

Our Services in Switzerland

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Our offices in Geneva and Zurich provide integrated Swiss and English law legal and tax advice for companies and resident individuals with domestic investments and business interests, alongside our international services.

Our team is well versed in providing trust and tax advice. We are able to approach both Swiss and English 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, businesses, family offices, private banks, fiduciaries and financial institutions, to assist in the international structuring and protection of their wealth. Very few law firms combine all these services in the leading centres for wealth management – Dubai, Hong Kong, London, Luxembourg, Paris and Switzerland.

Local expertise, international solutions

Our Swiss offices enable us to deliver Swiss, English and international legal services, drawing upon the resources of our expert teams in our London and other international offices where necessary. The multi-disciplinary team specialises 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:

- Investments, tax, mergers and acquisitions, structuring, governance and commercial contracts for corporates, business owners, family businesses and family offices.
- Swiss, UK, and international dispute resolution for both private and institutional clients.
- Employment matters, both from an employer and employee's perspective.
- Data protection, including on trans-border transfers of data.
- Commercial disputes for institutional clients (Swiss State Courts proceedings and international arbitration).
- Asset tracing, fraud, financial crime, money laundering and corruption.
- Criminal investigation in the context of suspicions of white-collar crimes in an international context, including requests for mutual assistance engaging the Swiss criminal authorities.
- Bankruptcy and insolvency proceedings.
- Tax compliant wealth structuring and investment planning.

- International trust law advice including English, BVI and New Zealand trust laws, as well as advice on Swiss law matters linked to trust and foundation structures (Swiss trustees, Swiss resident settlors and/or beneficiaries or trust assets located in Switzerland).
- Offshore fund structuring for private individuals and family offices.
- Ownership structures for Swiss, UK and international real estate, art, private jets and private yachts.
- Swiss, UK, BVI and New Zealand law related tax disclosures, investigations, public registers and cross border tax reporting (e.g. CRS, FATCA, DAC6 and the EU Fourth and Fifth Anti-Money Laundering Directives).
- Swiss and UK immigration matters.
- UK, EU and Swiss regulatory requirements, products and contractual documentation for Swiss banks and asset managers.
- Wills, trusts and other instruments used in estate planning.
- Commercial and corporate transactions and governance issues for sports federations and businesses, and sport-related arbitration.
- Private wealth structuring, image rights, sponsorship, disputes and display proceedings for professional sports people.
- Applications on divorce relating to finance and children as well as marital and civil partnership agreements.

One source said: "An excellent legal firm providing solid UK, Swiss, European and international advice. The partners are extremely accessible and commercial in their approach."

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"The team is extremely responsive, commercially-minded and has a diverse service offering for clients and families with UK, European or more international connections."

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