



# MALTA RECOGNISED PRIVATE COLLECTIVE INVESTMENT SCHEMES

## Collective Investment Schemes

### GDP GROWTH

6.3% in 2015

### MALTA FUNDS

580+ investment funds – combined NAV  
€9.7billion

### FUND DOMICILE RECOGNITION

Rated no.1 Europe's favored fund domicile  
(Hedge Funds Review's 2013 & 2014  
Service Provider Rankings)

### REGULATOR

Flexible & approachable

### TIMEZONE

Central European Time Zone  
(UTC+01:00)

### LEGISLATION

Fully compliant with EU directives &  
regulations

### SIZE OF INDUSTRY

25% Annual growth

### FINANCIAL SERVICES FRAMEWORK

EU & OECD Approved







## 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 Private Schemes, AIFs, UCITS, Fund Managers, and Fund Administrators.

A Malta Private Collective Investment Scheme (CIS) is a fund which is not subject to any licencing requirements in terms of the Investment Services Act, but solely requires a Recognition Certificate issued by the Malta Financial Services Authority ('MFSA'). With no minimum investment amount or restrictions, the Scheme is the ideal vehicle for family offices wishing to establish specific funds for one or more of their clients.

## LEGAL BASIS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MALTA PRIVATE CIS

Private Collective Investment Schemes are regulated under the Investment Services Act, 1994. The status of 'Private Collective Investment Scheme' is granted by the MFSA once the scheme fully satisfies the requirements and criteria relating to its nature and purpose.



## BENEFITS



No Licence  
Required



No Borrowing  
Restrictions



No Investment  
Restrictions



No Minimum  
Investment Amount



## KEY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A RECOGNISED PRIVATE CIS

A Recognised Private CIS does not require a license, and in this respect, an exemption under Article 12(1)(i) of the Investment Services Act is to be obtained. The establishment of a Recognised Private Collective Investment Scheme is subject to a number of requirements in relation to the participants, nature and purpose of the Scheme.

### PARTICIPANTS

A Scheme is deemed to be a Private CIS if the number of participants is limited to 15 individuals. The Private CIS regime restricts participants to be close friends or relatives of the promoters. The Scheme also allows for having one corporate body as an investor subject to certain conditions being satisfied.

### PURPOSE OF A PRIVATE CIS

The purpose of a Private CIS must essentially be private in nature and it should not qualify as a Professional Investor Fund.

### REPUTATION

The MFSA will consider an application for a Private CIS based on the reputation and suitability of the applicant, its directors, as well as its officers. In this respect, all parties must successfully go through a 'fit and proper' test.

### REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

The Private CIS shall submit audited financial statements to the MFSA within six months from the end of the financial period.



## KEY REQUIREMENTS



Reporting Requirements



A Limit of 15 Participants



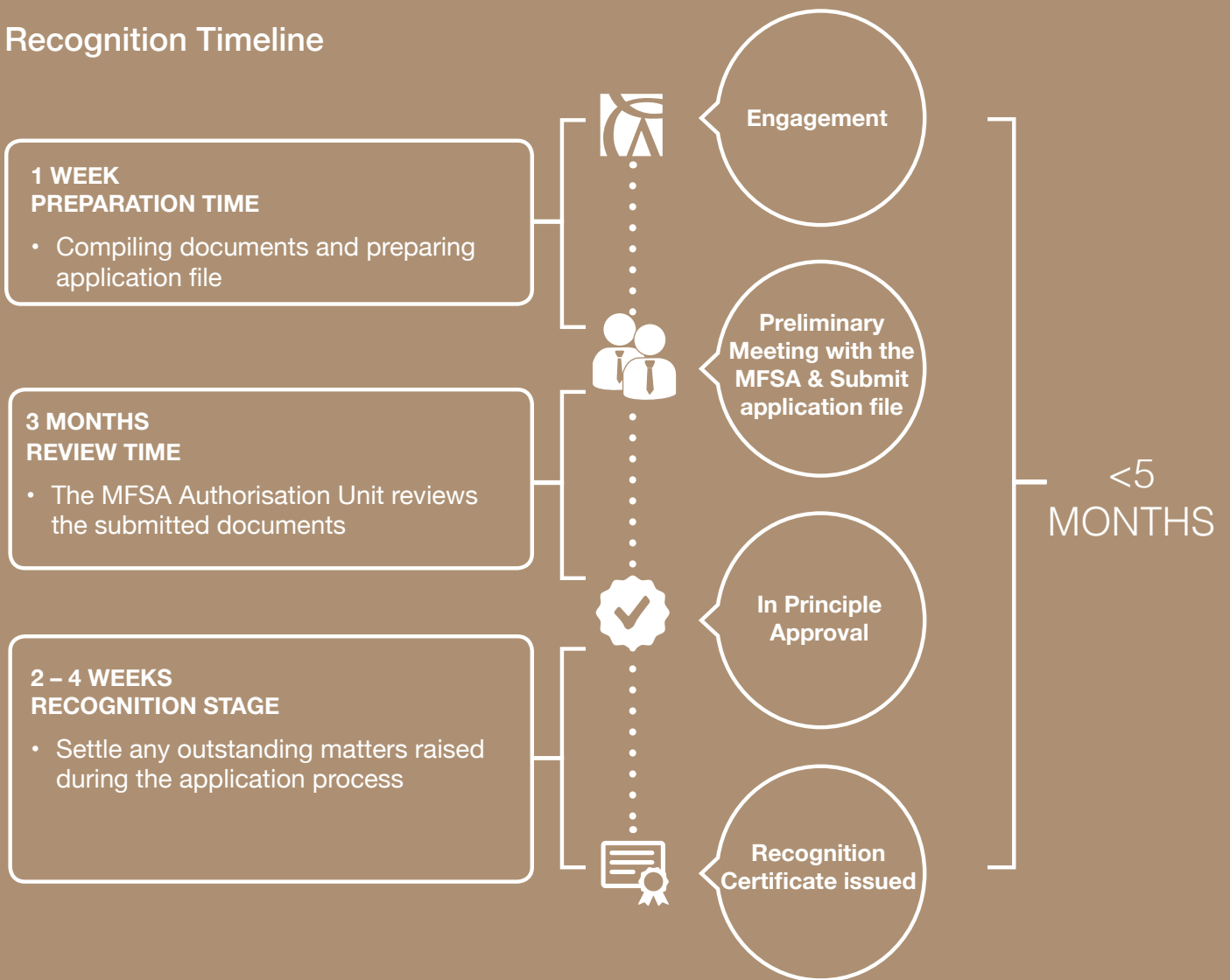
Fit & Proper Management & Shareholding



Exemption from Obtaining a Collective Investment Scheme licence.

# MALTA CIS LICENSING

## Recognition Timeline



## WHY WORK WITH US?



Problem Solving,  
Integrity, Honesty



Ranked in Various  
Listing Directories



We're Lawyers:  
Lawyer - Client  
Privilege



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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