

Private equity and the investment life cycle

Why Ireland for private equity?

Ireland has become the domicile of choice in respect of the establishment of regulated alternative investment funds (“AIFs”) and a centre of excellence in the servicing of alternative investment funds such as private equity funds. Irish service providers and the Central Bank of Ireland have worked to develop solutions to allow the effective and practical implementation of alternative investment strategies in a regulated structure. Ireland is a popular location for private equity funds principally because of its regulatory framework, favourable tax regime, its status as an “on-shore” common law jurisdiction and the availability of excellent legal, audit and administration services.

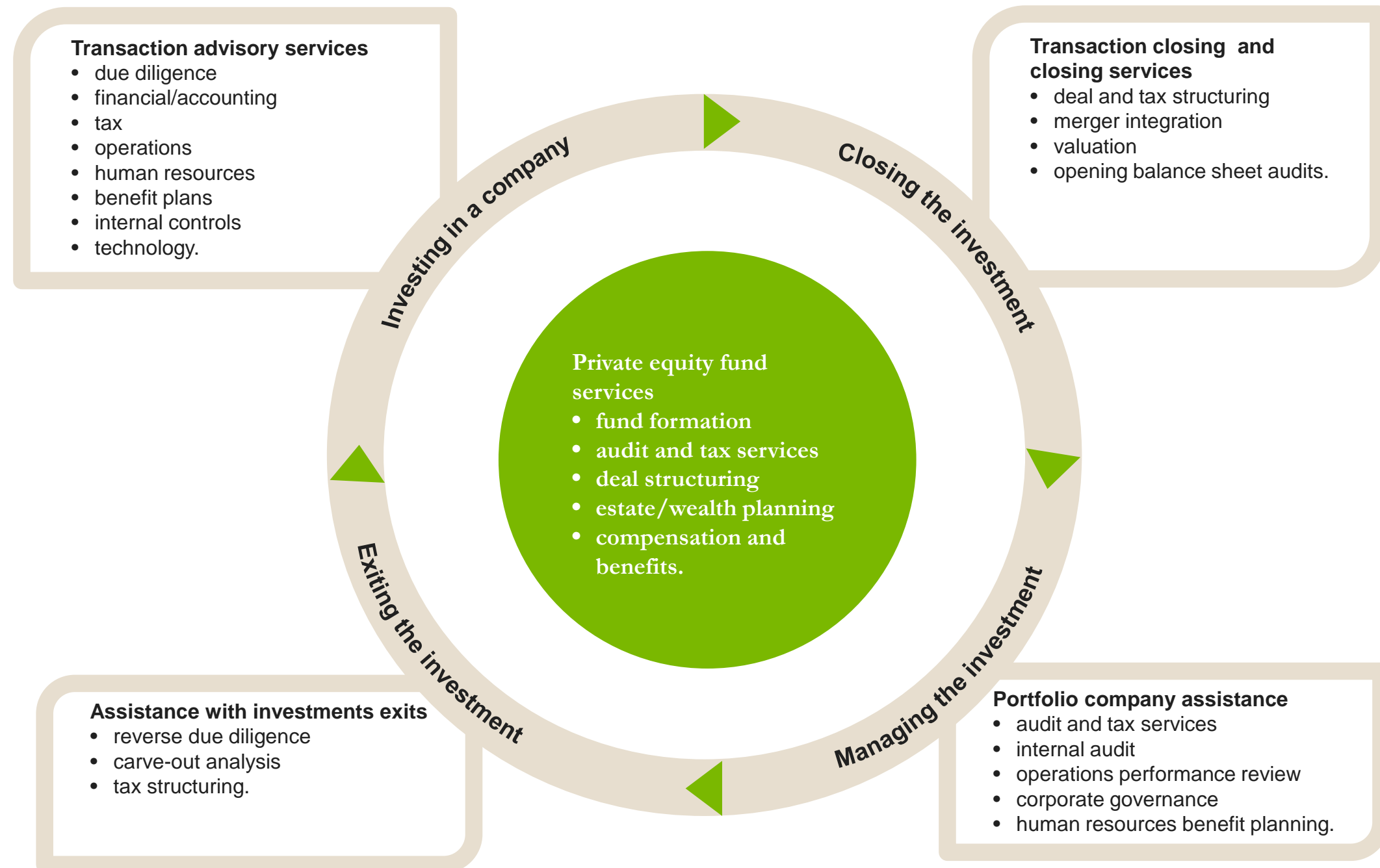
EU and OECD membership

Ireland is a member state of the EU and benefits from the harmonisation of EU financial services regulation and the ability to passport services across the EU. As an EU member state, Irish funds that have Alternative Investment Fund Managers Directive (AIFMD) managers are not subject to the restrictions on marketing imposed by AIFMD on non-EU funds. Ireland further features on each version of the “white-list” of countries published by the OECD setting out countries which have substantially implemented internationally agreed tax standards.

