

The rush for the pot of gold



The Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commission (**SFC**) released on 10 May 2021 details of a grant scheme for Hong Kong's open-ended fund companies (**OFCs**) and real estate investment trusts (**REITs**). The size of the pot is HK\$270 million, to be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

The following is a summary of the scheme in relation to a **private OFC**:

	Summary
Scheme Period	10 May 2021 – 9 May 2024
Eligibility	<p>Only applies to OFCs successfully incorporated in Hong Kong and non-Hong Kong fund corporations successfully re-domiciled to Hong Kong as OFCs on or after 10 May 2021.</p> <p>Does not apply to the establishment of a sub-fund under a pre-existing umbrella OFC incorporated in, or re-domiciled to Hong Kong before 10 May 2021.</p>
Application	Formal application must be submitted to the SFC within 3 months from the date of the certificate of incorporation or certificate of re-domiciliation.
Fees Covered by Grant	<p>Fees charged by the following Hong Kong-based service providers in relation to the incorporation or re-domiciliation of the OFC*:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Law firms or legal advisers 2. Auditors, accounts or tax advisors 3. Fund administrators, corporate service providers or company secretaries 4. Regulatory consultants <p>*Generally does not include statutory fees such as registration or application fees to the SFC. Audit fees paid to accounting firms in relation to the annual audit review are not eligible.</p>
Claw Back	If the OFC commences winding-up or applies for termination of registration within 2 years from the date of its incorporation or re-domiciliation, the grant may be clawed back.

The SFC encourages applicants to consult the SFC about grant eligibility prior to application.

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