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Jersey Fund Assets Rise By US\$ 5 billion

Total fund assets serviced in Jersey have increased by US\$ 5.4 billion over the year to 30th June 2001, to reach US\$ 79.6 billion, according to latest research from Fitzrovia International plc.

Fitzrovia's *Jersey Fund Encyclopaedia*, the seventh and latest comprehensive analysis of the Jersey funds industry, shows that growth in the funds industry has continued despite the difficult global investment conditions. The number of funds serviced (see Notes to Editors) in Jersey also grew slightly from 795 to 817 funds.

Jersey's position as a centre for securitisation schemes has been re-affirmed with the near comprehensive coverage of Fitzrovia's *Jersey Securitisation Encyclopaedia* showing that 364 of these schemes were serviced in Jersey as at 30th June 2001. These schemes have maximum programme values of US\$ 635.3 billion.

The largest administrator of all funds serviced on the Island is the Royal Bank of Canada, with US\$ 15.8 billion assets under administration. Mourant & Co (US\$ 14.8 billion) and Deutsche Bank International (US\$ 10.7 billion) are second and third. Interestingly, of the new funds added to the report over the last year, Mourant & Co has taken the largest proportion, with 29 funds (US\$ 7.9 billion assets) under administration.

Royal Bank of Canada also ranks first for serviced fund assets under custody (US\$ 15.1 billion), ahead of Deutsche Bank International (US\$ 13.1 billion) and JP Morgan (US\$ 4.7 billion).

However, when looking just at domiciled funds, Deutsche Bank International has the largest market share for both funds under administration (US\$ 10.7 billion) and funds under custody (US\$ 11.1 bn).

Among auditors, PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) audits 265 funds, ahead of Ernst & Young (206 funds). Notably it is Ernst & Young that has taken the larger proportion of new funds (23) added to the report over the past year (PwC added 12 funds).

Finally, Mourant du Feu & Jeune is the legal adviser for the largest number of Jersey-serviced funds (480 funds). While Olsens have the largest proportion of new funds, they still rank fourth overall (109 funds) behind Bedell Cristin (367 funds) and Ogier & Le Masurier (232 funds).

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1. "Serviced" funds are all those that are either legally established in Jersey, or established elsewhere but with administration or custody services carried out on the Island.
2. Top 5 Service Providers for all funds serviced in Jersey, as at 30.6.2001

Administrators	Net Assets	Auditors	No.Funds
Royal Bank of Canada	US\$ 15.8bn	PricewaterhouseCoopers	265
Mourant & Co	US\$ 14.8bn	Ernst & Young	206
Deutsche Bank Intl	US\$ 10.7bn	KPMG	70
Gartmore Fund Mngrs	US\$ 3.4bn	Deloitte & Touche	55
Aberdeen Asset Mngrs	US\$ 2.6bn	Arthur Andersen	29

Custodians	Net Assets	Legal Advisers	No.Funds
Royal Bank of Canada	US\$ 15.1bn	Mourant du Feu & Jeune	480
Deutsche Bank Intl	US\$ 13.1bn	Bedell Cristin	367
JP Morgan	US\$ 4.7bn	Ogier & Le Masurier	232
Royal Bank of Scotland	US\$ 4.0bn	Olsens	109
SG Hambros Trust	US\$ 2.3bn	Crills	63

Industry Comments

Russell Turner, Head of Fund Administration – Jersey, **Deutsche International**, comments:
"We are delighted that in the context of extremely difficult stock market conditions, Fitzrovia's latest survey demonstrates that Jersey's fund industry has seen further substantial growth and that Deutsche Bank has maintained its position as the number one ranked administrator and custodian of Jersey domiciled funds"

Andrew Dann, managing partner, **Ernst & Young Jersey**, comments:
"The establishment of new funds in Jersey, particularly for institutional and professional investors, has continued at an encouraging rate. With the introduction of new fund categories next year, which will make the establishment process more straightforward and user-friendly, this will assist the industry in encouraging even more institutional business to the Island."

Head of **Mourant's** Jersey Commercial Law department Tim Herbert comments:
"The latest Fitzrovia Fund Encyclopaedia appears to be the most comprehensive yet, and demonstrates an increasing diversity of fund products available in the Island. It is an exceedingly helpful source."

Head of **Mourant** Fund Administration Julia Chapman comments:
"The publication of the 2001/2002 Fitzrovia Fund Encyclopaedia shows the growing importance to the island's economy of specialist administration service providers. Consistent with that, Mourant witnessed a dramatic increase in the volume of privately-placed fund assets under administration by it - notwithstanding the tightening of the market and the fewer number of funds being launched overall, Mourant increased its number of funds under administration by 209%."

"The hardening of the market in equity investments not only saw a reduction in the number of new venture capital and private equity teams raising funds but also forced private equity investments to be re-valued in line with public re-valuations. The market responded well by re-valuing investments where possible at a realistic level, so that most funds now have a proper valuation basis from which to move forward."

Michael Nobes, Senior Manager, Offshore Securities Services, **Royal Bank of Canada** comments:
"We were delighted to learn that Royal Bank of Canada Trust Company (Jersey) Limited had been named as the number one custodian for funds in Jersey for the 3rd consecutive year in the Fitzrovia Jersey Fund Encyclopaedia, especially as we consider this to be the leading independent source of information with regards to the local funds industry."

Accreditation would be appreciated.
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