

Cayman Islands funds introduction

Global scale. Local insight. Designed for Japan.

We support you with scale, end-to-end support across the fund lifecycle, deep expertise in the Japanese market and efficient service during Japan business hours regardless of your global scope and ambitions.

Fund managers are seeking fund structures that enable them to reach new investors. With nearly 40 years of experience supporting Japanese clients, we deliver integrated Cayman fund servicing across a wide spectrum of structures, no matter the complexity.

State Street launched its first Cayman Islands registered company over 30 years ago, with an unrestricted trust license and full mutual fund administrator license regulated by the Cayman Islands Monetary Authority (CIMA), enabling us to deliver flexible trustee, fund administration solutions and seamless onboarding.

Cayman Market



Total Net Assets
US\$14.03 trillion¹



Leading offshore
domicile for private
markets²



Established legal and
regulatory framework

State Street and its affiliates are one of the world's largest custodians and administrators with a global presence complemented by a local office in the Cayman Islands.

Cayman Islands Funds are serviced seamlessly alongside your other products via our One State Street model, with a single point of contact and follow-the-sun support model.

By leveraging our global scale, local presence in Japan, and an ecosystem of market specialists, regulatory experts, consultants and partners, we can support your strategies across the investment lifecycle transparency, timeliness, and deep familiarity with Japanese client expectations.

Cayman Islands market and overview

The Cayman Islands is a leading jurisdiction for international managers looking to establish offshore investment funds, particularly hedge funds and private equity funds.

Market³

- 13,008 mutual funds with over US\$10.4 trillion in total net assets⁵
- 17,910 private funds with over US\$3.6 trillion in total net assets⁵

- CIMA is the chief regulator of the Cayman Islands' financial services industry. It supervises and regulates licensed and registered entities operating in and from the region.

Established infrastructure

- Stable and business-friendly government, mature legal system based on English common law and leading global domicile.
- Substantial network of banks, administrators, law firms, corporate management firms, audit firms and Information Technology (IT) companies supporting the financial services industry.

Flexibility

- No investment strategy restrictions (with proper investor disclosure and manager qualifications).
- Simple and flexible one-time registration.
- Ability to delegate servicing functions off-island.

Tax neutrality

- Cayman Islands has no direct taxation on legal or natural persons.
- Neutral base from which to foster multinational investor bases.

Why State Street?

- State Street is one of **29 Global Systemically Important Banks (G-SIBs)**.
- State Street and its affiliates:
 - hold US\$57.9 trillion¹² in assets under custody and/or administration
 - are responsible for 10 percent¹² of the world's assets
 - operate in over 100 geographic markets and employ approximately 51,000 employees worldwide¹²
 - service 38 percent of all U.S. mutual funds¹²
- Our Tokyo, Fukuoka and Luxembourg offices provide Japanese-speaking client service teams, ensuring culturally attuned support and responsiveness.
- Our Alternatives team provides clients with a **holistic suite of services** that help you invest confidently across multiple asset classes, jurisdictions and fund types. We offer flexible trustee and administration models, scalable infrastructure and dedicated legal and onboarding support.
- **We have made significant investments in people, data transparency and technology to help accelerate product innovation** and support strategic decision making without the need to invest your own capital.
- Our sales and product teams have the **market knowledge necessary to develop local solutions and adapt global products to meet the needs of Japanese Institutional Investors**.
- Cayman-domiciled funds: **We service our clients with 400 funds totaling US\$147.3 billion** in assets under administration as of March 2026¹³.

As a member of the investment, management, and distribution ecosystem for Cayman-domiciled funds, we play a bridging role between Japanese investors and offshore markets.

State Street's Cayman Islands market capabilities

Research, Strategy & Insights	• Data Intelligence – Private Capital Index • Investment Signals and Research
Trade execution	• Foreign Exchange and Broker Services • Trade Order Management
Investment operations	• Investment Book of Record • Collateral Management • Exposure, Liquidity and Risk Monitoring • Bank Loan Servicing
Fund Accounting & Administration	• NAV Calculation – Daily, Weekly, Monthly or Quarterly Valuations • Incentive Fee Calculation • Expense Management • Taxation Reporting – FATCA/CRS • Financial Statement and Audit Preparation
Custody	• Custody and Safekeeping • Cash Reporting and Cash Forecasting • Corporate Action and Income Processing • Trade Settlement • Collateral Tracking • Failed Trade Reporting • Sub-Custody Network Management
Transfer Agency	• Investor Servicing • Demand Deposit Account • Registration Services • AML Controls • Transaction Processing and Monitoring • Dividend Processing • TA Risk, Compliance and Control Functions
Trustee	• Trustee Services • Regulatory Reporting • Regulatory Oversight Management and Maintenance of Statutory Documents

Use cases

Asset manager seeking operational and cost efficiencies and pass-through tax treatment.

