

An aerial, high-angle photograph of a cityscape, likely Dublin, featuring a mix of modern and traditional architecture. A prominent building with a large, curved, white roof and a glass facade is the central focus. To its left is a building with a distinctive black and white checkered facade. The surrounding area is filled with various other buildings, streets, and greenery, all captured in a blue-tinted, monochromatic style.

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“The team at Dechert LLP is noted for its profound knowledge in regulations as well as the investment management industry.”

The Legal 500 EMEA, 2019 (Ireland)

“Clients appreciate the team’s high level of responsiveness, expertise with issues affecting UCITS funds, their strong understanding of the business environment and their ability to identify issues and make clear recommendations.”

Chambers Europe, 2019 (Ireland)

Leading European Practice – London, Dublin, Luxembourg, Frankfurt and Paris

The Hedge Fund Journal Awards, 2018

“Boasts a strong international network, able to assist clients looking to establish funds in Ireland or to advise Irish clients on cross-border projects.”

Chambers Europe 2018, Ireland

Dechert's Dublin office provides asset managers with full scope support in the operation of their investment products and investment management activities. Our experienced and innovative team in Dublin offers in-depth industry knowledge and practical, commercial advice.

We are uniquely positioned to support asset managers on a global scale as the first and leading law firm to have lawyers in all of Europe's leading centres for investment funds – Dublin, Frankfurt, London, Luxembourg, Munich and Paris – as well as throughout the United States and in Asia.

Onshore investment fund products

We provide domestic and international investment managers/promoters with structuring, establishment and ongoing compliance advice on both alternative funds and UCITS covering all types of strategies and asset classes, such as:

- Private equity funds
- Real estate funds
- Life settlement funds
- Loan origination and debt funds
- Funds of funds
- Money market funds
- Solvency II compliant funds
- CTA funds
- Infrastructure funds

We also advise on the appropriate Irish vehicle for your fund from the full range available, including ICAVs, Investment Limited Partnerships, Unit Trusts, Common Contractual Funds and special purpose vehicles.

MiFID II

MiFID II could potentially have a significant impact on your business. We are uniquely positioned within the Irish market to provide MiFID advice through reviewing matters such as internal processes and procedures, distribution strategies and your existing relationships with clients and other third parties. We also advise on specific elements of MiFID II such as the unbundling of research services. Our MiFID II advice includes development of compliance programmes, which may include updating of your technological requirements, documentation and policies and procedures.

Brexit solutions

Whatever the impact of Brexit on your business, we can provide a tailored solution to help minimise disruption to your business. Our experienced team can provide a range of contingency plans or immediate structuring options with respect to your investment fund infrastructure or distribution arrangements. We leverage off our MiFID II, fund distribution and management company expertise together with our global presence to offer effective solutions.



Capital raising and fund distribution

We assist in our clients' capital raising objectives through our focus on fund distribution. First, we assist in the development and design of investment fund products based upon the markets or sectors that our client wishes to access. For example, we may recommend a specific investment fund product or share class in order to comply with relevant local marketing laws. Then, once the investment fund product is correctly structured and authorised, our Dublin-based distribution team completes all necessary registrations, negotiation of distribution agreements and ongoing compliance matters. Through our global network, we provide or coordinate advice on the global marketing and sale of investment funds in approximately 100 countries worldwide.

ETFs

Dechert's financial services group has a leading ETF practice representing a significant percentage of the universe of ETF sponsors. We are experienced advisers on ETF fund formation and the development of new ETF products. Our lawyers in Dublin have advised on "first-of-kind" ETF structures and transactions in Ireland. Our expertise includes drafting and negotiating the full range of operational documents for ETFs, advising on regional and international settlement solutions together with listing and cross-listing options.

Regulatory advice and support

We provide the full range of advice and support for asset managers operating or advising funds in Ireland. This includes:

- Custody matters
- Derivatives trading documentation
- Risk management
- Global tax issues
- KIID/PRIIPS
- ERISA and U.S. regulatory issues
- Fund litigation
- Governance (such as CP86 compliance)

Management companies

We provide Irish UCITS management companies, AIFMs and "super-management companies" with advice on obtaining initial authorisation in Ireland and on ongoing compliance matters. Our lawyers have been involved in the provision of advice during a Central Bank of Ireland "PRISM" review. We also provide bespoke advice depending on the circumstances of the management company, including advice on matters such as the maintenance and investment of capital and the creation of risk profiles and risk parameters for funds under management. We also assist international clients on establishing such operations in Ireland and work with our other European offices on matters pertaining to the establishment of local Irish branches.



