



SURGE IN INTEREST FROM PRIVATE EQUITY SECTOR

Specialist Guernsey fund administrator, Fund Corporation of the Channel Islands Limited has just won a new contract to provide administration services

to a closed ended private equity fund that aims to raise around £50m. This new appointment adds to that of a large win earlier in the year and brings Fund Corporation's total assets under administration to approximately \$400m.

Following a close consultation period with the Guernsey Financial Services Commission, Fund Corporation was instrumental in domiciling this closed ended fund on the island. The fund provides mezzanine debt to companies requiring cash flow or development capital to capitalise on growth opportunities.

Roger Parry, Director of Fund Corporation said, "We've been working with our client for over a year now to provide strategic insight and guidance on how to launch in Guernsey. We've got a good track record of working with private equity firms and have a lot of expertise to offer when it comes to discussing appropriate structures and administration procedures. Whilst it's always good to expand our client base, what's really exciting about this launch is that I think it marks a very positive move in the market. There is definitely more activity in private equity funds and Guernsey is fantastically placed for this."

Guernsey is recognised as a specialist jurisdiction for both open-ended and closed-ended vehicles. The Guernsey closed-ended sector was valued at £114.8 billion at the end of March 2011- up £5.3 billion (4.8%) during the first three months of 2011 and rose £22.5 billion (24.4%) compared to twelve months earlier. The increase in activity amongst the private equity funds sector was referenced at the Pan-European mezzanine finance and subordinated debt market conference in Paris.