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**ACTIVITY** Last year, in response to continued business growth, our affiliate MaplesFS relocated its Dublin office to Molesworth Street. The new location signals that the Maples group is well positioned for continued strong growth in Ireland, and underscores our commitment to investing in the resources necessary to support our clients and our employees.

We also established a branch of Maples and Calder Ireland in London last year, initially providing Irish legal advice in the areas of Asset Finance, Corporate and Investment Funds. New partners have also joined, representing our Funds, Corporate, Finance and Litigation groups. Together, these developments all show our continued expansion in and commitment to business in Ireland.

**GROWTH DRIVERS** We are constantly looking for ways to promote Irish legal services to our global clients, and this is front and centre of our growth strategy. We have opened Irish desks in our Cayman and Hong Kong offices, as well as taking Irish legal services directly to our clients through our Irish branch in London.

**NOTABLE DEAL** Our Investment Funds team recently acted as counsel to Bank of Ireland Private Banking in the establishment of a unique and highly innovative synthetic investment product for its Irish private wealth investors, offering bespoke indirect exposure to a KKR-managed, Irish-regulated private equity fund.

**BREXIT** Overall, we are cautious in

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predicting any significant movement of people as a result of Brexit. Certainly, this will be driven by legal and structuring requirements: asset managers and other clients in the regulated space will need to have a physical presence, as required by regulators. However, it does not

necessarily follow that we will see significant relocations either to Ireland or to other jurisdictions.

**USP** We are innovative and entrepreneurial, working very closely with our clients to find commercial solutions that are right for their businesses.