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Carey Olsen supports both grass roots projects and global impact investors. We work with asset managers, fund managers, institutional investors, investment banks, private equity houses, family offices, charities, sovereign wealth funds, HNWIs and intermediaries and provide advice on the legal aspects of sustainable investment and its implications on governance and compliance processes. Our experience includes advising on green funds, impact funds (both environmental and social), offering documentation, mandate vehicles for family offices and individual clients, corporate structuring, capital raising, policy and practice, sustainable finance transactions (including corporate green loans and bonds, sustainable supply chain financing and renewable energy project financing), intellectual property, advising boards and dispute resolution services (including board advisory and training).

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#### Guernsey Recycling

Advising Guernsey Recycling on its acquisition of Island Waste, now established as the Guernsey Recycling Group. Guernsey Recycling is a locally owned and managed private company, whose core business focuses on hightech processing and recycling in the island.

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#### Mytrah Energy Limited

Advising long-standing client Mytrah Energy Limited, a large independent power producer in the Indian renewable energy sector, on its £78.9 million takeover by Raksha Energy Holdings Limited.

#### Plastic Free (Jersey) Limited (pro bono)

Assisting on the establishment of Plastic Free (Jersey) Limited, a company which aims to bring together individuals, groups, businesses and organisation to reduce plastic consumption in Jersey. Plastic Free Jersey is an initiative that is connected to the UK Plastic Free Communities campaign promoted by Surfers Against Sewage, which is supported by the Minister of the Environment and the States of Jersey. As part of our interaction with Plastic Free Jersey, we undertook a review of single use plastic in our Jersey and Guernsey offices, which resulted in a significant reduction in our plastic waste.

#### Protect Blue Limited (pro bono)

Assisting with the establishment of Protect Blue Limited, a company whose goal is to provide education, support and practical tools to ensure environmental advocates reach their full potential. It currently has two main projects: Ambassadors for the Planet, an environmental education curriculum for children, and We Speak Ocean, an online incubator for ocean advocates.

#### Listed Funds

#### Bluefield Solar Income Fund

Advising on the launch of the Guernsey closed-ended fund Bluefield Solar Income Fund (BSIF), which raised £130 million on listing on the premium segment of the London Stock Exchange (LSE). BSIF focuses on investing in largescale agricultural and industrial solar assets and now has a market capitalisation of over £400 million. BSIF became a Guernsey Green Fund in April 2019.

#### NextEnergy Solar Fund Limited

Advising renewable energy-focused investment company NextEnergy Solar Fund Limited (NESFL) on the issue and placing on the Main Market of the LSE of 115 million and 110.3 million shares as part of a placing programme, raising aggregate proceeds of £241.8 million. NESFL now has a market capitalisation of over £600 million.

#### The Cibus Fund

Advising ADM Capital Europe LLP on the establishment and successful designation of its US\$100 million global agribusiness investment fund, the Cibus Fund, as a Guernsey Green Fund – the first regulated green fund of its kind in the world.