

Investment Funds and Financial Service Industry: Advisors for Challenging Economic Times

The recent volatile and uncertain economy has brought increased scrutiny and challenges to today's business environment. Regulatory requirements have increased substantially. At the same time, transparency in all transactions is a must. Now more than ever, a trusted, knowledgeable, and experienced CPA firm is vital to ensure compliance, minimize risk, and maximize your return.

At RotenbergMeril, we offer a wide variety of investment company services to private equity firms, broker-dealers, hedge fund managers, and investment partnerships. Our firm is registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB) and we are a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). Both require member firms to have specific quality control policies and procedures in place — quality standards that we consistently exceed. Furthermore, our partners and team members bring their big accounting firm expertise to every engagement, providing timely and valuable information in a personalized and attentive manner.

Our Long History of Private Equity Fund Experience

One of RotenbergMeril's first clients over 25 years ago was a large NYC private equity fund, immediately proving our firm to be a knowledgeable and dependable resource and a trusted advisor to the private equity fund industry. We have worked with funds of all types and sizes. Our clients include leverage buyout firms, venture capitalists, SBICs, mezzanine and senior financing, and real estate funds.

RotenbergMeril's experts can assist with a variety of public equity fund needs, including:

- Financial audits
- Asset valuations
- Start-up services and partnership formation
- Due diligence investigations
- Tax planning and compliance
- Advisory services on investor reporting, investment tax structure, fund administration
- Tax return and schedule K-1 preparation
- Financial statement preparation



At Your Service

Investment management companies and other financial services organizations today are expected to have up-to-the-minute knowledge about the rules, regulations, and trends affecting the industry. Indeed, you must operate at the highest level of proficiency to be successful, and you expect no less from your accounting firm.

At RotenbergMeril, we fully understand the complexities facing investment companies. We consistently exceed the expectations of our clients because we have the knowledge, experience, and expertise to address a wide range of compliance and operational issues within an environment of heightened scrutiny. Our success is also derived from our consistent focus on nurturing every client relationship and understanding what it takes to reach your goals, whatever those goals may be.

"RotenbergMeril came to our rescue when our 60-person broker dealer firm located in the WTC lost all of its accounting records on 9/11. Thankfully, we had no loss of personnel. Our next concern was to get back operating as soon as possible. Within weeks after the disaster, RotenbergMeril was able to re-create our records and we were actually able to file a timely FOCUS report. I highly recommend this take-charge firm!" – CEO, Broker Dealer

Our Broker-Dealer Services Offer Transparency and Compliance

New and complex rules and regulations, introduced to the independent broker-dealer industry after abuses and industry scandals were recently brought to light, have made this a challenging environment in which to operate. As compliance needs have increased, consumer confidence and commission fees have decreased. Now more than ever, the specialized and trusted services of RotenbergMeril are needed to achieve financial success.

Services may include consulting, audit and accounting, and tax expertise targeted to the broker-dealer industry. From initial capitalization and regulatory filings, to non-attest internal control consulting and remediation services, RotenbergMeril can help. Our specialists are committed to providing up-to-date guidance on SEC and FINRA regulations.

Risk Management for Hedge Funds

Hedge funds are currently in need of an image restoration — something that can be achieved through risk management, transparency, and strong and compliant operating principles. RotenbergMeril's specialists have worked with a variety of hedge funds in the U.S. and abroad, from start-ups to large institutional funds. We can provide guidance on start-up services and partner organization. RotenbergMeril can perform comprehensive audit and accounting, tax, and consulting services for your hedge fund, as well.

Experience. Vision. Clarity. Knowledge.

Hiring the right firm to serve as the trusted advisor for your financial firm is vital to your business. Both *NJBiz* and *New Jersey Business Magazine* rank RotenbergMeril as one of the top accounting firms in New Jersey, and our firm has recently been recognized by *INSIDE Public Accounting* as one of the Top Five Fastest Growing Firms in the Northeast. When you need a powerful ally for your financial firm, rely on RotenbergMeril.

Welcome to RotenbergMeril, where results exceed expectations.

To learn more about our firm's capabilities and how we can serve your financial needs, visit www.rmsbg.com or call (201) 487-8383.

RotenbergMeril is PCAOB registered and a member of the Center for Public Company Audit Firms, the Employee Benefit Plan Audit Quality Center, and the Forensic Valuation Services (FVS) section of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. We offer comprehensive technical skills, extensive knowledge and experience, and a sustained commitment to personal attention that help our diverse clients meet their financial and regulatory objectives. Our integrated and specialized services include:

- Audit & Accounting Services
- Public Company & SEC Services
- Benefit Plan/ERISA Services
- Taxation Services
- Financial Outsourcing Services
- Litigation Support and Valuation Services
- International Consulting

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