

Establishing Investment Funds

Why Ireland?



ACCESS TO THE EU MARKET

Ireland's membership of the European Union means that it is an attractive location for fund managers seeking access to European investors.

EU/EEA PASSPORTING

Eligible Irish investment funds may benefit from European marketing and passporting frameworks, enabling cross-border distribution without obtaining separate fund authorisation in every target country. Applicable notification requirements and national marketing rules must still be observed.

A PAN-EUROPEAN PLATFORM

For international asset managers seeking to build a European investment platform, Ireland offers an established and internationally recognised fund domicile.



Regulation: The Central Bank of Ireland provides a well-established and internationally recognised regulatory framework for investment funds, supporting investor confidence and regulatory transparency.

24-Hour Turnaround: A further advantage is the streamlined authorisation process for Qualifying Investor Alternative Investment Funds (QIAIFs), which can be authorised within 24 hours, provided the relevant documentation, confirmations and prior approvals are in place.

Early Regulatory Engagement: Prospective fund managers may seek an initial meeting with the Central Bank of Ireland, where appropriate, to discuss their proposed fund structure, regulatory requirements and authorisation process.

Service Providers Ecosystem



Ireland offers a well-established network of specialist service providers supporting the full lifecycle of an investment fund. Fund managers can access experienced fund administrators, depositaries, legal advisers, auditors, tax specialists and other professional service providers

This established ecosystem supports operational efficiency, regulatory compliance and the effective management of investment funds.

International Domicile

Ireland is one of the world's leading investment fund domiciles, with thousands of funds established in the country and trillions of euro in assets under management.

Its strong international reputation reflects its established regulatory framework, experienced professional services industry and ability to support a wide range of investment strategies and global distribution models.

