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INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT CAPABILITIES

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INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT REGULATORY

Our broad regulatory and market experience enables us to assist a wide array of investment advisers in meeting their compliance obligations under the regulatory regimes of several jurisdictions. A guiding principle of our investment management team is to provide accurate, clear, commercially practical, timely and cost-effective advice.

Mayer Brown's Investment Management practice provides legal counsel on the full range of products and services offered by investment advisers. We help investment advisers anticipate and adapt to global regulatory issues that affect all aspects of their business, including exam support and representation in enforcement actions. We provide the knowledge and resources to creatively and efficiently structure investment services, products and funds regardless of the client's style, strategy, product or organizational form.

Our US-based lawyers specialize in all aspects of compliance with the US Investment Advisers Act of 1940, Investment Company Act of 1940 and related US SEC regulations, the US Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and the rules of self-regulatory organizations. Our non-US lawyers offer similar expertise in the statutes regulating advisers in the UK, Hong Kong and other countries.

INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT REGULATORY - CONTINUED

We provide ongoing counsel on compliance issues affecting investment advisers and the funds they manage. We regularly advise clients and other industry participants on emerging regulatory issues, including ERISA and pension issues, securities registration exemptions, privacy regulations and Patriot Act compliance. Some of the topics about which we regularly advise our private fund clients include identifying and addressing conflicts of interest and conflicted transactions; soft dollars; private offerings; marketing issues; trade allocations; Forms ADV, PF, 13F, 13H, 3, 4 and 5 filings; Schedule 13D and 13G filings; privacy regulations; and compliance issues, among other topics. Several of our lawyers previously worked with the regulatory agencies that oversee the private fund business, and we are often consulted by those agencies as they review and consider changes to fund regulation.

Our investment management practice provides comprehensive legal services to every form of organization that offers investment advice, including sole proprietors, corporations, partnerships, limited liability companies and joint ventures. We counsel both registered and unregistered investment advisers as well as advisory personnel providing advice through banks, broker-dealers, trust companies and similar financial institutions.

WHY MAYER BROWN

Global Perspective

Our broad market experience enables clients to maximize opportunities worldwide – from the US to the UK and beyond, to emerging markets such as China, India and Central Asia while remaining in full compliance with relevant national and multilateral regulatory authorities. Our comprehensive grasp of regulatory requirements established by the US SEC, UK Financial Conduct Authority (FCA), Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commission (SFC) and other regulatory agencies in major financial markets, enables us to help clients offer cross-border advisory services, design complex investment products and creatively structure funds and arrangements with their service providers. We are well versed in the Investment Advisers and Investment Company Acts of the US, the Financial Services and Markets Act of the UK, the Banking and Investment Acts of Germany and similar legislation in Hong Kong and Southeast Asia. We have expertise in related regulations adopted under these statutes as well as the European Union’s Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities (UCITS).

Private Funds

Our global Fund Formation practice comprises approximately 100 lawyers from across our firm’s worldwide practice areas in nine offices located in the Americas, Asia and Europe with Funds partners. Our funds team benefits from its institutional knowledge of thousands of funds. Capitalizing on our broad resources, we strive to provide our clients with team depth, coupled with extensive knowledge of the fund market and underlying asset classes, executing for our clients at the center of global fund formation markets.

We represent clients on the structuring, organization and offering of private equity funds, venture capital funds and funds of funds, including traditional leveraged buyout and start-up funds, as well as funds structured around specific investment products and, in the process, we regularly deal with the special issues of tax-exempt institutional investors and their advisors. These funds have included limited partnerships, authorized and unauthorized unit trusts and investment companies, both open-ended and closed-ended, with a wide range of investment styles and objectives, including private equity, credit, real estate, insurance, infrastructure and debt, as well as other sector-specific funds.

Investment Management M&A

We regularly advise investment advisory firms, private equity firms, public companies and institutional investors on mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, strategic investments, spin-outs, securities offerings and other capital-raising activities involving investment management entities, investment funds and other financial services businesses. Our integrated team has a comprehensive understanding of registered funds, private funds, investment advisers, broker dealers, insurance companies and other financial services institutions and the regulatory and litigation challenges faced daily by industry participants. Our depth of industry knowledge allows us to formulate creative solutions for the benefit of our clients. We have served as lead counsel on a number of complex financial services transactions.

THE MAYER BROWN DIFFERENCE

We work with our clients to find the best and most cost-effective way of meeting their business needs and objectives. We can help manage the business and legal risks inherent in transactions, and we can offer creative and practical solutions to complex problems. Through our access to diverse skill sets and experience, we are able to understand and synthesize diverse legal and regulatory issues and requirements in formulating cohesive, practical and effective solutions for clients. We also have an acute understanding of the dynamics of the regulatory environments within which are clients operate, and an appreciation of the goals and sensitivities of key domestic legislative and regulatory bodies whose actions are integral to the activities of our financial services clients.

TRUSTED ADVISERS

We are proud of our reputation as trusted advisers. Our approach is not to "start the clock" when you call us with general queries or seeking a quick piece of advice: we understand the importance of building lasting relationships with our clients.

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