

## Adam El-Hakim

### Partner, Zurich



Adam specialises in white-collar crime, asset recovery, mutual legal assistance in criminal matters, internal investigations and compliance. He advises and represents clients before authorities and courts at all stages of criminal proceedings. He has extensive experience in complex domestic and cross-border criminal litigation, including matters involving anti-fraud, anti-money laundering, and anti-bribery regulations. He is also the co-founder of the Private Claimants Network, an initiative dedicated to strengthening the role of victims of financial crime in criminal proceedings.

Recognised for his ability to navigate sensitive, high-stakes matters with discretion and strategic insight, Adam assists clients in mitigating regulatory risks and managing multi-jurisdictional disputes. His practice combines deep technical expertise in criminal law with a pragmatic approach tailored to financial institutions, corporates across sectors, and private clients.

He regularly contributes to thought leadership on financial crime and internal investigations, sharing insights on emerging trends and enforcement developments.

#### Current professional memberships

- + Founding member and Chairman of the Private Claimants Network (PCN)
- + Member of the Zurich Bar Association (ZAV)
- + Member of the Swiss Bar Association (SAV)
- + Member of the Criminalistic Society of Switzerland (CSS)
- + Member of the European Criminal Bar Association (ECBA)
- + Member of the European Fraud and Compliance Lawyers (EFCL)

#### Career history

- + Partner, LALIVE, Zurich, 2026 – present
- + Counsel, LALIVE, Zurich, 2023 – 2025
- + Associate, LALIVE, Zurich 2019 – 2022
- + Federal Assistant Prosecutor, Office of the Attorney General (section for white collar crime), Zurich, 2017 – 2019
- + Attorney, Bär & Karrer, Zurich, 2017

#### Academic qualifications

- + PhD, University of Basel (Dr Gadiant Engi Scholar), 2017
- + Admitted to the Swiss Bar, 2014
- + LL.M., University College London (Dr Gadiant Engi Scholar), 2011
- + Master of Laws, University of Basel, 2010

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#### Practices

- + Asset Recovery & Insolvency
- + Investigations, Regulatory & Compliance
- + White Collar Crime

#### Languages

- + Arabic
- + English
- + French
- + German

#### Nationality

- + Egyptian
- + Swiss

#### Admission

- + Switzerland, 2014



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## Recognition

Adam is ranked as a key lawyer for regulatory, compliance and investigations in *Legal 500 EMEA*, 2022

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## Recent publications

### **Terralex, Global Crisis Management Regulatory Guide for Switzerland**

ANDRÉ BRUNSCHWEILER, ADAM EL-HAKIM, ALEXANDRE SCHWAB,  
HELOISA ZIMMERMANN, CORNELIA MATTIG AND MARTIN K. WEBER  
In: Terralex, October 2025

### **Increase in corporate and senior management criminal liability enforcement in Switzerland**

DANIEL BÜHR, BENOÎT A. MAURON, ADAM EL-HAKIM, ALEXANDRE SCHWAB  
In: Lexology (online), LALIVE Insights, March 2025

### **No absolute veto right for private claimants in accelerated criminal proceedings**

BENOÎT A. MAURON, ADAM EL-HAKIM, VIVIEN ALTWEGG  
In: Lexology online, LALIVE Insights, 14 March 2025

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## Recent conferences

### **Netzwerks Privatküägerschaft NPK - Jahrestagung 2025**

ADAM EL-HAKIM , Role: Speaker and Chair, Strategien der Privatküägerschaft im Untersuchungsverfahren  
Karl der Grosse, Zurich, 22 August 2025

### **Netzwerks Privatküägerschaft NPK - Jahrestagung 2024**

ADAM EL-HAKIM , Role: Speaker and Chair, Einvernahmen aus Sicht der Privatküägerschaft  
Karl der Grosse, Zurich, 23 August 2024

### **ThoughtLeaders4 - Fire & Ice Circle Europe**

ADAM EL-HAKIM , Role: Speaker and Co-Chair, Obtaining evidence in aid of foreign proceedings  
Le Mirador, Vevey, Switzerland, 12 March 2024