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Areas of expertise

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Background and experience

Marie-Claire is Partner in Ogier's BVI law in Europe team, based in Jersey. She specialises in BVI corporate, investment funds and regulatory matters. Prior to moving to Jersey in 2017, Marie-Claire spent 10 years based in the BVI.

Marie-Claire is one of the leading BVI funds and regulatory lawyers and frequently advises investment managers, funds, HNWs, trust companies and financial services providers on BVI legal and regulatory matters. In particular, she advises on change of control and other regulatory applications to the BVI Financial Services Commission, BVI AML laws and matters relating to developments in the BVI's regulatory regime. Marie-Claire also advises on economic substance.

Her funds practice covers all aspects of BVI funds formation including hedge funds, real estate investments, private equity funds, co-investment structures and single investment structures. She regularly helps start-up managers with the establishment of incubator and approved fund

structures and BVI approved managers. Marie-Claire also has significant experience advising BVI funds and other regulated entities on their ongoing legal and regulatory compliance, including helping regulated entities to rectify breaches of compliance and regularise their status with the BVI Financial Services Commission, and advising on the liquidation and dissolution of funds and other investment structures.

This complements a specialism in BVI corporate transactions, with a particular focus on cross border mergers and acquisitions, corporate advisory, IPOs, voluntary liquidations, continuations in and out of the BVI and corporate restructuring, having advised on many complex, high profile transactions since first joining the Ogier team in 2008.

Marie-Claire is a key part of Ogier's multi-disciplinary Private Equity team. She specialises in BVI downstream corporate advisory, advising on both the acquisition and exit phases of downstream PE advisory.

Admitted in:

2008 - British Virgin Islands

2003 - England & Wales (not practising)

Examples of work

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24 June 2020

Ogier advises Urban Logistics on seven-site Crown Portfolio purchase

Richard Daggett

Team: Marie-Claire Fudge, Chloe Watson-Hill, Molly Ryan

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21 January 2020

Ogier advises on £40 million sale of Northern Ireland retail park

Raulin Amy

Team: Marie-Claire Fudge, Chloe Watson-Hill

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7 May 2019

Ogier advises ATIF Holdings Limited on its IPO on NASDAQ

Simon Schilder
Team: Marie-Claire Fudge

📍 British Virgin Islands, Jersey

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4 September 2018

Ogier advises on US\$650 million marine geophysical company acquisition

Simon Schilder
Team: Marie-Claire Fudge, Tiffany Tolliss

📍 Jersey

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13 July 2018

Ogier acts on purchase of Mark Lane offices

Raulin Amy
Team: Marie-Claire Fudge, Tiffany Tolliss

📍 Jersey

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29 March 2018

Ogier advises Tullow on \$800 million notes offering

Marie-Claire Fudge
Team: Tiffany Tolliss

📍 Jersey

Deal

13 December 2017

Ogier Jersey and BVI teams advise on £95.5 million Bristol real estate deal

Simon Schilder
Team: Raulin Amy, Alexander Curry, Marie-Claire Fudge

Deal

2 October 2017

Ogier BVI acts for Suez on US\$3.4 billion GE Water Acquisition

Michael Killourhy
Team: Marie-Claire Fudge

📍 British Virgin Islands, Jersey

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19 April 2011

Ogier BVI has advised on the IPO of Global Cornerstone Holdings Limited

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Snapshot: Distributions under BVI law

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Key regulatory filing deadlines for BVI funds in 2024

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Key 2024 regulatory filing deadlines for BVI Approved Managers

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Private investment funds in the BVI

Simon Schilder

Team: Tim Clipstone, Marie-Claire Fudge, Michael Killourhy

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25 May 2023

What you need to know about BVI single investment funds and co-investment vehicles

Simon Schilder

Team: Marie-Claire Fudge, Tim Clipstone

📍 British Virgin Islands

2 May 2023

Start-up investment managers – what are the benefits of the BVI's incubator funds regime?

Simon Schilder

Team: Marie-Claire Fudge, Tim Clipstone

📍 British Virgin Islands

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17 April 2023

BVI economic substance: new clarification on tax residency status for BVI entities administered in Channel Islands and Isle of Man

Simon Schilder

Team: Emily Haithwaite, Marie-Claire Fudge, Tim Clipstone

📍 British Virgin Islands, Guernsey, Jersey

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Recognition

"Rising star"

IFLR1000, 2023

"Rising Star"

Legal 500 UK, 2022

"fantastic.... very prompt"

Client feedback, 2018

"Rising Star"

Legal 500 UK, 2021

"Terrific lawyer"

Client feedback, 2017

"Rising star"

IFLR 1000 2018

"Recommended"

Who's Who Private Funds 2017

"A rising star"

IFLR 1000 2017

"A key contact... her expertise extends to many specialised matters"

IFLR 1000 2014

"Very easy to deal with, very user friendly, very approachable"

IFLR 1000 2014

"highly rated"

Legal 500 Caribbean 2014

"a key practitioner"

Legal 500 2013, 2012

"outstanding"

Client feedback