

LICENSED INVESTMENT SERVICES ENTITIES

A gateway to Europe

Malta offers an ideal and attractive framework for investment services entities looking to domicile and operate from within a regulated and reputable jurisdiction in the EU.

Investment services firms established in Malta are able to leverage on the country's strategic location, robust regulatory framework and efficient fiscal regime as well as passport their services across the EU and EEA member states.

With significantly lower operating costs, a labour force with strong competencies in English and access to more than 70 double taxation treaties with various countries across the globe, Malta has seen an influx of Fund Managers and other investment professionals.

Alter Domus, being a leading European provider of Fund and Corporate Services, is a provider of choice to further exempt fund managers wishing to set up a licensed investment services company in Malta.

We allow you to focus on what you do best and take care of the administration of the entire structure.

Why is Malta an ideal jurisdiction?

Malta's strategic location, education and skills of its workforce have contributed to the successful development of the financial services industry. Apart from having a robust regulatory framework and an efficient fiscal regime, Malta offers significant operational advantages. Its main benefits include:

- EU member since 2004 and adopted the Euro in 2008
- Stable economy and political environment
- A robust but flexible regulatory framework
- Beneficial tax regime
 - Access to over 65 treaties with various countries in the EU, Africa, China, India and the United States
 - Innovative and OECD compliant tax regulation which can be used for various situations – operational companies, holding companies, investment funds, insurance, ICT, gaming, ship and aircraft registration
- Attractive operational advantages
 - English is the official business language
 - Operating costs significantly lower than EU 27 average
 - Qualified and professional workforce
 - Dynamic and responsive policy makers
 - Very good quality of life
 - Gateway to North Africa and the Middle East
- Excellent infrastructure
 - Latest technology for telecommunications
 - Reliable IT infrastructure in place
 - Good connectivity to mainland Europe with very regular flights to the main cities in Europe, Africa and the Middle East







WHAT IS THE NATURE OF THE SERVICES OFFERED BY AN ASSET MANAGEMENT COMPANY IN MALTA?

There are several types of assets that can be managed with a licensed activity :

- Transferable Securities
- Money Market Instruments
- Units in collective investment schemes
- Options, futures, swaps, forward rate agreements, and any other derivative
- Derivative instruments for the transfer of credit risk
- Rights under a contract for differences or under any other contract the purpose or intended purpose of which is to secure profit or avoid loss by reference to fluctuations in the value or price for property of any description or in an index or other factor designated for that purpose in the contract
- Certificates or other instruments which confer property rights in respect of any instrument falling within the Second Schedule to the Act
- Foreign exchange acquired or held for investment purposes

WHAT ARE THE LICENCES THAT CAN BE OBTAINED?

The Malta Financial Services Authority ('MFSA') is responsible for granting the investment services licences listed below :

		Minimum Initial Capital Requirements
 <p>CATEGORY 1A</p>	<p>License holders authorised to receive and transmit orders in relation to one or more instruments and / or provide investment advice and / or place instruments without a firm commitment basis but not to hold or control clients' money or clients' assets. This category does not include managers of collective investment schemes.</p>	EUR 50,000
 <p>CATEGORY 1B</p>	<p>License holders authorised to receive and transmit orders, and/or provide investment advice in relation to one or more instruments and/or place instruments without a firm commitment basis solely for professional clients and/or eligible counterparties, but not to hold or control clients' money or clients' assets. This category does not include managers of collective investment schemes.</p>	with PII EUR 20,000 ————— without PII EUR 50,000
 <p>CATEGORY 2</p>	<p>Typical AIFM License holders authorised to provide any investment service and to hold or control clients' money or clients' assets, but not to operate a multilateral trading facility or deal for their own account or underwrite or place instruments on a firm commitment basis.</p>	EUR 125,000
 <p>CATEGORY 3</p>	<p>License holders authorised to provide any investment service and to hold and control clients' money or clients' assets.</p>	EUR 730,000
 <p>CATEGORY 4A</p>	<p>License holders authorised to act as trustees or custodians of collective investment schemes.</p>	EUR 730,000
 <p>CATEGORY 4B</p>	<p>Licence Holders authorised to act: (a) as custodians of AIFs which have no redemption rights exercisable during the five year period from the date of initial investment and which generally do not invest in assets that must be held in custody in terms of the Investment Services Rules. (b) as custodians to AIFs marketed in Malta in terms of regulation 7 of the Investment Services Act (Alternative Investment Fund Manager) (Third Country) Regulations</p>	EUR 125,000

HOW CAN ALTER DOMUS ASSIST OUR EXPERTISE IN INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT BUSINESS

SET UP AND LICENCING / NOTIFICATION PROCESS

Having gone through the set up, notification, and licencing process numerous times, the specialised teams at Alter Domus will ensure a smooth and efficient process. Alter Domus works with top law firms and tax advisors to ensure that the structure is well set up in the most efficient manner. Alter Domus will project manage all the matters that need to be addressed with the regulator, advisors, auditors and other stakeholders, including bank account opening and registration with relevant government departments (Tax, VAT, Employment related).

ACCOUNTING, PAYMENT PROCESSING AND PREPARATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Alter Domus has a number of technical pools specialising in various aspects of accounting such as valuation, IFRS and consolidation amongst others.

