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Jersey Fund Assets Rise By 14%

The fund industry in Jersey continues to grow, with all funds serviced on the Island increasing by over 14% in the twelve months to 30 June 2002, and now stand at US\$ 91.0 billion (up from US\$ 79.6 billion), according to latest research from Fitzrovia International.

Fitzrovia's eighth annual "Jersey Fund Encyclopaedia" shows that the funds industry has been able to increase in size, despite the sustained difficulties in equity markets, partly due to the continued growth of private equity/venture capital funds domiciled in Jersey.

Assets invested in private equity/venture capital funds increased in size from US\$ 8.0 billion to US\$ 10.0 billion, as at 30 June 2002, overtaking actively managed equity funds as the largest asset class for the first time. Also impressive was the increase in assets in property funds domiciled in Jersey, rising from US\$ 2.2 billion to US\$ 7.2 billion.

The largest administrator of all funds serviced on the Island is the Royal Bank of Canada, with US\$ 22.4 billion assets under administration. Mourant & Co (US\$ 13.7 billion) and Deutsche Bank International (US\$ 12.1 billion) are second and third.

However, when looking just at domiciled funds (i.e. those legally established in Jersey), Deutsche Bank International has the largest market share for both funds under administration (US\$ 12.1 billion) and funds under custody (US\$ 11.9 billion).

Royal Bank of Canada also ranks first for serviced fund assets under custody (US\$ 22.7 billion), ahead of Deutsche Bank International (US\$ 15.5 billion) and Royal Bank of Scotland International (US\$ 9.6 billion).

Among professional firms, Mourant du Feu & Jeune is the largest legal adviser (537 funds), ahead of Bedell Cristin (346 funds) and Ogier & Le Masurier (318 funds). Finally, PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) maintains its lead, auditing 338 funds, ahead of Ernst & Young (191 funds) and Deloitte & Touche (83 funds).

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Notes to Editors

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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 June 2002.

Administrators	Net Assets	Auditors	No.Funds
Royal Bank of Canada	US\$ 22.4 bn	PricewaterhouseCoopers	338
Mourant & Co	US\$ 13.7 bn	Ernst & Young	191
Deutsche Bank Intl	US\$ 12.1 bn	Deloitte & Touche	83
Royal Bank of Scotland	US\$ 4.1 bn	KPMG	60
Bedell Cristin	US\$ 3.5 bn	Reads & Co.	5

Custodians	Net Assets	Legal Advisers	No.Funds
Royal Bank of Canada	US\$ 22.7 bn	Mourant du Feu & Jeune	537
Deutsche Bank Intl	US\$ 15.5 bn	Bedell Cristin	346
Royal Bank of Scotland	US\$ 9.6 bn	Ogier & Le Masurier	318
JP Morgan	US\$ 3.4 bn	Olsens	128
Bank of Ireland	US\$ 2.4 bn	Crills	78

Industry Comments

Russell Turner, Head of Fund Administration at **Deutsche Bank Jersey**, comments:

"These latest statistics from Fitzrovia International demonstrate the resilience of the Jersey Funds industry in achieving growth even in the face of the extreme stock market volatility seen in 2001/2002. We at Deutsche Bank are further encouraged by the consolidation of our position as the leading administrator of Jersey domiciled funds and the increase in our market share to nearly 25% of assets under administration in this category."

Tim Herbert, Head of **Mourant's** Jersey Commercial Law department, comments:

"Without doubt the year has been a tougher one for the funds industry as stock markets have struggled. Against this backdrop, the number of funds for which we provide legal services has moved from 480 to 537 and represents an increase in our market share, which is very pleasing. We are still ranked number one legal adviser and Mourant has also maintained its position in the top three administration service providers: this year moving from third ranked to second in the league of administrators of funds serviced in Jersey. In this area our market share has nearly doubled from 8.62% to 16.24%."

Michael Nobes, Senior Manager, Offshore Securities Services, **Royal Bank of Canada** comments:

"The custody and fund administration business in Jersey continues to demonstrate its resilience and flexibility given current market conditions. We are pleased to see the continued growth being attained in tandem with a strengthened regulatory environment which reflects well on the Channel Islands."

Accreditation would be appreciated: Fitzrovia International plc, *Jersey Fund Encyclopaedia*, £1,549.

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