

Helen Pantelides

Partner

headshot

hpantelides@cooley.com

Emerging Companies

Venture Capital

France

+44 20 7556 4113

London

Helen is a partner in Cooley's emerging companies and venture capital practice. She advises startups and emerging growth companies, as well as institutional and strategic investors, on venture capital and growth financings and mergers and acquisitions. Helen works with clients in cutting-edge industries across a broad range of technology verticals.

Helen is recognized for her venture capital and fintech proficiency with the following industry publication accolades:

- The Legal 500 UK: Key Lawyer for Venture Capital and Fintech (2025)
- Innovate Finance: Women in FinTech Powerlist (2023, 2024)

Helen's representative experience includes:

- Representation of SoftBank Vision Fund II as lead investor:
 - In a \$1.5 billion investment round into Trendyol, Türkiye's largest ecommerce platform
 - In a \$680 million investment round into Sorare, a French-headquartered fantasy football platform that trades non-fungible tokens; this was the largest French venture financing of all time and Europe's largest-ever Series B fundraising
 - In a \$600 million Series D investment into surgical robotics company CMR Surgical, the then-largest-ever private fundraising for a medtech company
 - In a \$500 million Series D investment into electrified vehicle technology and hypercar company Rimac Group
 - In a \$500 million Series E investment into Contentsquare, the global leader in digital experience analytics
 - In a \$400 million Series E investment into Claroty, an industrial cybersecurity company and one of Israel's most high-profile unicorns
 - In a \$300 million investment into Zopa Group, an online lending platform
 - In a \$130 million Series B investment into Envelop Risk, a leading data-driven underwriting and risk analytics business
 - In a \$120 million Series D investment into Jobandtalent, a digital temp staffing agency platform
 - In a \$75 million Series C investment into Peak AI, a leading developer of artificial intelligence (AI) software
- Representation of Carlyle as lead investor in a \$55 million Series B investment into Hack The Box, a

gamified cybersecurity training platform

- Representation of Basalt Infrastructure Partners on its \$50 million investment into EnviroSpark Energy Solutions, an electric vehicle charging company
- Representation of Gorillas, one of the world's largest on-demand grocery delivery companies, on its \$1.2 billion sale to Getir
- Representation of Pace Revenue, a revenue management tool for the hospitality industry, on its sale to FLYR Labs
- Representation of carwow, the online comparison site, on:
 - Its Series E investment round led by Bessemer Venture Partners, with participation from existing investors, including Accel, Balderton, Episode 1 and Vitruvian
 - Its acquisition of automotive content and commerce media business, Autovia, and used car selling service, Wizzle
 - Strategic media-for-equity deals from ITV and Channel 4
 - A strategic investment from Volvo Cars Tech Fund
- Representation of Fifth Wall on its Series A investment into women-founded corporate accommodation platform AltoVita
- Representation of Bud Financial, the AI-based open-banking platform, on an \$80 million Series B investment from TDR Capital and a strategic investment from TransUnion
- Representation of the investor syndicate in a \$70 million Series B investment into Ramp, a startup that provides payment infrastructure to connect crypto and traditional finance
- Representation of HungryPanda, the leading food delivery app for Chinese communities across the world, on its \$130 million Series D investment round, in a raise led by Perwyn, alongside existing investors Kinnevik, 83North and Felix Capital
- Representation of Goldman Sachs Growth Equity as lead investor in a \$335 million Series D investment into French robotics company Exotec
- Representation of Novator Partners investing as part of a \$500 million Series H investment into UK challenger bank Monzo
- Representation of Novator Partners investing \$100 million into VPN provider Nord Security
- Representation of Pollinate, the merchant-acquiring business behind Tyl by NatWest, on a \$100 million Series C investment round led by global venture capital and private equity firm Insight Partners, which included participation by the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce and from the existing investor base – including NatWest, Mastercard, National Australia Bank, EFM Asset Management and Motive Partners
- Representation of Schneider Electric Ventures investing as part of a \$150 million Series D investment round into Swiss barcode-scanning software company Scandit

Education

The University of Law
Legal Practice Course,

Uppsala University
Erasmus Programme,

The University of Sheffield
LLB,

Admissions & Credentials

Admissions & Credentials

England and Wales

Rankings & Accolades

The Legal 500 UK: Key Lawyer for Venture Capital and Fintech (2025)

Innovate Finance: Women in FinTech Powerlist (2023, 2024)