



Private Wealth

It's as simple as... partnering with people you trust

Since 1982 we have leveraged the abundance of available Jersey structures to translate and meet the needs of ultra-high-net-worth individuals and their families globally. We enact bespoke solutions for family business succession strategies, estate planning, intergenerational wealth transfer and tax efficiency optimisation.



High net worth individuals, international families, family businesses and their offices face sophisticated and complex issues; trust and fiduciary structures form an important part of planning and solving these challenges.

Our Private Client team focuses on what really matters to clients. By offering continuity, consistency, and excellence, we have worked with individuals. entrepreneurs, and their families around the world for over forty years, some into their third generation, to deliver tailored trust and fiduciary services, catering for all asset classes. Whether your objective is to preserve, grow or pass on your wealth to future generations, we can help.

What are you looking for?

- → To partner with a trusted, hands-on trustee and fiduciary who can guide you through the complexities of protecting your assets?
- → To protect your hard-earned international business interests, investments, property portfolios and other high value assets?
- → To meet your asset protection needs with the ability to retain a formal role within the structuring of your wealth?
- → To ensure that you are prepared, and your wealth is adequately structured, to transition smoothly across generations?
- → To minimise the impact of issues such as foreign inheritance taxes, probate formalities and confidentiality concerns?



Our private wealth solutions



Wealth structuring

From entrepreneurs to royal families, we have been appointed to structure and administer complex, cross-border private wealth solutions for our clients. These may hold international business interests, investments, property portfolios and other high value assets in structures using trusts, companies, foundations and partnerships.

Fiduciary services

As the global regulatory and environment continues to evolve, independent trustees and directors are required to provide increased oversight. We are an experienced and trusted independent provider of trustee, director, and other fiduciary solutions.

Private Trust Companies (PTCs)

Our clients are increasingly looking to retain an element of control in their international fiduciary structures. PTCs can serve as a corporate trustee of all your family trusts and provide optimum control, governance and confidentiality.

Protector and enforcer services

We can work with your existing team of trust professionals to embed appropriate and independent counterbalance and oversight within your structure to ensure fulfillment of its purpose.

Luxury assets

Ownership of luxury assets such as yachts, private aircraft, classic cars and art can fulfil lifestyle ambitions or investment goals; but require careful consideration when structuring their ownership.

Family governance

No matter the sophistication or complexity of your structures and family dynamics, we will work with you to create and maintain a robust corporate governance framework to preserve and create orderly transfer of your wealth.

"It makes us sleep well at night knowing that the assets we as a family have worked hard to accumulate are within VG's stewardship."





Family succession

As successful families' wealth passes through generations, we add value by becoming a trusted partner and integral part of your support network. Working in partnership with families, we learn the intricacies of families' dynamics, the purpose of their wealth and gain insight into their vision, values and beliefs. This ensures effective management of often complex and cross-border asset portfolios, whilst working through tax and regulatory matters, to ensure efficient succession by future generations.

Philanthropy and charity

Ultra-high-net-worth (UHNW) individuals and their families are increasingly applying environmental, social, and governance (ESG) frameworks to their philanthropic and charitable donations whilst also moving away from simple charitable donations, where the recipient would spend the money as they see fit, and towards a much more dynamic, innovative and hands-on approach. Trusts, companies and foundations are effective means of bringing philanthropic and charitable objectives to fruition.



Real estate investment services

Our clients have substantial interests in commercial and residential real estate; this asset class poses different challenges to others. We work closely with your advisers from asset purchase through to sale, including all aspects of financing, maintenance, and tenant management. Our expert team has a wealth of experience managing structures holding residential assets through to large-scale commercial real estate including office blocks, industrial, student accommodation, retail, hospitality and logistics.

Family investment companies (FICs)

Use of FICs has grown significantly in recent years by individuals with a desire to pass on their wealth without giving ownership in name to the beneficiaries. A FIC is a bespoke corporate vehicle which uses different share classes to help distinguish between economic and voting interests, thus allowing some control or influence over the family's wealth protection.

Registered office

There are some instances where clients are appointed as sole director but require support with ancillary services. We can provide the right level of assistance and corporate governance needed by our clients through the provision of standalone or integrated services including a registered office, Jersey nominated person, company secretary, administration, bookkeeping and preparation of financial statements.



