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Carey Olsen maintains top tier position for corporate and finance work in major financial rankings guide

Carey Olsen's position as a top tier law firm for corporate and finance and investment funds work has been reaffirmed in the *IFLR1000's* guide to the world's leading financial law firms. The law firm's Guernsey office has maintained its tier one rankings for the second year in the two categories covered by the guide; 'financial and corporate' and 'investment funds'.

In the rankings guide prominent client feedback noted 'the firm's "*relationship building*" and "*high speed of service*"' as valuable features of Carey Olsen's legal service offering as well as the ability to be "*innovative and creative*".

Top deals for the firm during the period under review that are cited in the guide include the acquisition of Stenham Asset Management by Montier Partners, the establishment of Inflexion's buy-out fund and the sale of Close Brothers Group to Kleinwort Benson.

The *IFLR1000* guide provides rankings and analysis of the best financial law firms operating in more than 100 markets worldwide. The guide is based on an extensive independent research process which includes questionnaires and interviews with the featured firms, competitors and client referees. It considers recent legal trends and the complexity of deals, innovation, quality of service and cross-border capability of featured firms.

Graham Hall, head of corporate and finance at Carey Olsen, said: "The corporate group is delighted to have maintained its top tier status and to have received such positive endorsements in these two categories from our clients. The *IFLR1000* guide prides itself on identifying the world's leading corporate and finance teams and this achievement demonstrates the continued level of excellence on offer at Carey Olsen."

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NOTES TO EDITORS:

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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