

Responsive and commercial Hong Kong team wins praise in Chambers directory for 2021

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Responsiveness and commerciality remain central to clients' praise for Ogier's service in the newly released Chambers Asia Pacific 2021.

Ogier has retained its position overall in the region and a number of the firm's leading individuals are named as notable practitioners.

With a diverse practice offering expertise in Cayman, BVI, Channel Islands and Luxembourg law, Chambers notes that Ogier "distinguishes itself through its North Asia focus, innovative investment funds and private equity work, and well-regarded litigation team," adding that the team "counsels high net worth individuals and families throughout Asia on private wealth matters, assisting with trusts, foundations and family governance issues."

The firm's newly appointed Head of ESG Funds, partner Kate Hodson, is noted for her skilled work with funds mandates, often handling private equity, venture capital and hedge fund formation and investments. "Kate is good at explaining what our peers are doing and what can be done. She is very good at staying on top of things, knowing where our pain points are and how to handle them," explains one client. Kate is now spearheading the newly created ESG and Impact Advisory Service offered by Ogier.

Global head Corporate Nathan Powell is well regarded for his broad expertise in the corporate and finance sphere, offering BVI and Cayman law advice on debt capital markets, IPOs and financing matters. Client feedback praises Nathan as "very practical and client-oriented, providing practical solutions."

Banking and Finance partner Anthony Oakes, who heads the team that Chambers notes provides an "accomplished banking and finance offering" is frequently engaged on debt capital markets, structured financing and asset financing work under BVI and Cayman Islands laws and is described as "a go-to person...very responsive and very commercial, and has a great sense of collaboration." Practice Partner Nicholas Plowman leads Ogier's Investment Funds practice in Asia. He is noted for his considerable experience acting as Cayman and BVI counsel on fund formation and investment mandates with one client noting "What I like about him is his demeanour; he is very positive and a nice person to work with".

Both Anthony Oakes and Nicholas Plowman have also been named for a number of years in Asian Legal Business's Offshore Client Choice list as one of the top ten offshore lawyers in Hong Kong. Nicholas Plowman has also been noted as one of the World's Leading Investment Funds Lawyers in the last four editions of Euromoney's Expert Guides.

Nicholas said: "Our strong performance in these rankings is a reflection of the value that clients place on our ability to respond efficiently and commercially to their needs, and on the emphasis that we have put on developing our services in sectors which are important to them."

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