

Robert Brodrick, Private Client partner at Payne Hicks Beach features in The Spear's 500 2019 Directory in the "Top Ten Tax & Trust Lawyers" list as "outstanding in field", first published November 2018



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FIRM SIZE UK

FOCUS UHNW wealth planning

Known for representing Arab royalty, British landed families and American UHNWs, Robert Brodrick is a trusted adviser on the 'full spectrum' of tax matters. For him and the rest of the tax team at Payne Hicks Beach, 2018 has been a year of consolidation after 'a series of momentous changes' to the taxation of non-doms in 2017, Brodrick tells *Spear's*. 'The main challenges are the ever increasing burden of regulation [he cites CRS, trust registration and exchange of information] and the change in attitude towards tax planning'. In response, the firm is focusing on family governance and succession planning. Since the mid-1700s, Payne Hicks Beach has been advising private clients from the same premises in Lincoln's Inn. 'Our focus is acting for private clients, so we are used to dealing with individuals,' he says, adding that, 'HNWs are still ordinary people who have emotions and difficult relationships. They can be very unpredictable. It is completely different from acting for companies where there are boards of directors and good corporate governance.' Brodrick would like more focus from the government on encouraging HNWs to bring their money into the UK: 'I find it immensely frustrating that the government legislates to encourage non-doms to keep their wealth offshore and penalises them for bringing it into the UK. We should be doing the reverse.'