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JERSEY ENHANCES ITS PRIVATE FUND REGIME OFFERING

As part of the Island's Financial Services Competitiveness Programme, the Jersey Financial Services Commission (**JFSC**), together with the Government of Jersey, announced major enhancements to the Jersey Private Funds (**JPF**) regime, effective 6 August 2025.

In accordance with the Collective Investment Funds (Jersey Private Funds) Order 2005 and the revised JPF Guide, the amendments which build on the JPFs' continued success, aim to further modernise Jersey's attractiveness as a leading IFC.

The key enhancements include the following:

REMOVAL OF THE 50-OFFER/INVESTOR CAP

A JPF may now make an unlimited number of offers and have an unlimited number of investors subject to the offer being made to a 'restricted group of investors' and that each investor is a 'professional investor' or 'eligible investor' under the JPF Guide.

This will allow fund managers to market their JPF offering to more investors than ever before.

FAST-TRACK AUTHORISATION PROCESS

A streamlined, 24-hour application turnaround for all applications has been introduced.

This will give Jersey a significantly quicker time-to-market for new funds over other jurisdictions.

LISTING PERMITTED

Application for consent to list interests may be made to the JFSC.

This will be particularly suited for 'technical listings' with no active trading where it is wished to ensure a light regulatory touch with a focus on investor protection.

ADDITIONAL CATEGORIES OF INVESTORS

Two additional categories of investors who can participate in a JPF have been included: 'professional clients' for UK purposes (per se professional clients or elective professional clients as set out in the FCA's Conduct of Business Sourcebook) and 'accredited investors' as defined in Rule 501 of Regulation D published by the US Securities and Exchange Commission.

These amendments will enable managers to attract additional capital from a wider pool of investors.

This broadening of professional investor categories will also apply where a JPF is established as a 'professional investor regulated scheme' (*PIRS*). This means that functionaries will be able to rely upon the corresponding exemption from the need to register under the Financial Services (Jersey) Law 1998.

EXISTING JPFS AND CIFS

An existing JPF will avail automatically of the expanded categories of investors and JPF Guide updates. However, in order to avail of the unlimited number of offers and investors, the JPF's designated service provider (*DSP*) will need to apply to the JFSC for a new consent.

'*Very private funds*' must continue to comply with the 15 offers/investors cap. However, subject to satisfying the relevant eligibility criteria, application to convert to a JPF may be made to the JFSC.

An existing collective investment fund (which has been granted a CIF certificate under the CIF law) may apply, on a case-by-case basis, to the JFSC to convert to a JPF, subject to satisfying the eligibility criteria in the JPF Guide. Applied in practice, this would mean revoking the fund's CIF certificate and each investor signing the investment warning and disclosure statement set out in the JPF Guide.

CONCLUSION

The JPF continues its success story with more than 750 Jersey Private Funds having been established since the regime's introduction in 2017. This latest package of targeted enhancements will increase the JPF's appeal even further to global investors, managers and fund promoters, while maintaining robust oversight and regulatory standards. The JPF is a streamlined, flexible and cost-effective route to more complex EU fund structures, and which is particularly well suited to private equity, venture capital and real asset investment strategies.

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