

# 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 nine jurisdictions around the world, employing over 800 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:

### 2010 Awards

- 'Offshore Law Firm of the Year 2010' Chambers Awards
- 'Channel Islands Law Firm of the Year 2010' PLC Which Lawyer

### 2009 Awards

- 'Top Offshore Law Firm 2009' Alpha Awards
- 'European Legal Services Provider 2009' ICFA Magazine
- 'Offshore Law Firm of the Year 2009' British Legal Awards
- 'IFC Legal Team of the Year 2009' STEP Private Client Awards
- 'Overall Private Funds Law Firm of the Year 2009' ACQ Finance Magazine
- 'International Law Firm of the Year 2009' Citywealth Magic Circle Awards
- 'Best Offshore Law Firm 2009' HFM Week European Service Provider Awards

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