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Would you like to expand your fund distribution activities?

At a glance

- UCITS (Undertaking for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) are the only globally distributed investment fund product.
- Emerging fund destinations generally display high economic growth and wealth creation rates, as well as young populations, a key indicator for pension system inflow.
- Bonnard Lawson provides comprehensive distribution support services in a range of countries, including emerging fund markets in the Gulf region and East Asia.
- In particular, we enable you to meet regulatory requirements, establish personal contacts and achieve a long-term market presence in relevant jurisdictions.

· Our services include

- UCITS Set Up (selection of legal structure, contracts with fund providers, key documents) (Luxembourg only)
- Market Entry (market intelligence, introduction to third party distributors)
- · Fund Registration (passporting, agreements with distributors, paying agents, etc.)
- · Continued Support (updates, regulatory reporting and tax obligations)
- · Publication Services (notices to investors, factsheets, FPP)

Host countries

France, Ireland, Luxembourg

Distribution countries

Bahrain, Hong Kong, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Switzerland, United Arab Emirates

Our Strengths

Single contact point

We follow up your fund through all stages of UCITS distribution. With regard to Luxembourg UCITS, our services extend to all aspects of fund creation.

Ongoing international support

We ensure all necessary updates of the fund documentation and respond rapidly to changes in the relevant legal and regulatory environment.

Flexibility

We propose a range of service options so as to provide bespoke services that correspond to your individual needs.

Knowledge of local jurisdictions

We present all legal and regulatory issues pertaining to fund distribution in all of the above-mentioned jurisdictions.

Fixed fee

We are entirely transparent, from the outset, about all applicable fees.

· Cultural specificities

We take account of country-specific differences, which is a prerequisite for effectively reaching investors. In this regard, we benefit from an established and constantly expanding network of personal contacts in all of the above-mentioned jurisdictions.

Our services in detail

UCITS SET UP (LUXEMBOURG ONLY)

- Selection of the appropriate legal fund structure
- Contracts with management company, custodian bank, central administration agent and auditor
- Preparation of key fund documents (prospectus, risk management process, key investor information document – KIID, and articles of incorporation or management regulations)

MARKET ENTRY

- Market intelligence to assist you in defining an appropriate market entry and product strategy, as well as optimal distribution channels
- Introduction to key third party distributors

FUND DISTRIBUTION

- Passporting UCITS
- Private placement for UCITS
- Advice on plausible alternatives to passporting
- Advice on pre-passporting promotion and distribution
- Review of websites and financial promotions
- · Review and negotiation of distribution agreements
- Review and negotiation of local paying agent, facilities agent and other agreements
- Preparation of authorisation procedure
- Translation of documents
- Local addendums to prospectuses
- Regulatory filings

CONTINUED SUPPORT

- · Ongoing contact with local regulators
- Monitoring of local regulatory reporting obligations
- Advice on local tax obligations (including tax calculations)
- Preparation and submission of financial statements
- Amendment of local addendums to prospectuses
- Registration of new sub-funds and share classes
- Ad hoc legal advice
- Litigation and arbitration support

PUBLICATION SERVICES

- · Notices to investors
- · Fund factsheets

Who are we?

Founded in 1998, Bonnard Lawson advises and represents clients in domestic and international matters. We have special expertise in issues pertaining to cross-border business. Bonnard Lawson is the only Swiss law firm that has offices in five key jurisdictions: Switzerland, France, Luxembourg, Dubai and China.

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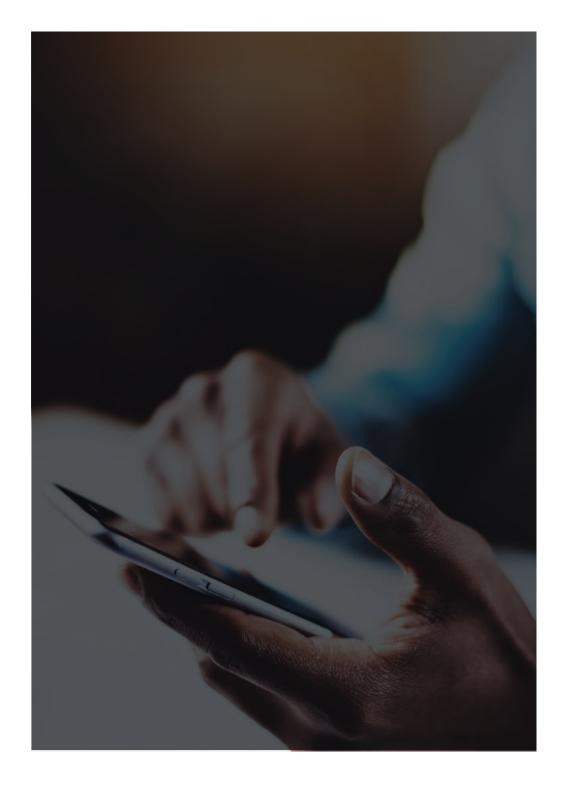
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