

Funds & Investment Management

Ireland | Legal Services

Since its establishment over 30 years ago, the Irish investment funds market has helped fund managers from all over the globe develop and expand their international distribution footprint. Ireland is at the forefront of the funds industry, providing a gateway to Europe and beyond.

Experience and Depth of Resources

We have the largest Irish funds and investment management practice of any law firm, both in terms of headcount and client base. We have also acted on more new Irish fund launches than any other law firm over the past 10 years. As such, our clients can avail of a deep bench of resources and access to the widest breadth of expertise and market intelligence.

Aside from our Dublin office, and uniquely in the Irish market, we have full-service Irish funds and investment management teams based in each of our London, Cayman Islands and Hong Kong offices, providing clients with expert advice and bespoke support in convenient time zones.

Recognised Market Leader

We are ranked in the top-tier for Irish investment funds by all of the leading legal directories, including Chambers Global, IFLR1000 and The Legal 500. Our full-service Irish office is also highly ranked in other key practice areas such as finance, tax, corporate, litigation, employment, property and financial services regulation, demonstrating our strength and depth across other disciplines that our investment management clients may need to draw upon from time to time.

Client Advocates

Our partners and senior lawyers are active participants on all of the key Irish industry representative groups, and the sheer volume of new launches and innovative new products that we have worked on has earned us a very constructive and trusted relationship with the Central Bank of Ireland. This allows us to present our clients' needs and interests in an ever-evolving regulatory and legal framework.

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MARKET SHARE
RANKING FOR 10
CONSECUTIVE YEARS

1470

FUNDS ADVISED 2021-2022

20%

OF TOTAL NUMBER OF
IRISH FUNDS ADVISED
2021-2022

Full Spectrum of Products

We provide specialist legal advice to fund promoters, sponsors and their international legal counsel in establishing, operating and distributing the full range of available Irish investment fund products. This includes all types of UCITS (such as ETFs, money market funds, master-feeders and structured UCITS); and regulated and unregulated AIFs (such as hedge funds, private credit / loan origination funds, private equity funds, infrastructure funds and funds of funds).

Our expertise also extends to the authorisation and operation of Irish management entities such as AIFMs, UCITS management companies and MiFID investment firms.

Finally, we advise on the impact of all EU and global regulatory initiatives in Ireland, such as the evolving EU requirements governing sustainable finance and the cross-border marketing of funds.

Global Presence

Working alongside our offices in other key financial markets, we have an unrivalled view of the global funds and investment management sphere and can leverage this unique perspective for your benefit. Our multi-jurisdictional capability allows us to provide unbiased advice to guide clients to the most appropriate domicile in which to structure your fund or establish an investment manager, but also to give our clients the advantage of working with a single team capable of advising on a variety of cross-border structures and transactions.

In addition to our legal services, the Maples Group's Irish offering is complemented by specialists covering fiduciary services, fund services, AIFM / UCITS management company solution services, regulatory and compliance services and entity formation and management services.

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