Our structure and technology supports your business

Global support: “One-stop-shop”

With approximately 200 lawyers in 17 offices throughout the world, our financial services and investment management group offer global support and advice. We are consistently recognised as a top law firm for investment funds by a number of publications in the U.S., Europe, Asia and the Middle East, including *Chambers*, *The Legal 500* and *Best Lawyers*. Our Dublin office is supported by a global network of practices, ensuring that we can provide the essential value-added services necessary to meet the needs of our clients across a range of jurisdictions.

Around-the-clock service

Easy access to legal advice and efficient turnaround of documentation and guidance is key to the running of our clients' business. To support this, we have strategically based some of our experienced Irish-qualified lawyers in other Dechert offices globally in order to support key markets and time zones. We currently have Irish-qualified lawyers who focus on matters pertaining to Irish fund structures based in our New York, Boston and London offices. These lawyers are available to assist local clients in their own time zones on relevant Irish funds issues, as well as the implications on such structures, working in conjunction with colleagues in such offices.

Technology solutions

Dechert has invested in technology systems to assist asset managers and reduce regulatory risk.

- World Passport is our global registration, marketing and compliance service for UCITS funds and AIFs. It provides a convenient, centralised system to complete fund registrations and address ongoing compliance and distribution matters.
- World Compass is a global web-based marketing compliance resource that provides clear, user-friendly information on marketing UCITS, AIFs and managed accounts on a private placement basis in approximately 100 countries worldwide.
- Dechert Secretarial Limited (DSL) is our full corporate secretarial solution in Dublin (meetings, board papers, corporate filings) that also includes an online portal for the management of board papers and a repository for key fund documentation. DSL also includes a designated email address for the relevant fund through which correspondence with the Central Bank can be managed.

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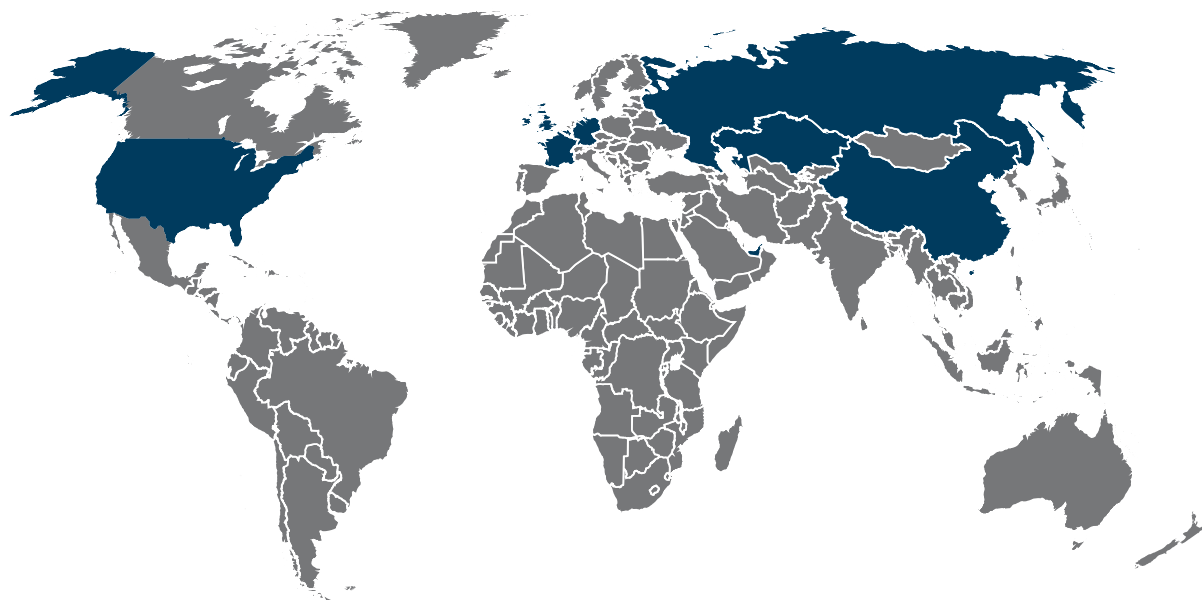


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