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Our Asset Management / Investment Funds Practice Group offers an extensive range of legal services to issuers and investment managers/advisers, including structuring investment funds, securities offerings, and legal support to foreign investment funds in the asset management sector.

Our Asset Management / Investment Funds Practice Group comprises approximately 30 lawyers with years of wide-ranging experience, skills and knowledge across the asset management sector. We have established a leading presence in this field and continue to grow from year to year, strengthening our position as the "Firm of Choice" for clients. In the last decade, we have had the largest market share in acting on public offerings for newly established foreign investment funds in Japan.

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# Our Expertise and Experiences

Our Asset Management / Investment Funds Practice Group is a fully integrated team of lawyers and paralegals with a dedicated focus on both domestic and international investment funds work. We offer an array of legal services to respond to our clients' needs, including investment funds structuring and securities offerings. We also provide legal advice on the Japanese financial regulatory regimes in relation to all stages of asset management such as marketing and offering of the securities, filing with the Japanese financial regulator and day-to-day management of the funds.

Our leading Asset Management / Investment Funds practice is supported by lawyers with a deep understanding of the regulatory, policy and industry issues impacting the broader asset management industry. Through secondments of our lawyers to institutions such as the Financial Services Agency (the Japanese financial authority) and leading investment managers and banks, we have accumulated in-depth knowledge of the most-advanced regulations and practices and established good working relationships with key industry organisations.

Our lawyers are supported by a large team of skilled paralegals who mainly assist in the preparation of disclosure documents, including periodic registration, as well as the preparation, filing and delivery to investors of reporting and offering documents, in respect of investment funds offered publicly in Japan. We are therefore fully capable of providing all-round first class services to our clients in a convenient and efficient manner. This is what sets us apart from other law firms.

## Investment Funds

We provide a full range of services for investment funds at every stage of the process including by way of example:

- presenting a comprehensive analysis of structuring of investment funds in Japan;
- advising clients on the compliance requirements on public offerings / private placements and marketing of securities;
- drafting contracts and assisting in the preparation of various registration and offering documents, including the securities registration statement and prospectus;
- filing disclosure and regulatory documents on behalf of the issuers of investment funds in respect of their public offerings in Japan; and
- providing legal support for:
  - » post-offering management and administration such as preparation of periodic reporting documents in accordance with the applicable disclosure regulation; and
  - » crisis management in the event of administrative orders or guidance against funds and/or investment managers/advisers.

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In addition to domestic investment funds, we provide legal services to offshore issuers as Japanese legal counsel, assisting in compliance obligations for investment funds established in various foreign jurisdictions such as Luxembourg, Ireland and the Cayman Islands. We also provide legal advice and services for structuring exchange traded funds (ETFs) listed on the Japanese stock exchanges such as the preparation of disclosure documents and other required documents and the day-to-day management of such ETFs.

## Financial Regulation

Our Group has decades of experience in advising non-Japanese clients on Japanese financial regulations relating to asset management. With substantial awareness of the differences between the relevant foreign legal system and the Japanese regulations as well as up-to-date knowledge of the latest laws and regulations in Japan, we are able to provide our clients with comprehensive and accurate legal advice in asset management. In addition, our established network of contacts with Japanese financial authorities such as the Financial Services Agency, the Japan Securities Dealers Association and the Tokyo Stock Exchange enables us to facilitate efficient and effective communications between our clients and the relevant authority.

### Regulatory Advice

The regulatory regime on investment funds has become more complicated in recent years due to frequent amendments to the Financial Instruments and Exchange Law, the Investment Trusts and Investment Corporations Law and other relevant laws relating to asset management. Furthermore, investment funds domiciled in overseas countries are required to satisfy certain soft laws including the requirements by the Japan Securities Dealers Association on public offerings. In light of this, we offer robust solutions to support clients in handling these multi-tiered regulations.

### Registration support

We assist clients in establishing and registering as investment managers, investment advisers, and Type 1 and Type 2 financial instruments business providers. We also provide support by filing notifications for qualified institutional investor exemption.

## Awards and Rankings

Featured here are just some of the many awards and industry-related rankings received by the Asset Management / Investment Funds Practice Group and its individual members.



### Chambers Asia Pacific 2024

Mori Hamada & Matsumoto is ranked in Band 1 in the Investment Funds area, and the following lawyers are evaluated highly by Chambers Asia Pacific 2024.

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Band 1

Yasuzo Takeno  
Ken Miura  
Nobuharu Onishi



### The Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2024

Mori Hamada & Matsumoto is ranked in Tier 1 in the Investment Funds area in Japan for the sixth year in a row. The lawyers named below are evaluated highly by The Legal 500 Asia Pacific 2024.

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Leading Individuals

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