Preferred vehicle for tax sensitive **Asset owners** in Japan looking to maintain the characteristics of a private equity vehicle.

Asset manager or owner looking to raise international capital to flow into a region.

Solutions

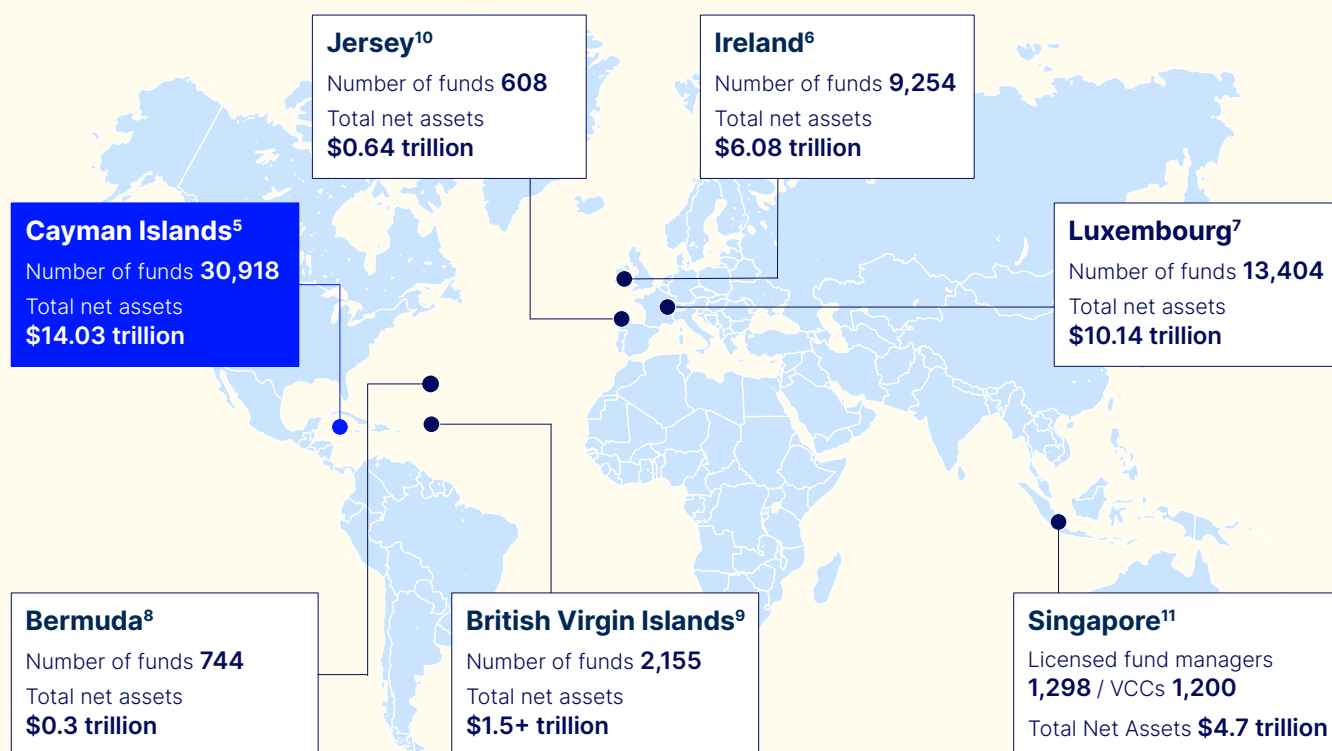
Master-feeder: Onshore and offshore feeder funds feed into a central offshore master fund. This structure allows greater efficiency for fund managers while allowing them to meet different investor requirements. Most common Cayman Islands structure used by US and Brazil investment managers.

Unit trusts: Usually established by a trustee with investors' interests held as trust units and most are established as exempted trusts.

Cayman Islands fund vehicles allow flexible structures to meet different needs of investors across diverse regions, including Europe, Asia and Latin America.

Global fund domicile landscape⁴

These locations have unique strategic benefits and State Street has expertise and servicing capabilities in each domicile.



How we can help you expand your reach

Regardless of your scale, scope and ambition, we have the expertise and products to support your strategies, thus making the process easy, accessible and informed. Our services will help you navigate complex markets and new opportunities.

For more details, please visit our [Cayman fund solution page](#).

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Footnotes:

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