

# MALTA PROFESSIONAL INVESTOR FUNDS

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580+ investment funds with combined NAV of €9.7billion

## FUND DOMICILE RECOGNITION

Rated No. 1 Europe's favoured fund domicile (Hedge Fund Review's 2013 and 2014 Service Provider Rankings)

## TOTAL ASSET VALUE PIFS

EUR 6.6 billion

## TIMEZONE

Central European Time Zone (UTC+01:00)

## BANKING SYSTEM

10th soundest system in the world (WEF)

## TOTAL ASSET VALUE UCITS

€2.4billion

## FINANCIAL SERVICES FRAMEWORK

EU and OECD approved

## GDP GROWTH

6.3% in 2015



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ADVOCATES

<http://www.ccmalta.com/investment-funds>



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## MALTA

Over the last two decades, Malta has established itself as an innovative and reliable financial services centre, hosting a variety of financial services businesses and structures including AIFs, UCITS, fund managers, fund administrators, forex brokers, payment services providers, investment advisors and insurance principals.

A number of factors have contributed to Malta's rapid growth in the sector, including the approachability of the Malta Financial Services Authority (MFSA), Malta's single regulator for financial services, and the high regulatory standards that the jurisdiction adheres to. Malta's appeal is also enhanced by its highly skilled workforce, multilingualism, extensive tax treaty network, and reliable IT infrastructure.

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## LEGAL BASIS

The principal legislation governing Professional Investor Funds ("PIFs") in Malta is the Investment Services Act, 1994 ("ISA") as subsequently amended. The ISA establishes the regulatory framework for investment services providers and for Collective Investment Schemes including PIFs. Under Maltese law PIFs are one type of Collective Investment Scheme ("CIS").

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## LEGAL FORM

A PIF may take the form of a SICAV, INVCO, public limited liability company, limited partnership or a unit trust. A PIF may be constituted as a multiclass fund or an umbrella fund.



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## BENEFITS



No Investment restrictions



Freedom of choice on Management style



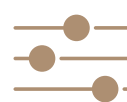
Low entry investment Levels



Shariah Complaint Funds



Freedom to use Foreign Administrators



Flexible & Market Driven Regulation





## PROFESSIONAL INVESTOR FUNDS

The PIF may be promoted to Qualifying Investors and may be used for investment in non-traditional investments as well as specialist instruments.

### QUALIFYING

The following are the requirements for a 'Qualifying Investor':

- Minimum investment of €75,000 or equivalent;
- No investment restrictions (except for property funds);
- Unlimited leverage;
- Appointment of a Custodian is not mandatory (provided that adequate safekeeping arrangements are present);
- Must issue an Offering Document.

### SERVICE PROVIDERS

Service Providers are not required to have local presence. Details of service providers need to be disclosed to the MFSA per approval. Where a service provider is not established in an EU/EEA Member State or a signatory to a memorandum of understanding with the MFSA. The service provider may be accepted by the MFSA provided it is considered to be adequately regulated.

### MALTA TAX TREATMENT

Any income of licensed CIS (including PIFs), is exempt from Malta tax, unless the income is from property situated in Malta. If the value of the assets situated in Malta, allocated to the fund, is expected to be at least 85% of the value of the total assets, the fund will be liable to a withholding tax at source on certain categories of investment. Income receivable from Malta sources at a rate ranging from 10% to 15%.

No Malta tax is charged upon a distribution of dividends to a redemption of, units in the PIFs by the non resident shareholder. Upon subscription to shares/units in the fund, no Malta VAT is chargeable by the fund to investors. Fund management and administration services are VAT exempt in Malta.



