Speaking about his new role as Managing Partner at Maples Teesdale, **Paul Burke** said:

"Maples Teesdale is a pre-eminent firm in the real estate sector and it's a huge honour to be the new Managing Partner of such a strong team that supports our clients to deliver their strategic goals. I'm grateful to my predecessor Chris Wilkinson for his leadership and enabling me to take forward a business that's in great shape, with a growing roster of exceptional clients and a highly talented team. I look forward to building on this success with the support of my colleagues, unlocking new opportunities, continuing our growth trajectory and delivering on our commitment to be the real estate industry's leading full-service legal practice."

A Partner with Maples Teesdale since 2010, Burke specialises in corporate real estate law and has acted for prominent clients including Patrizia, UK Commercial Property REIT and Tristan Capital Partners. In his new role as Managing Partner, he will be responsible for overseeing a real estate practice comparable in size to that of many global firms, with a team of 60 lawyers including 19 partners, advising clients on capital transactions and asset enhancement across disciplines including real estate, finance, litigation, construction, planning, corporate and tax.