

A banner image showing a low-angle view of several modern glass skyscrapers reaching towards a clear blue sky. The text "Private Funds" is centered in a white box with a dark border.

Private Funds

As a flexible and proactive administrator, we have a depth of experience in helping clients to find the best solutions for their bespoke requirements.

Prospective clients look for jurisdictions and service providers who provide them with timely and innovative fund solutions.

The Isle of Man has fund structures which are designed around these objectives. These include a wide range of fund types from private funds, institutional funds through to UCITS compliant structures.

Each of these can take advantage of a variety of corporate wrappers from protected cell companies to unit trusts and limited partnerships.

We do not only provide a wide range of services to funds domiciled in the Isle of Man, but also to any of the premier offshore jurisdictions including Cayman, BVI and Bermuda.

Why Create a Fund?

- A group of investors can benefit from a common but diverse base of investments held
- The setting up of a formal structure gives a higher level of respectability to the promoter or sponsor and thus encourages other professional investors
- Investment via such structures can usefully offer further privacy to investors
- It is possible to add new types of sub-funds in the future with different investment objectives

Private Fund Services

There may be circumstances where a privately controlled investment company can be an attractive product for small groups of connected parties. A "Friends and Family" vehicle can facilitate a commercially effective pooling of investor capital and a convenient reporting mechanism.

The Isle of Man has long recognised that such structures should be free from the regulatory trappings and overheads required for more publicly offered structures and these private arrangements can be established quickly and economically by licensed administrators.

An Exempt Fund is a popular example and provided that this type of fund has fewer than 50 investors (at all times) and that interests in the Fund are not offered to the public, then the Exempt Fund is a private arrangement and is not subject to any form of regulation.

Key features are:

- No regulatory pre-approval requirements and no regulatory restrictions on asset classes, trading strategies, borrowing or leverage;
- No minimum subscription or specified investor criteria;
- No mandatory requirements to prepare a prospectus or offering document;
- No mandatory Custodian requirement;
- No mandatory Investment Advisor/ Investment Manager requirement;
- No prescriptive board compensation requirements;
- No mandatory audit.

The type of investors (retail or institutional), the fund entry criteria, the asset classes and the tax treatment will drive the selection of the most suitable fund structure.

Our Services

We provide full-service concept, development, and administration solutions for a range of third-party funds including fund development, corporate, fiduciary, valuation and registration services. Our fund administration services cover all asset types including equity, cash and alternative asset investment funds encompassing non-financial assets (such as real estate or trading companies).

We service the full spectrum of funds with client portfolios ranging from retail structures with thousands of shareholders, to private schemes which are closely held by a just few ultra high net worth investors.

The skill set of our fund team is also suited to the demands of private equity and family office fund administration, which may require additional ad-hoc services such as incorporating special purpose vehicles and accounting for defined capital contribution arrangements.

We are positioned to support these structures with a depth of fund establishment and ongoing administration expertise, as well as an efficient cost base and a client service ethic which is designed to add speed and flexibility to the administration process.

Typically, we as the appointed administrator would be responsible for the following functions:

- **The processing of applications or redemptions in the fund**
- **Issuing of contract notes and statements to investors**
- **Maintenance of the books and records of the fund**

- **Calculation of prices of the fund**
- **Monitoring the fund for compliance with the scheme's investment restrictions**
- **Preparation of material to be forwarded to investors**
- **Operation of the fund in compliance with all local regulations**

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We are a leading fiduciary and professional administration services specialist based in key jurisdictions.

As an independent and privately-owned group of companies, our principle of applying integrity, independence and insight to meet our clients' requirements has gained us recognition as a leader in our field.

We provide premier onshore and offshore solutions to an international client base, delivered by a team of multi-disciplined, multi-lingual, resourceful and innovative professionals

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