
IFIT's Hedge Fund Habitat provides a professional and cost-effective environment for fund managers and traders to efficiently become independent and to manage their own business.

By providing a framework, Hedge Fund Habitat frees fund managers and traders to concentrate on doing what they are good at — namely trading and generating alpha. Using institutional quality infrastructure in pleasant offices in Zurich and Pfaeffikon (and opening soon in Geneva), practitioners work as independents but amongst peers within a “micro cluster” — and in an attractive tax and regulatory regime.

Service modules

■ Setup

- relocation assistance, for the move to Zurich
- legal, tax advice and structuring
- company formation, director services and provision of registered office
- all necessary filings with authorities
- website and corporate identity creation

■ Business Management

- business plan creation
- accounting services and financial statements
- management reports
- taxation including VAT
- mandatory filings with authorities
- web maintenance and hosting solutions

■ Fund services and administration

- fund structuring and setup
- NAV and fee calculation, registrar, and transfer agent
- shadow accounting

■ Trade facilitation and operations

- market access
- Direct Trader software
- data and news feeds
- trade execution, monitoring, and reconciliation
- risk management
- middle and back office analysis and reports

■ Regulatory framework

- compliance and due diligence
- regulatory roof

■ Infrastructure

- office: physical workspace, communication, reception, meeting room...
- technical infrastructure: hardware, IT services, network, routing

Hedge fund managers taking control of their own destiny

Independent fund managers and traders are able to set up rapidly, and to benefit from IFIT's economies of scale, since the requisite expertise and infrastructure are already in place.

The Hedge Fund Habitat services suite is

- modular and scalable, and tailored to individual needs, and can be anything from just an individual item to a full turn-key solution
- cost efficient through aggregation
- delivered by Switzerland's IFIT Institute For Innovative Trading, an independent developer and provider of technologies, infrastructures and services to financial institutions.

Location

Many believe that Switzerland is the most attractive environment for investment management: managing other people's assets is in the Swiss culture, and Switzerland is the world leader in off-shore private banking with a market share of 27%. And, 9.1% of global assets under management are done so out of Switzerland. Hence this country offers a concentration of wealth management like no other as well as a concentrated cluster of talent, clients, services, and peers.

Zurich is a sophisticated financial market and an attractive and affluent cosmopolitan city, where English is widely spoken. In terms of quality of life, Zurich consistently ranks top or near-top in global rankings. Zurich airport has been voted best 'in-transit' airport in Europe by Business Traveller Awards.

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