

Private Equity Funds in Guernsey

Guernsey is a jurisdiction with a proven track record in private equity funds.

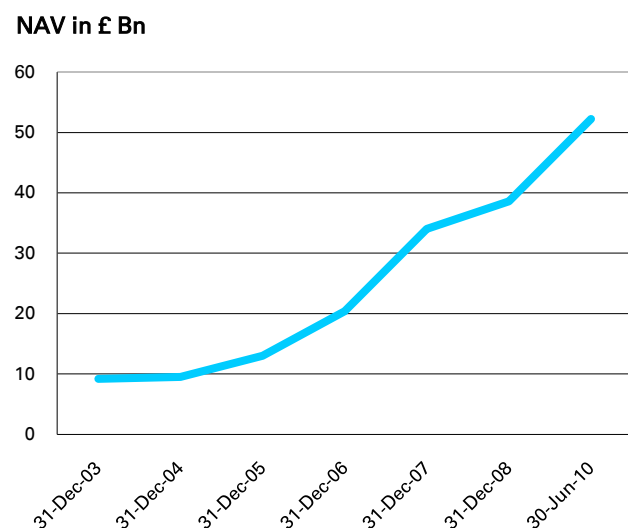
With typical private equity fund life cycles of between 10-12 years, the fact that Guernsey has experience dating back to the early 1980s when private equity funds were in their infancy is both reassuring and a strong credential for fund promoters looking for a jurisdiction where private equity works.

Promoters of Guernsey funds include:

- **Alchemy**
- **BC Partners**
- **Terra Firma**
- **Permira**
- **Apax**
- **Coller Capital**
- **EQT**
- **KKR**
- **Apollo**
- **CVC**

Growth in Private Equity

The net asset value of private equity funds in Guernsey has grown dramatically over the past 5-6 years. Adverse global conditions during 2008 and 2009 have had an impact but performance remains extremely resilient.



Infrastructure

Pragmatic regulation – The Guernsey Financial Services Commission promotes a pragmatic regulatory environment for private equity funds.

Fast track capability – Self-certification Qualifying Investor Funds (QIFs) enable very short authorisation times. A parallel streamlined consent process for registered funds has also been introduced.

Competitive tax environment – Private equity funds are structured so that no liability to tax will arise in Guernsey. No VAT is payable in Guernsey.

IT solutions – Many administrators have software systems developed specifically for private equity funds, providing effective solutions for both complex and simple private equity fund structures.

Legislation – Guernsey has a modern limited partnership law and company law. A Guernsey limited partnership can elect to have a legal personality.

Expertise

With more than 20 years of experience in private equity funds Guernsey has a pool of dedicated specialists.

Experienced administrators – As well as fund managers and custodians, Guernsey has more than 45 administrators (many of them international operations), with a significant number dedicated to the provision of private equity administration services.

Accounting services – the big four all have large offices on the Island, in addition to other accounting practices.

Legal expertise – all of the principal local law firms have specialists with private equity expertise.