

Fund Finance

Overview of Legal Services

Combining the Maples Group's leading finance and investment funds capability, our Fund Finance team has widespread experience in advising on all aspects of fund financing and related security structures for both lenders and borrowers.

We advise on issues relating to taking security over assets, including shares, limited partnership interests and other forms of securities issued by British Virgin Islands ("BVI"), Cayman Islands, Irish, Jersey and Luxembourg vehicles.

Correctly securing collateral is of paramount importance in fund financing. The taking of security over private equity and hedge fund assets can be commercially sensitive and involve complex areas of law, particularly where assets are held both directly and through third party custodians and where the security includes the right to deal directly with investors in each structure.

The Maples Group's Fund Finance team includes specialists from each of our Finance and Funds & Investment Management practices who are highly experienced in advising lenders and borrowers on all secured lending transactions typically used in the marketplace, with particular emphasis on subscription credit facilities.

Our expertise includes advising lenders and borrowers on the full spectrum of fund finance, including:

- Subscription credit facilities
- Secured lending transactions
- Fund margin lending
- Liquidity line facilities
- Management fee credit lines
- Mezzanine financing
- NAV facilities
- Private placements
- Repo transactions
- Total return swaps and other derivative arrangements
- Variable funding note arrangements

"They are experts, have global reach and are very attentive to their clients"

- Chambers and Partners

"They are top notch, have a very deep bench of qualified lawyers and are able to get us what we need in a short amount of time"

- Chambers and Partners

'The gold standard of offshore law firms ..."

- IFLR1000

"Always respond promptly with thought-out, accurate feedback; the firm's lawyers are also willing to go the extra mile and are a pleasure to deal with"

- Legal 500

'Spectacular – extremely organized and always on top of everything"

- Chambers and Partners

By having a presence in the leading domiciles for hedge funds, the Maples Group has an unrivalled perspective on the investment funds market. We currently act for nine of the top ten largest private equity managers and six of the top ten hedge fund managers globally. Our market share gives us a unique perspective on the global investment funds industry and enables us to provide cutting-edge and expert advice to clients.

Our Fund Finance team advises on the laws of the BVI, Cayman Islands, Ireland, Jersey and Luxembourg and comprises numerous lawyers based in our offices in these jurisdictions as well as Dubai, London, Hong Kong and Singapore to conveniently service our global client base.

We have been actively involved in fund finance for many years, consistently providing our clients with the benefit of our unparalleled industry knowledge and experience.

Strength in depth is a key component to our success which, combined with the extensive knowledge of our team, enables us to staff transactions with the right level of expertise and experience. Clients receive unmatched advice and service levels, all provided in a commercial and cost effective manner.

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