## KEY REQUIREMENTS



Approved Service  
Providers



Local Representative



Reporting  
Requirements



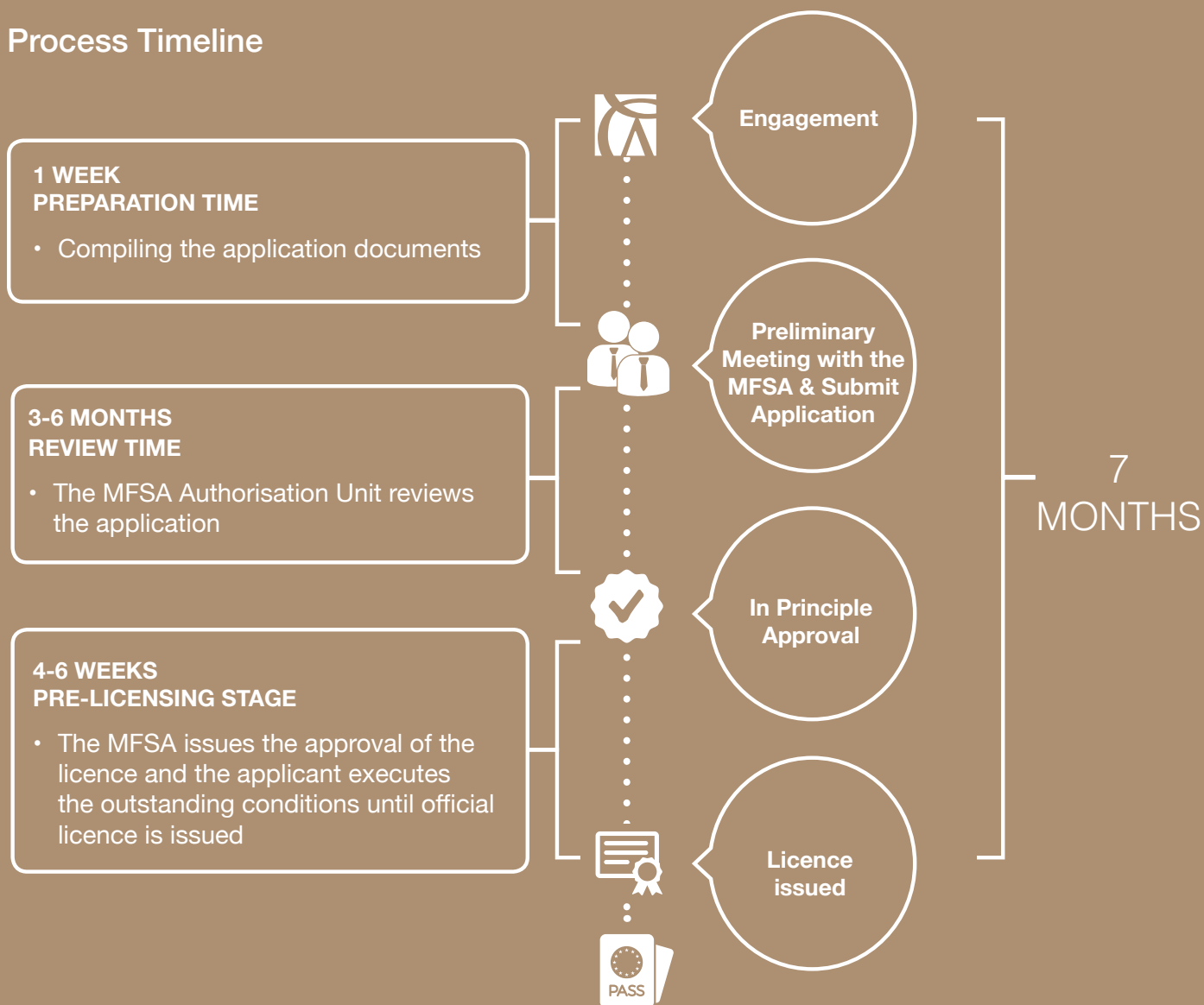
Settle Application/  
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Fit & Proper  
Management and  
Shareholding

# MALTA PIF LICENSING

## Process Timeline



## WHY WORK WITH US?



Problem Solving,  
Integrity, Honesty



Chambers & Partners  
Global, Legal 500:  
Ranked Lawyers



15+ Years  
Experience in  
Financial Services



Malta-Cyprus  
Lawyers, Tax  
Advisors,  
Fiduciary Staff: 100+



Our Ethos:  
Big firm expertise,  
Small firm personal



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