



*Best for Hedge Fund Administration*

# Equinox Alternative Investment Services (Mauritius) Limited

Equinox is a premium Alternative Investment service provider founded in 2005 by experienced hedge fund administration professionals. We spoke to Irfaan Hossany, Director of Equinox Mauritius after their Company won our award.

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Mr Hossany outlined: "We are thrilled to be recognized as best for hedge fund administration by Offshore Excellence Awards.

"At present we have headquarters in Bermuda, with offices in Bermuda, Ireland, Atlanta, Mauritius, Malta and Singapore. We are a full service Alternative Investment fund administration company, currently servicing 195 funds across a diverse range of strategies in hedge funds, private equity and pension funds."

"Our Fund Administration services include advisory services, NAV calculation, shareholder servicing, financial report preparation, audit coordination and liaison, Director Services, Corporate Secretarial Services, tax preparation services and performance reporting.

"Our Middle Office support includes a range of activities between execution and settlement of the trade. Including daily P&L services: trade capture, income/expenses, cash and position reconciliations, corporate actions, pricing and valuation, daily reporting, NAV reporting, NAV reconciliations as well as performance reporting."

Equinox's service model is customised, with one primary point of contact for each manager. This differentiates them from the larger administrators, who have a functionalised service model with multiple teams in different locations, focusing on different parts of the administrative process. The service teams are in the time zone of the client, making it easy for contact with a person who understands every aspect of the client's business. Furthermore, this service model is overlaid on top of an institutional technology infrastructure, utilising robust procedures documented with a SOC1 report.

Mr Hossany continued: "The industry is undergoing a raft of new regulation which puts significant pressure on the clients who, in turn are looking for more support from their service providers."

"Our management has had extensive experience of setting up and servicing funds. From the take on of new clients, which have extensive management resources dedicated to them, to daily servicing by highly experienced account managers."

Equinox has recently launched a new product offering known as Equinox Solutions to help managers evaluate their back, middle office and technology requirements and assist with implementation, as well as outsourcing certain activities. We have been doing a lot of work with Calypso, implementing and installing the platform to provide managers with an institutional grade platform in a short space of time. The manager can decide whether certain processes should be outsourced with others being kept in house for client specific reasons. Straight through processing and automation are increased with the use of this platform and help provide more control and oversight.

Offshore excellence awards endorse our position in the market as a recognized leading service provider and give comfort to those performing due diligence upon us.

The firm has built out a global platform with its 7 offices, enabling our clients to add products in different jurisdictions, understand changes happening in different regions and be serviced in their time zone servicing over \$20 billion in assets, whilst having the strength of a significant global organisation at hand.