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Mason Hayes+Curran's dedicated Investment Funds practice specialises in advising fund managers and promoters on structuring, establishing and distributing Irish-domiciled investment funds.

Our lawyers have advised a wide variety of clients on structuring and promoting funds, ranging from UCITS targeted at the retail sector to Qualifying Investor Funds, which are targeted at the most sophisticated investor level. We advise on the legal structure of funds, their regulatory classification and on establishing specialist vehicles such as hedge funds, private equity funds, real estate funds, funds of funds, feeder funds, ETFs, money market funds etc.

We have expertise not only in the regulation of investment fund products but also in the transactions entered into by such funds and the increasingly sophisticated financial instruments and techniques being utilised by asset managers.

We have particular expertise in the area of alternative investments and are committed to seeing Ireland's continued development as a domicile for regulated hedge funds and sophisticated UCITS products, to complement its now firmly established reputation as a jurisdiction of choice for the servicing of hedge funds.

Our Approach

At Mason Hayes+Curran we recognise the need for responsive, innovative and strategic legal advice in this dynamic industry and our success in growing our Investment Funds practice is representative of this.

The firm is known for its straight-talking, solution-driven approach to business and has built a first class reputation with clients on this basis. Mason Hayes+Curran is a progressive firm, regarded as approachable and easy to do business with.

We make it our priority to understand our clients' objectives. Our focus is on delivering fully on client expectations and achieving successful commercial outcomes.

Our clients value the accessibility and responsiveness of our partners. Our lawyers have been involved in the development of policy and regulation in the investment funds industry in Ireland for the past 15 years and apply this specialist knowledge in a commercial manner to achieve client objectives. The fact that most of our lawyers also have in-house experience in industry enhances the commerciality of our approach.

What Clients Say About Us...

"Mason Hayes+Curran did great work setting up our Irish UCITS. They had a good sense of key concepts and resolved issues that arose during the process quickly and efficiently. All round, I was very satisfied with their work."

**Jeffrey Bronheim, Partner and General Counsel,
Cheyne Capital Management (UK) LLP**

"Mason Hayes+Curran were highly recommended to us when we were considering establishing a Qualifying Investor Fund in Ireland and I was very satisfied with the outcome regarding quality and time. They were responsive, efficient and very helpful in ensuring a successful start of the Fund."

Götz J. Kirchhoff, Managing Partner, AVANA Invest GmbH

"The firm has great depth. They seamlessly advised on all regulatory, corporate, tax, technology, employment and pensions law issues during our transaction and we got a first-class service from them. I would have no hesitation recommending Mason Hayes+Curran to anyone in the financial services industry."

Peter Schifsky, Chief Legal Officer, LaCrosse Global Fund Services, part of the Cargill Group.

"The team worked very much in partnership with us in establishing our UCITS fund. They are very pro-active and innovative in their approach, which was crucial, as we were breaking new ground with our MENA Fund. Their lawyers are technically excellent and also have a real sense of our commercial objectives."

Walid Hayeck, Managing Director, Asset Management, The National Investor, the first Abu Dhabi-based promoter to be approved to establish Irish funds.

Complementary Services

When advising clients, our dedicated team of investment fund lawyers can also draw upon the expertise of specialists in our tax, corporate, banking, litigation, intellectual property, data protection, regulatory and compliance practices whenever required.

As a full service law firm, we regularly advise financial services clients on a wide range of issues that need to be considered when setting up in business or establishing an investment fund in Ireland, as well as those that arise during ongoing operations.

Consistently recognised as one of Ireland's leading business law firms, Mason Hayes+Curran is committed to providing optimum solutions to promoters, asset managers and fund service providers in Ireland. At Mason Hayes+Curran, we can assist you with every aspect of your business.

Complementary services to the investment funds industry include:

- tax structuring
- corporate governance
- dispute resolution
- regulatory compliance
- income repatriation
- employment related issues
- mergers and acquisitions
- raising finance or grant assistance
- company secretarial
- data protection
- intellectual property and technology

What Others Say About Us...

"This group has been at the forefront of industry developments with lawyers representing clients in structuring and establishing some of the most innovative fund products in recent years."

"He has a great overview of the industry and understands the minutiae of the development of the market" say sources."

"Mason Hayes+Curran is extremely proactive, and you can trust the group to let it run with its initiative" say clients."

[Chambers Europe - The World's Leading Lawyers, Chambers & Partners, 2010](#)

"At Mason Hayes+Curran, Fionán Breathnach is praised for his 'deep local knowledge' and 'regulatory awareness'. 'The team is experienced in the establishment of UCITS and QIFs.'"

[Legal 500, 2010](#)

"Well informed on market developments and extremely adaptable," "dedication to clients' needs and excellent knowledge of how things get done in Ireland."

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