

GUERNSEY FUNDS SECTOR POSITIVE DESPITE QUARTERLY FALL IN NET ASSET VALUE

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Guernsey's funds industry is seeing a number of new inquiries so far this year and expects to see a rise in the value of the sector before the end of the year, following a decline in the first quarter's statistics.

Latest figures from the [Guernsey Financial Services Commission \(GFSC\)](#) showed the net asset value of funds business in the island declined by 2.9% (£8 billion) during the quarter, with total assets under management and administration amounting to £262.5 billion. But the underlying trend is positive, with £40 billion growth over the past three years.

The decline was led by the winding up of non-Guernsey schemes – funds not domiciled in the island but with some aspect of management, administration or custody carried out locally – which fell by £7.6 billion, with a number of funds reaching a planned winding up, while the NAV of Guernsey-based schemes has increased by £1.4 billion to £209.7 billion over the previous 12 months.

The GFSC is also seeing an increase in applications for new funds, with a year-on-year rise to more than 110 made over the past six months. The Commission approved 16 new investment funds during Q1, 10 closed-ended, two open-ended and four non-Guernsey schemes.

Guernsey Finance Chief Executive Dominic Wheatley said current activity levels meant there was confidence in the Guernsey industry. The island has recently announced a proposal to introduce a [world-first green investment fund product](#) and an [update in regulations to the Guernsey Private Investment Fund](#).

“Work is currently being done that will bear fruit in the future,” Mr Wheatley said. “The longer-term trend over the last three years shows we are on the right track and Guernsey funds are in a healthy and positive position. We remain a stable jurisdiction of substance able to offer solutions to the uncertainty of Brexit.”

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