

Apex Guernsey



Guernsey is globally acknowledged as a leading international finance centre for the investment fund sector, servicing alternative assets such as private equity, real assets, and alternative debt.

We offer fund and investor services, ManCo services, corporate, and environmental, social, and governance (“ESG”) services to regulated, unregulated, domiciled and non-domiciled funds, and structures.

About Apex Guernsey

Apex fund and corporate services (Guernsey) limited is regulated by the Guernsey financial services commission (“GFSC”).

Registered to provide services to:

- Guernsey authorised funds
- Guernsey registered funds
- Guernsey private equity funds
- Guernsey listed funds
- Guernsey private investment funds
- Non-Guernsey domiciled funds

The services provided by Apex Guernsey are provided by the following entities, all of which are regulated and licensed by the Guernsey Financial Services Commission under the Protection of Investors (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law 2020: Apex Fund and Corporate Services (Guernsey) Limited (Registration 111198), Sanne Group (Guernsey) Limited (Registration 2102145), Sanne Fund Services (Guernsey) Limited (Registration 1025942), FundRock Management Company (Guernsey) Limited (Registration 1019127), Maitland Administration (Guernsey) Limited (Registration 2011047). In addition, Apex Fund and Corporate Services (Guernsey) Limited, Sanne Group (Guernsey) Limited and Maitland Administration (Guernsey) Limited are licensed by the Guernsey Financial Services Commission to conduct fiduciary business under the Regulation of Fiduciaries, Administration Businesses and Company Directors, etc (Bailiwick of Guernsey) Law, 2020. The registered office of Apex Guernsey Licensees is 1 Royal Plaza, Royal Avenue, St Peter Port, Guernsey GY1 2HL.

We are committed to provide first rate service with access to the latest technology:

Fund services

- Comprehensive fund administration and transfer agency
- Tax support
- Regulatory reporting

Corporate services

- Governance, fiduciary, and administration services
- Directorships
- Liquidation and rationalisation services
- Escrow services
- International Stock Exchange (“TISE”) sponsor
- Employee incentives and independent trustee services
- Regulatory reporting and tax compliance services
- Investment and treasury services

ManCo services

- AIFMD / EU passport solution
- Risk management
- Principal management services

ESG services

- ESG rating, reporting, and benchmarking
- ESG invest check
- EU taxonomy solution
- Climate and carbon solution 1.5°
- DEI solution
- Impact positive solution

Why Guernsey?

- A leading international finance centre with political, economic, and fiscal stability
- A simple tax regime makes Guernsey a popular offshore centre for private equity funds
- A highly experienced workforce in the management and administration of onshore and offshore funds
- Full compliance with international standards and bodies, such as IMF and the Financial Action Task Force
- The industry is experienced in the entire life cycle of a private equity fund and is familiar with the unique challenges faced during each stage

As a fund domicile, Guernsey has over 50 years' experience in fund services for investment managers, institutional investors, and sophisticated investors in an ever changing market. Guernsey provides fund managers and promoters global access and also benefits from pan-EU passporting rights under the AIFMD. Guernsey provides a place where managers can focus on providing innovative solutions suited to their specific investors' needs and boasts the presence of the TISE.

Guernsey's place within the industry

Guernsey is one of the world's largest offshore centres, with a thriving funds industry. Almost 1,000 investment funds and over 2,000 sub-funds are currently being administered on the Island. Many world renowned investment management companies have the operation of their investment funds facilitated on the Island. Guernsey is also a tried and tested fund domicile for investors from all key global markets.

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Total number of registered closed ended schemes in Guernsey (as of Q4 2023)

£289.9 bn

Total NAV for funds operating on the island (as of Q4 2023)

Source: Guernsey Financial Services Commission

Why Apex Group?

For over two decades we have continually disrupted the financial services industry through our investment in innovation and talent. Today, we set the pace in fund and asset servicing and stand out for our unique single-source solution and unified cross asset-class platform which supports the entire value chain, harnesses leading innovative technology, and benefits from cross-jurisdictional expertise delivered by a long-standing management team and over 13,000 integrated professionals.

Legal

The legal environment in Guernsey is well established and there are numerous internationally recognised law firms offering a full suite of services for the finance industry. Fund regimes are regularly tested through the Royal Court of Guernsey. Modern company law remains advanced through continuous improvement in legislation.

Tax

Guernsey has a standard 0% rate of income tax for corporate entities. Funds can elect to be exempt from paying income tax, although the payment of an annual fee is required for such concession. There is no withholding tax on dividends paid and no capital gains or VAT.

Reputation

Guernsey's fund industry has successfully grown over five decades. During this time infrastructure and experience have developed on the Island and the accompanying intellectual capital accumulated ensures the Island remains at the forefront of fund centres globally. Fund business can be transacted with confidence in Guernsey; with bilateral public market access treaties with Australia, Belgium, Hong Kong, Japan, The Netherlands, Republic of Ireland, South Africa, Sweden, and Switzerland.

Regulation

The GFSC promotes a robust, yet pragmatic competitive funds regulatory regime, adopting a risk based approach to ensure investor protection whilst avoiding unnecessary complex or burdensome regulation. The GFSC works closely with the funds industry to ensure that the regulatory regime continues to evolve and provide structures required by today's investors. This engagement between regulator and the funds industry has given Guernsey a track record in innovation, having created the "protected cell company" over 20 years ago. More recently, the launch of the Private Investment Fund regime reflects the often close relationship between fund managers and their investors. Continuity within Guernsey's democratic government offers political and economic stability and thereby a safe and secure environment on which businesses can rely. Legislative and fiscal independence allow the Island to respond quickly to the needs of businesses.

Scale gives us perspective, gives you reach

\$3.4trn+

Assets serviced

13,000+

Employees

20+

Years in business

52

Countries