We are able to:

- Produce the accounting records and prepare management accounts and any ad hoc reports;
- Process bank payments and follow up on Bank Transfer instructions;
- Prepare the statutory accounts under IFRS;
- Liaise with the auditors with respect to audit of the company's financial statements.

CORPORATE, LEGAL AND SECRETARIAL ADMINISTRATION

The asset management company is required to appoint a company secretary. Such appointee will be responsible for:

- Taking care of all legally required deposits with the Registrar;
- Organising and following up on all board of directors and shareholder meetings;
- Completing legal formalities in relation to the approval of the annual accounts;
- Compiling and maintaining all statutory documents and records.

REGULATORY AND CENTRAL BANK REPORTING

Being a regulated entity, there will be a number of regulatory and central bank reporting requirements. Alter Domus has the expertise and systems in place to do this in an efficient manner.

VAT AND TAX COMPLIANCE

Our tax pools who specialise in various areas of international tax are able to ensure that the structure is tax compliant in terms of corporate tax and value added tax (if applicable). Alter Domus can also assist in ensuring proper local and international compliance with FATCA and CRS.

GOVERNANCE / MANDATES

Alter Domus understands the need to have the appropriate level of corporate governance. Accordingly, at Alter Domus we have a number of reputable directors who are known and approved by the local regulator.

COMPLIANCE & MLRO SERVICES

With increasing levels of regulatory compliance, Alter Domus has invested in expertise and technology not only to ensure clients are compliant but also to enable clients to get added value from our services.

Some of our services include:

- Ensuring compliance with the ongoing statutory, regulatory and legislative requirements;
- Ensuring that any breaches are reported to the regulator;
- Performing periodical compliance reporting required by the regulator;
- Ensuring that proper KYC and Anti-money laundering procedures are in place;
- Ensuring that all involved parties are familiar with the Prevention of Money Laundering Regulations.

COMPLIANCE & MLRO SERVICES

Apart from the core activities mentioned above, Alter Domus is able to assist in other areas such as middle office services, payroll and residency related services, project management, and also secondment of staff.

Through our business partners we are also able to assist in areas such as providing our clients with well-equipped office space and other related business needs.

More information can be found on <http://www.bos-international.com/>

WHY CHOOSE ALTER DOMUS FOR NAIF ADMINISTRATION?

OUR DEDICATED TEAM

- Over 100 professionals in Malta with strong expertise in the field of investment management
- 4 to 6 eyes verification at every step
- Alter Domus' resource of 2,000 employees across multiple jurisdictions

FLEXIBILITY AND CLIENT FOCUS

- Tailored approach responding to each fund's requirements
- Open, fast and easy communication through a single contact person
- Local services are performed in accordance with local working practices where the client's activity is carried out
- All tax, accounting and legal matters are managed by the same team

OUR EXPERTISE AND TRACK RECORD

We serve:

- 17 of the 20 largest PE houses in the world
- 15 of the 20 largest RE firms in the world
- 17 of the 20 largest Private Debt managers in the world
- Over 8,500 SPVs (i.e. Holding companies and financing vehicles)
- Over 1,100 Alternative Investment Funds under administration corresponding to 505 bn USD asset under administration

INDEPENDENCE

- Independent & majority management owned, avoids conflicts of interest
- As an independent service provider, our partners are selected based on their competency and added value to our clients

UNIQUE TECHNOLOGICAL SOLUTION

- Comprehensive industry leading and integrated solutions via e-Front, a dedicated solution for fund administration activities
- Alter Domus Connect : our client portal solution offering a 24/7 highly secure web access to all of your corporate documents managed by Alter Domus
- Dedicated IT team for system maintenance and software update

INTEGRATED SOLUTIONS

- Global network of 40 offices and desks, on 5 continents
- End to end solutions : from outsourced fund administration to management of local structure
- In-house technical pools : VAT & Corporate Tax, Corporate Law, Liquidation, IFRS and Transfer Pricing

Alter Domus (Services) Malta Limited Registered to act as a Company Service Provider by the MFSA.
Alter Domus Fund Services (Malta) Limited is recognised by the MFSA in terms of Article 9A(1) of the Investment Services Act (the "Act") and has been granted a Category 4B licence in terms of Article 6 of the Act by the MFSA.

YOUR MALTESE LICENSED INVESTMENT SERVICES ENTITIES TEAM



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Alter Domus is a fully integrated Fund and Corporate services provider, dedicated to international private equity & infrastructure houses, real estate firms, private debt managers, multinationals, capital markets issuers and private clients. Our vertically integrated approach offers tailor-made administration solutions across the entire value chain of investment structures, from fund level down to local Special Purpose Vehicles.

Founded in Luxembourg in 2003, Alter Domus has continually expanded its global service offer and today counts 40 offices and desks across five continents. This international network enables clients to benefit globally from the expertise of more than 2,000 experienced professionals active in fund administration, corporate secretarial, accounting, consolidation, tax and legal compliance, depositary services and debt administration services.

We are proud to serve 17 of the 20 largest private equity houses, 15 of the 20 largest real estate firms and 17 of the 20 largest private debt managers in the world.

Alter Domus Malta was established in 2010 and has over 100 employees, 200 clients and 450 structures under administration.

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