VG was established in 1982; now with 100+ trust and fiduciary professionals, we are one of Jersey's largest, truly independent, and privately-owned trust companies.

We work with clients globally and administer over 1100 structures with over £15bn of assets across a range of asset classes. When clients work with VG, they know they have a dedicated and experienced team committed to fostering a long-term relationship; in fact, on average our clients have partnered with us for over 10 years.

Our private client team's wealth of international trust management experience is bolstered by a vast range of trust, administration, legal, accounting and tax qualifications; the team's depth of technical strength, experience and commitment to client relationships is echoed by recent industry accolades.





"VG has been the Trustee of our Jersey family trust since its establishment in 2010; they have consistently excelled in their level of service, knowledge and diligence across all the activities of the trust. I would recommend them wholeheartedly."

What can you expect from us?

A personal and bespoke service

We spend time getting to know what matters to you, to create plans that help you to preserve, grow and pass on your wealth. We will partner with you and your advisers to understand your objectives, find the right solution and support you as your needs change; if we think there is a better solution, we will let you know.

Flexibility and reliability

Solid relationships are based on open communication, shared vision, and trust. Each client relationship is director-led, meaning that you will always have direct access to key decision makers who can respond quickly. Your Private Client Director will be supported by a handpicked and dedicated team with the experience and qualifications to meet your needs. We maintain regular contact, are proactive in our approach and our team responds promptly to enquiries to give you, your family, and advisers information in a timely manner.

Long-lasting partnerships

Understanding you, your family and your aspirations is key to helping you to achieve your short and long-term financial and personal goals. We work alongside you as an extension of your legal and advisory team, building an open relationship with you and your family to protect your legacy for years to come.

Value for money

Our team will work with you to recommend cost effective solutions. Our 'no surprises' approach to fees assures transparent and competitive pricing.

Cultural understanding

We are recognized for our market-leading knowledge and award-winning expertise administering Shariah-compliant solutions; we understand the intricacies and nuances of meeting different cultural requirements across the globe and the importance of getting it right.

"I would like to count my Trustee at VG, with whom we have developed a decade long relationship, as a friend. But, I have refrained from doing so as we require their objectivity as a trustee on our offshore trust and the lead of the team that we rely on for all of our offshore matters."

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Talk to us:



Debbie Lumsden Director T +44 1534 712438 E dlumsden@vg.je

Debbie joined VG in 2020 as a Director on the board of VG Holdings Limited. With over 20 years' experience, Debbie has an impressive track record of analysing and developing new business opportunities combined with deep experience of managing client relationships, dealing with complex structures and transactions in a variety of jurisdictions for high-net-worth individuals and families. Debbie holds the STEP International Diploma in Trust Management, the ICA Diploma in AML and a first-class honours Bachelor of Laws (LLB) degree. In 2022, Debbie's continued hard work and commitment was acknowledged in the Citywealth Powerwomen Awards and was awarded Bronze for Woman of the Year - Leadership - Financial Organisation (Director).



Wendy Inns Director T +44 1534 712420 E winns@vg.je

Wendy joined VG in 2022 and brings more than 25 years' experience. Wendy's wealth of knowledge around navigating relationships with HNW and UHNW clients stems from her previous roles at various trust companies and a number of global banks. Wendy has been named as a 'Prominent Individual' as part of the CityWealth Management Leaders list for the past four years. Wendy holds the STEP Diploma in International Trust Management.



Paul Roper Director T +44 1534 712411 E proper@vg.je

Paul joined VG in 2020 as a Director on the board of VG Holdings Limited. Paul brings over 25 years' experience and a focus on South African wealth, tax and structures for expatriated and currently resident families in addition to vast experience of international structures. Paul has authored and co-authored nine books covering offshore investments, structures and tax, as well as international financial centres, financial and retirement planning. Paul, who holds the STEP International Diploma in Trust Management alongside a Batchelor of Laws (LLB) and MSC (Masters) in International Tax, was recognised at the 2022 Citywealth IFC Awards and awarded Silver for Trustee of the Year (Channel Islands & Isle of Man).