

## Our services in Switzerland

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**“The lawyers are both technically very good and able to communicate well.”**

Chambers Europe, 2016

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**With offices in Geneva and Zurich, we provide integrated Swiss legal and tax advice for resident individuals and those with domestic investments and business interests, alongside our UK and international services.**

We are able to approach both common law and civil law issues from a practical perspective. Our particular strength is that we offer an integrated private client and commercial service to individuals, family offices, private banks, fiduciaries and financial institutions, to assist in the international structuring and protection of their wealth. We are one of a very few law firms that combine all these services across Europe's leading centres for wealth management - London, Luxembourg, Paris and Switzerland.

- Provision of Swiss and UK Law - 3 Swiss-qualified partners
- Combined private client, corporate, commercial, regulatory/compliance and dispute resolution services across Europe's leading centres for financial services and wealth management

### **Local expertise, international solutions**

Our Swiss offices enable us to deliver English and Swiss legal services, drawing upon the resources of our expert teams in our London and other international offices where necessary. The multi-disciplinary team at Charles Russell Speechlys specialise in advising wealthy families, family businesses and family offices, as well as corporate groups, asset managers, commodities traders and not for profit organisations on complex cross border issues and structures.

### **Our core services include advising:**

- on tax compliant wealth structuring and investment planning
- on tax disclosures, investigations and cross border tax reporting (e.g. Common Reporting Standard (CRS) and the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) and compliance regimes (e.g. the EU Fourth Anti-Money Laundering Directive)
- families, fiduciaries and wealth managers on how to balance privacy and data security with tax compliance, transparency and the reputational issues related to complex wealth structuring. (e.g. the global drive for publically available registers of beneficial ownership information)
- individuals, families and trustees on the use of wills, trusts and other entities for succession planning
- on applications on divorce relating to finance and children as well as pre-marital and civil partnership agreements
- Swiss and UK immigration matters
- private and institutional clients on national and international dispute resolution
- on investments, tax, mergers and acquisitions, structuring, governance and commercial contracts for corporates, business owners, family businesses and family offices
- on asset tracing, fraud, financial crime, money laundering and corruption
- on UK, EU and Swiss regulatory requirements, products and contractual documentation for Swiss banks and asset managers



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**“They make us feel that we’re valued as a client and they’re interested in our business’s success and how they can support that.”**

Chambers UK, 2015

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## Charles Russell Speechlys at a glance

Charles Russell Speechlys is a law firm headquartered in London with offices in the UK, Europe and the Middle East.

We have an unusually broad range of skills and experience across the full spectrum of business and personal needs. This gives us a wider perspective, clear insight and a strongly commercial long-term view. We use this approach to secure the growth of our clients as they move confidently into the future.

It has made us a leader in the world of dynamic growth and family businesses, and among the world’s leading creators and owners of private wealth and their families. Major corporates and institutions find our more considered and personal approach a refreshing alternative to conventional business law firms.

### Size and scope

- We have over 160 partners and over 500 lawyers in total
- We operate from 10 offices in London, UK regions, Europe and the Middle East
- We are a full service firm, offering 12 broad legal disciplines and focusing on 10 industry sectors
- Our annual turnover is £140 million
- We sit comfortably within the Top 30 UK based law firms by revenue

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