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Consistent excellence boosts Carey Olsen Legal 500 rankings

Carey Olsen's "consistently excellent service levels and visibility on fees" have further boosted the law firm's top tier position in the Legal 500, a leading source of information on the legal profession.

The firm is ranked in the top tier for 12 practice areas across the Channel Islands and in tier two for three, having moved up to tier one in 'corporate and commercial' and 'commercial property' in Jersey and 'dispute resolution' in Guernsey.

Legal 500 positioned the firm in tier one for commercial and banking in Guernsey and for corporate and commercial work in Jersey and highlighted the roles the team played in advising State Street on the Channel Islands aspects of its high profile acquisition of Maurant International Finance Administration and in advising Close Brothers Group on the sale of its trust and fund administration business to Kleinwort Benson.

The firm also achieved a top tier position in Jersey and Guernsey for dispute resolution with the practice being recognised for its "pragmatic advice and speedy responses". The team's role in advising Kleinwort Benson on the setting aside of a trust and in defending "Mr Bhojwani in a headline money laundering prosecution" were especially noted.

Carey Olsen's fiduciary law group held its tier one position in both islands in the private client, trusts and tax category with clients reporting an appreciation of the team's "...pragmatic approach to issues".

Commercial property in both islands achieved tier one positions and was noted for its understanding of "the commerciality of deals". Its role on the Sandpiper deal with Waitrose was cited.

The firm maintained its long-standing tier one position in Guernsey and was placed in tier two in Jersey in the investment funds category with partners across the firm receiving excellent personal recommendations.

For employment services, Carey Olsen was ranked in tier one in Jersey and tier two in Guernsey with particular mention being made of senior associate and employment specialist Huw Thomas who joined the firm last year.

Legal 500's insurance category is only applied to Guernsey and the firm held its long-standing tier one position.

The directory also reported the firm's lateral hire of "exceptionally strong" corporate partner Christopher Anderson who is noted for his experience in insurance and reinsurance as a major coup. Other new hires that were recognised in the rankings were Jersey partner James Mulholland, whose experience covers international funds and corporate work with particular emphasis on private equity.

Carey Olsen chairman John Kelleher said: "We are grateful to our clients who participated in this research and took the time to recognise our work and be so complimentary.

"All our people contribute to the high levels of service and expertise across the Channel Islands and it is particularly pleasing that this has been highlighted by Legal 500.

"The fact that Carey Olsen has been ranked in tier one and two in 15 practice areas across the Channel Islands reflects our strength and depth and demonstrates that our expertise is consistently high across the board."

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NOTES TO EDITORS:

Carey Olsen Legal 500 rankings:

Guernsey	Tier 1	Commercial and Banking; Commercial Property; Dispute Resolution; Insurance; Investment Funds; Private Client, Trusts & Tax
	Tier 2	Employment
Jersey	Tier 1	Corporate and Commercial; Commercial Property; Dispute Resolution; Employment; Private Client, Trusts & Tax; Structured Finance and Securitisation
	Tier 2	Banking and Finance; Investment Funds

About Carey Olsen

Carey Olsen is a leading law firm in the Channel Islands and acts for a number of institutional clients in large, multi-jurisdictional transactions, as well as for governments, corporates, professional firms and high net worth individuals.

With more than 130 lawyers, Carey Olsen offers a full range of legal services, including corporate and commercial, funds, banking and finance, trusts and fiduciary, commercial and residential property, employment, restructuring, litigation and dispute resolution.

Carey Olsen's position as a top tier provider of legal services is recognised by Chambers UK, Legal 500, Practical Law Company and other independent market commentators and reflected by the quality of the transactions and cases the firm advises on.

Hemscott Advisers' survey places Carey Olsen in the Top 10 law firms by the number of London Stock Exchange (LSE) and AIM clients it advises. It is the only offshore law firm to be ranked alongside UK legal advisers in the top ten by Hemscott, a leading corporate directory. (*Source: Hemscott, August 2011 report*).

Our people are recognised as outstanding leaders in their practice areas of expertise. Chambers UK 2011 recognises 23 of Carey Olsen's partners as leaders.

The firm's expertise in investment funds was endorsed by the Legal Media Group's *Guide to the World's Leading Investment Funds Lawyers* publication this year which included four of the firm's partners in its international analysis of the top global investment funds lawyers.

Carey Olsen was shortlisted for the Chambers Europe Awards for Excellence 2011 in the offshore category and was a finalist for Offshore Law Firm of the Year at The Lawyer Awards 2010.

"It is like dealing with a magic circle firm outside London." (Source: *Chambers and Partners 2010*.)

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