Taxation

Regardless of the structure of the AIF established in Ireland, Irish funds are exempt from Irish taxation on income and gains derived from their investment portfolios and are not subject to any Irish taxation on their net asset value. Ireland has an extensive and growing network of double taxation treaties providing access to favourable taxation reclaim rates.

Our services



Creating value you can count on

Why Grant Thornton?

Your needs first

Grant Thornton understands the unique needs and strategies of private equity firms and their professionals.

Your benefit: work with someone who puts you first.

Quick response

Grant Thornton professionals are committed to providing a quick response to acquisitions and other needs of private equity clients.

Your benefit: seize opportunities without waiting.

High level of service to portfolio companies

We regard portfolio companies as an integral part of the overall relationship with our private equity firm clients.

Your benefit: responsive service to all the companies in your portfolio, not just the big fish.

Global market presence

Grant Thornton International Ltd member and correspondent firms are in over 100 countries, just about anywhere you want to go.

Your benefit: receive high quality service and personalised attention, whether it's Hong Kong or Houston, Dublin or Dubai.


Industry specialisation

Our colleagues and service offerings are structured by industry. This translates into well-informed ideas and proven solutions that are relevant by industry.

Your benefit: confidence working with people who know and understand the environment of your portfolio companies.

Offices in Dublin, Belfast, Cork, Galway, Kildare, Limerick and Longford.

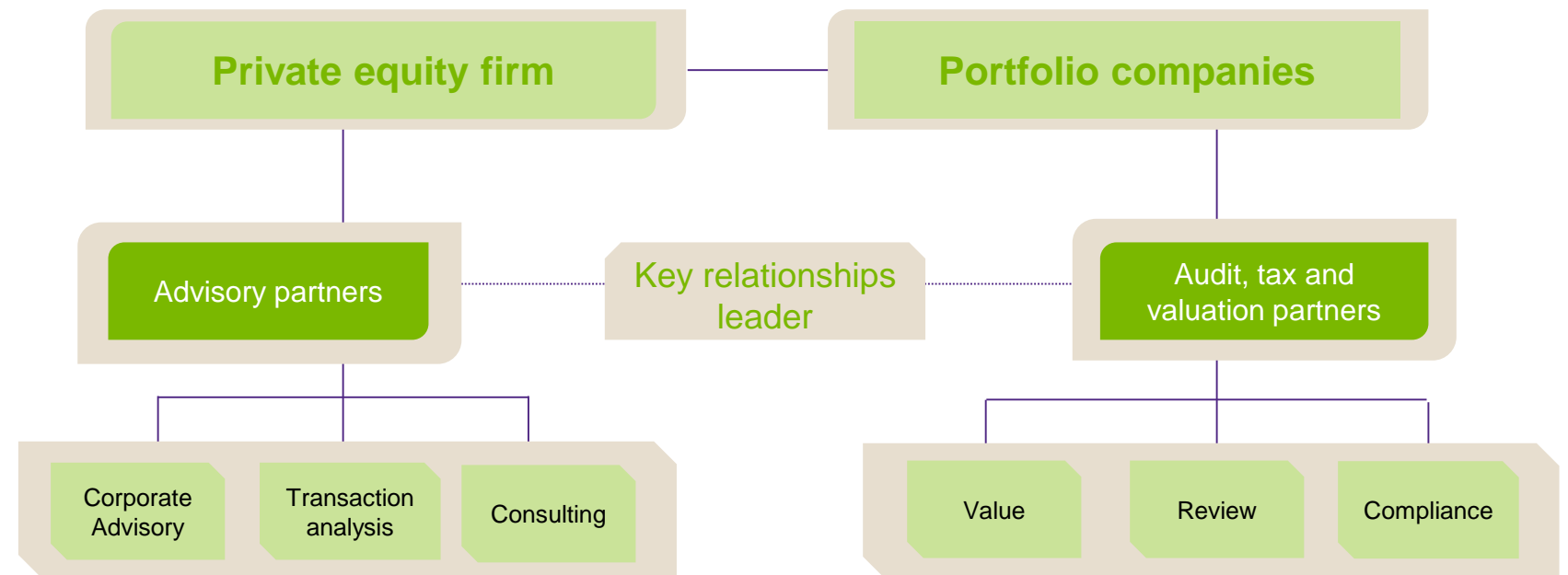
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Key relationship leader model

Delivering the right resources and solution quickly

A key relationship leader and a dedicated team deliver a centralised information flow and coordinated strategies for all Grant Thornton work across a private equity firm's portfolio.



The right people to serve you



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