

Investment Fund Services Japan

Ogier is one of the world's leading providers of offshore legal and fiduciary services. The group has a presence in ten jurisdictions around the world, employing over 850 professional and support staff.

The Ogier Solution

Ogier is dedicated to providing practical solutions based advice. It is the only offshore law firm offering legal and administration services for British Virgin Islands (BVI), Cayman, Guernsey and Jersey companies, trusts and limited partnerships across all time zones.

Overview

The Cayman Islands' unit trust has long been the vehicle of choice for investment funds involved in the Japanese market. In addition, the use of corporate entities as well as exempted limited partnerships has become more common.

The use of this variety of entities has fuelled the expansion of the funds industry in Japan which has also increased the demand for legal and a number of fiduciary and fund administration services in respect of which Ogier is a market leader.

Japan-based clients will particularly benefit from Ogier's Hong Kong office whose legal professionals practice Cayman and BVI law. Ranked 'Tier 1' by Chambers Asia 2008 for investment funds, this 30 person team can assist in the establishment and in providing ongoing advice in an effective and timely manner from close proximity.

Investment Funds Legal Team

Our Investment Funds team provides offshore legal advice on fund formation, structures, regulation, de-registration, termination and on-going advice to investment funds and managers. Ogier is a recognised listed agent for both the Cayman Islands Stock Exchange (CSX) and the Channel Islands Stock Exchange (CISX).

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Ogier Fiduciary Services

For the most common unit trust structure, Ogier Fiduciary Services (OFS) is able to provide trustee and trust administration services and also offers administration services such as directorships as well as registered and principal office services and corporate secretarial services.

Ogier Fiduciary Services, Tokyo

To demonstrate Ogier's commitment to the Japanese market, Ogier Fiduciary Services (OFS Tokyo) launched in October 2008 and is able to provide effective support services to clients based in Japan throughout the transaction. The Tokyo office is fully bilingual in Japanese and English and is staffed by professionals with more than 14 years of experience of working with Japan-based clients who require offshore legal and fiduciary services.

Trustee Services

OFS offers both trust and fund administration services which enable it to provide the professional third party trustee services to the commonly utilised Cayman Islands unit trusts as well as share trustee services to corporate structures.

Directorship Services

For corporate entities, also known as SPVs or special purpose vehicles, OFS provides directorship services. In the case of exempt limited partnership structures, OFS provides the required administration services for the general partner which is often a newly formed Cayman Islands SPV that requires independent directors, registered office, principal office and secretarial services.

Industry Recognition

Ogier has received significant industry recognition and is regularly placed at the top of offshore transaction league tables. Below is a selection of our recent awards:



2011 Awards

- 'Best Offshore Law Firm 2011' AsianInvestor Service Provider Awards
- 'Offshore Legal Excellence Award 2011' Destaques
- 'Insolvency Firm of the Year 2011' Finance Monthly Law Awards
- 'Best Offshore Law Firm, Cayman' Hedgeweek Awards
- 'Best Offshore Law Firm, Cayman' HFMWeek US Hedge Fund Services Award
- 'Leading Offshore Law Firm of the Year 2011 - Hedge Funds, Mergers & Acquisitions, Private Equity Funds' InterContinental Finance Magazine Law Awards
- 'Client Choice Award, Cayman' International Law Office (ILO)
- 'Overall Business of the Year 2010' Jersey Enterprise Awards
- 'Law Firm of The Year 2011 - Banking, Capital Markets and Private Funds' Lawyers World Global Awards
- 'Top 25 Most Admired Companies 2011' Private Client Practitioner
- 'Top 25 Trust Companies 2011' Private Client Practitioner



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- 'Fund Administrator of the Year' Private Equity News Awards for Excellence in Private Equity Advisory Services, Europe 2011

2010 Awards

- 'Guernsey Law Firm of the Year 2010' ACQ Magazine Country Awards
- 'Private Equity Law Firm of the Year, Guernsey' ACQ Magazine Country Awards
- 'M&A Law Firm of the Year, Guernsey' ACQ Magazine Country Awards
- 'Offshore Law Firm of the Year 2010' Chambers Europe Awards for Excellence
- 'Employment/Labour Law Firm of the Year in the Channel Islands' Corporate International Magazine Legal Awards
- 'Guernsey Private Client Law Firm of the Year' Global Law Experts
- 'Channel Islands Law Firm of the Year 2010' ^{PLC} Which Lawyer?
- 'Private Funds Law Firm of the Year 2010' The DealMakers Law Awards

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