

Our end-to-end service for investment funds

Maitland's onshore and offshore funds practice provides an end-to-end service to promoters and managers of funds.

We have an overview of the fund industry that few can match. The integrated cross-border, multi-disciplinary nature of our firm allows us not only to give you legal advice but to help you understand the practical consequences of that advice.

Our teams deliver pragmatic solutions which range from the advisory aspects of setting up and operating a fund right through to its administration and reporting. In addition, if you are an investor, we can advise you on how best to structure your investment into a fund from a tax perspective and carry out due diligence on the fund's terms and documentation. If you are a promoter or manager of funds, we can advise you on the optimum fund vehicle and the best choice of domicile for your fund. We can set it up and list it, administer it and advise on the fund's portfolio structure. As your strategic partner, we enter into a collaborative relationship with you, so that we can anticipate and meet your evolving business needs. You could spend a lot of time talking to lawyers, accountants, administrators, investment managers and advisors in a variety of jurisdictions - or you could talk to Maitland.

How do we help promoters and managers?

Structuring your fund

Our teams of lawyers consider jurisdictional, regulatory and tax issues relating to the fund, its manager and promoter, taking account of the fund's investor base, location of its investors and intended investments and method of marketing. We can also advise on the choice of directors and service providers.

Establishing your fund

Once the fund structure has been finalised, we take the necessary steps to establish the fund. This includes:

- preparation of documentation
- establishment of the fund
- incorporation of the investment manager or general partner and investment adviser
- preparation of the requisite agreements
- obtaining regulatory approval for the fund and any related advisers or managers
- advising in relation to listing the fund, if required, in a variety of jurisdictions including the Cayman Islands, Ireland and Luxembourg.

Providing directors

We can appoint and provide directors to your fund structure or (as appropriate) advise on the choice and location of directors. They can add tremendous value, not only because they are highly experienced but also because they are disciplined in corporate governance.

Ongoing advice

We provide you with ongoing fund advice in relation to restructuring, changes in the terms of offering, negotiating with investors or the addition of new sub-funds.

Administering your fund

Our fund administration and reporting solutions, using SunGard's Asset Arena Investment Accounting product suite, cover front, middle and back office functions.

We administer a broad range of investment funds including fund of funds, hedge funds, multi-manager funds, pooled funds, private equity funds, segregated portfolio funds and unit trusts.

Flexible reporting

Our flexible client reporting platform enhances customer service and supports multiple channels. We provide online access to the latest information on your funds, holdings and transactions. All our services are governed by comprehensive service level agreements which clearly establish the scope and performance standards of our services.

How do we help investors?

We advise on how best to structure your investment in a fund and on legal due diligence aspects, for instance how to interpret (and where practical improve) the fund's terms, conditions and documentation.

You will benefit from

Our international expertise

We have been operating in the onshore and offshore markets for over 30 years, with experts qualified in multiple jurisdictions who have knowledge of local tax, corporate and regulatory environments. We provide an integrated cross-border service delivered through one point of contact.

Resourceful & Rigorous

How can Maitland help with my investment fund?

Our people offer a uniquely integrated portfolio of legal and financial services. They not only advise you on your investment fund, but can set it up, list it, manage it and administer it.

Our rigorous approach has been honed for over 30 years.

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Cross-border specialisation

Our specialisation in cross-border work allows us to provide a broad overview of all of the various fund products available in a variety of countries and offer advice on which jurisdiction is right for you, as well as guidance on tax structuring and general issues raised in the operation of onshore and offshore funds.

Depth of experience

Our lawyers are qualified to establish funds in the UK, Luxembourg, South Africa, Isle of Man and BVI and have extensive experience of fund establishment in other jurisdictions, including the Cayman Islands, Ireland, Guernsey and Jersey.

World-class administration

Fund administration is constantly evolving in response to changes in the regulatory environment, financial markets and investment strategies. We respond to these changes by deploying market-leading international systems and employing experienced investment accounting staff.

Maitland has provided independent third party fund administration services since 1998 and now serves more than 85 fund management clients worldwide, representing over \$125 billion in assets under administration.

About Maitland

Maitland is a privately owned, international firm providing wealth services to both private and institutional clients.

We provide the highest levels of expertise and competence and work in a way that is uniquely personal, proactive and responsive.

We work with our clients and not just for them, from offices in the British Virgin Islands, Cape Town, Dublin, Durban, Geneva, Isle of Man, Johannesburg, London, Luxembourg, Malta and Monaco. Maitland is one of the few wealth services groups with the breadth of knowledge and insight to create integrated, comprehensive global solutions.

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