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INVESTMENT FUNDS IN LUXEMBOURG

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new ways of thinking law in Luxembourg

Among the leading corporate banking and finance legal advisers in Luxembourg, **VANDENBULKE** is the uncontested up-and-coming independent law firm. **VANDENBULKE's** lawyers outpace the Luxembourg market in responsiveness, nimble wits, breadth of expertise and with a business-centric approach towards their clients. With this new mindset, **VANDENBULKE** is the forerunner of a new generation of law firms built on a creative organization, leading-edge technology, cost-efficient services and pragmatic expertise.

VANDENBULKE brings a fresh and innovative approach to the design and legal engineering of investment funds, whether private equity, real estate, distressed debt or hedging strategies. In every project, we examine every fiscal, financial and regulatory constraint to deliver an investment product uniquely tailored to the needs and objectives of our client.

“VANDENBULKE provides brilliant turnkey product by seamless integration of their finance, corporate and tax teams. This is invaluable for a Fund Sponsor.”

Capitalizing on its intertwined tax, corporate and finance competences, **VANDENBULKE** has unparalleled skills in structuring the latest generation of Luxembourg Investment funds such as the Specialized Investment Fund (SIF), the Investment Company in Risk Capital (SICAR) or alternative investment management vehicles. More customary products

are not overlooked and the firm has extensive experience in traditional structures such as UCITS or UCIs with conservative investment policies and cross-border distribution.

VANDENBULKE provides comprehensive legal assistance to regulated and unregulated funds, corporate or trust vehicles throughout their entire lifecycle, from inception to implementation. The practice covers the bewildering scope of legal, compliance and corporate governance issues that are faced by open- and closed-ended funds, their managers and their boards. The team acts as fund counsel, advising on formation, compliance, transactional matters and the development of new products. It also handles work for fund custodians, administrative agents and registrars.

VANDENBULKE offers alternative billing methods which guarantee clients a predictability of costs and enhance the efficiency of its services. These may include fixed fees, contingent fees or payment methods in phase with subscriptions into the fund.

VANDENBULKE prides itself to maintain excellent relationship with the Luxembourg regulatory authorities and major market players. It frequently teams up with world-leading law firms or audit firms who rely on versatility to handle and structure investment fund projects in a tax-efficient way and to obtain legal guidance on the Luxembourg environment.

“Their lawyers are sagacious, alert and deliver on the dot”.

VANDENBULKE's investment fund team represents large- and medium-sized asset managers, financial institutions, investment banks and also smaller investors in search of cost-effective services. Our geographic footprint extends to North America, Asia and South Africa.

With their diversity of professional achievements whether in finance or in law, **VANDENBULKE** lawyers bring a unique and extremely rich blend of expertise, collected and accumulated over the last twenty years. During their careers they have acted as director of the board of the Luxembourg Association of Investment funds (ALFI), incorporated the first Institutional fund in Luxembourg (1991), or managed investment fund departments at leading international banks or Anglo-Saxon private equity houses. Without a shadow of a doubt, **VANDENBULKE's** lawyers demonstrate a different way of thinking investment in Luxembourg.

“VANDENBULKE' lissom attitude and creative expertise is the perfect blend for assisting us to overcome the new challenges of the fund industry”.

RECENT SIGNIFICANT PROJECTS

VANDENBULKE lawyers have a long-standing combined experience in setting up Investment funds. The following list offers a flavour of our latest investment projects:

Advising large South African fund of hedge funds in various set ups and restructurings of investment funds.

Assisting and representing a German asset manager in respect of the structuring of an investment vehicle trading in carbon emission rights.

Assisting a French private bank to set up sophisticated Specialized Investment Funds (SIF) for their Ultra-High-Net Worth clientele.

Acting as legal adviser to first tier Swiss banks setting up SICARs invested in emerging Indian markets.

Structuring and designing SICARs invested in UK and Ireland high-yield real estate projects.

VANDENBULKE advises on an ongoing basis a wide range of asset managers and investors located in Belgium, France, Germany, Luxembourg, Mauritius, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the United States of America.