

Opening only for experts relaxes some restrictions

A Jersey Expert Fund, unlike some other funds based in the island, can only be offered to investors deemed an 'expert' by the JFSC.

As the funds are only available to expert investors, some restrictions are relaxed, making the funds attractive options in terms of administrative overheads and efficient set up.

Jersey Expert Funds are a popular way to establish collective investment funds, with a variety of asset classes.

Jersey Expert Funds – a brief look:

Key features:

- Expert investors only
- Three-day turnaround
- Any investment vehicle can be used
- Can be closed or open-ended
- Eligible to be marketed into the EU under the relevant regulations
- An Expert Fund must appoint a Jersey-based service provider to liaise with the JFSC

What is an expert investor:

- An investor making an investment of \$100,000 or more
- A person or business who professionally gives advice on or manages investments
- An individual with a net worth of more than \$1,000,000

- A business with investment assets of more than \$1,000,000
- A business where the key principles are all expert investors

The fees:

- A fee of £1,820 will be payable to the JFSC for the issuing of a fund certificate
- £1,820 will be payable for each Jersey service provider
- Annual fees will vary depending on the number of asset pools. Typically they would be between £3,000 and £30,000

In summary a Jersey Expert Fund provides fund managers and investors with a well-regulated structure that makes allowances for their expert status by removing some more onerous regulations designed to protect less knowledgeable investors. By accepting their own risk expert investors can reduce administration and reporting requirements.

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