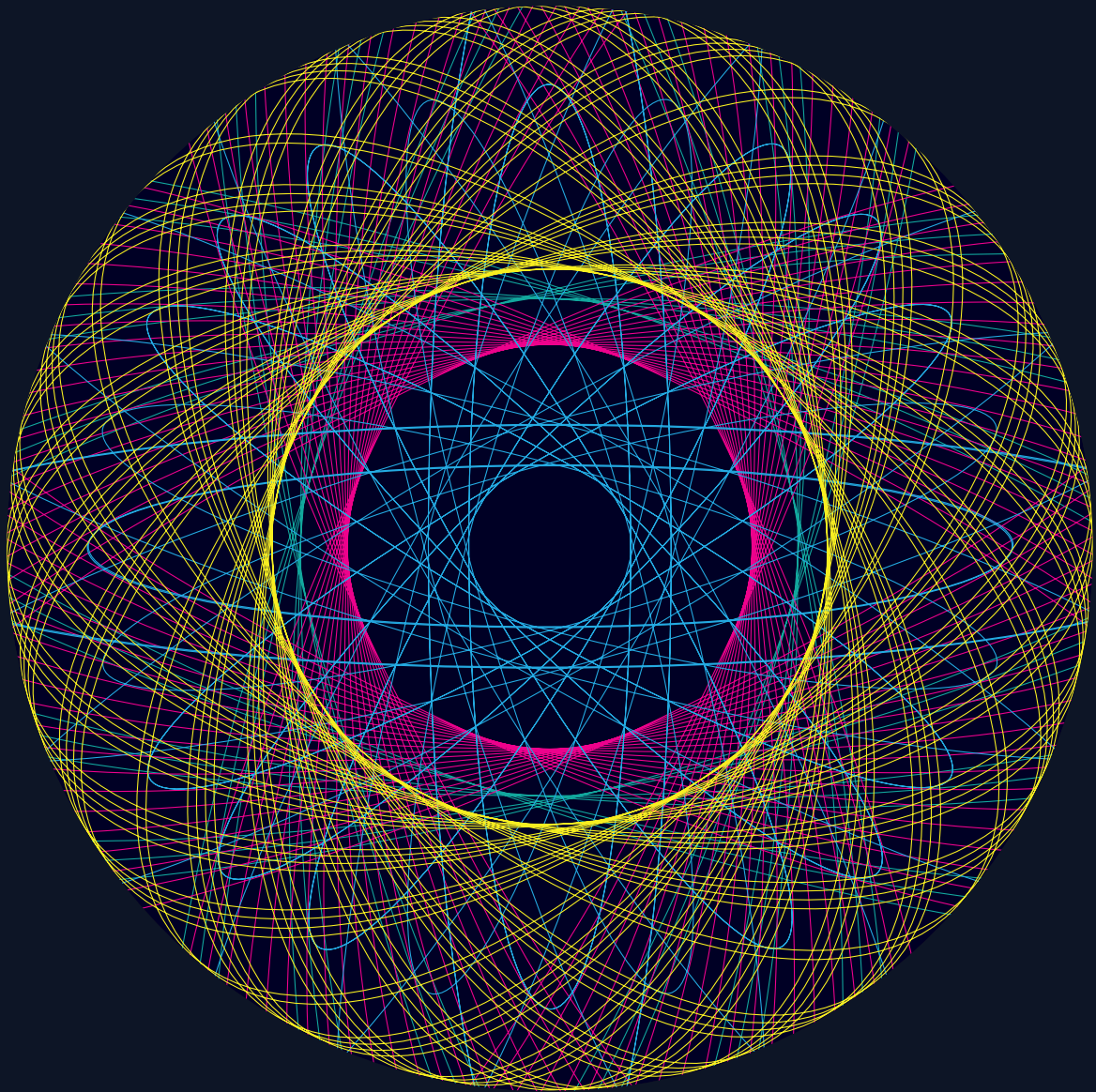


Legal services

Trusts Advisory Group in Asia



Ogier

"Ogier has
strength-in-
depth and is
pragmatic and
knowledgeable."

Chambers High Net Worth Guide, 2026

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About Ogier

We get straight to the point,
managing complexity to get to
the essentials.

Who we are

Ogier is a leading provider of offshore legal services. We advise on BVI, Cayman, Guernsey, Irish, Jersey and Luxembourg law. We are the only firm that advises on these six laws.

Corporate and finance law form the core of our business, principally in the areas of banking and finance, corporate, investment funds, dispute resolution and private wealth. We also have strong practices in the areas of employee benefits, employment law, regulatory, restructuring insolvency, property and tax.

Our team has the knowledge and expertise to advise on the most complex and demanding international cross border transactions. We pride ourselves on providing agile, expert, efficient and cost-effective advice and services across all time zones.

Our commercial understanding and experience of working with leading financial institutions, professional advisers and regulatory bodies enable us to add real value to our clients' businesses.

Where we are

We are the only law firm to have a substantive presence in the BVI, Cayman, Dubai, Guernsey, Hong Kong, Ireland, Jersey and Luxembourg. Our network of offices also includes Beijing, London, Shanghai, Singapore and Tokyo.

Our approach

Our approach is to keep it simple. Resource work at the right level. Don't over lawyer, don't over engineer. We are agile and strive to work through complexity to provide sound judgement on what really matters, not losing sight of the need for effective project management and superb client service.

We are committed to building long lasting relationships that are based on confidence and trust. We listen to client feedback gained through third party interviews and seek to continually improve the quality and value of service we provide.

Grace Gao
Counsel
Hong Kong



Grace exemplifies the
modern cross-border
private client lawyer.
Citywealth Future
Leaders Awards 2025



Ogier in Asia

We advise trustees, settlors, beneficiaries, protectors and anyone else connected with trusts and foundations.

Hong Kong

Ogier has built a prominent legal practice working with clients across the Asia-Pacific region. Our Hong Kong team advises on all aspects of BVI, Cayman, Guernsey and Jersey law. We also have full-service offices in Luxembourg and Ireland, which means we are able to provide fully integrated advice from Asia on cross-border matters.

We offer international finance and corporate law advice with a particular emphasis on investment funds, private equity, mergers and acquisitions, capital markets and finance. We also have a significant and growing dispute resolution practice providing contentious and non-contentious restructuring and insolvency legal services.

Ogier's dedicated private wealth team in Hong Kong, supported by a substantial network across our international offices, delivers advice to high net worth individuals, families, family offices, and trustees throughout Asia. To better serve our Asia-based clients, our team members are fluent in Cantonese, English, Japanese and Mandarin.

Beijing and Shanghai

Our team in our Beijing and Shanghai offices works closely with the team in Hong Kong to provide clients in mainland China with direct access to Ogier's global network. Our Shanghai team works with a wide variety of high profile, mainland Chinese law firms, family offices, banks, private and listed companies, and asset management firms including private equity, hedge fund and venture capital managers.

Singapore

Our team are fluent in Mandarin and English, with extensive experience supporting asset managers, institutional clients and corporates. Our services include the provision of governance (professional directors), corporate administration, AML officers and AEOI services to Cayman and BVI domiciled vehicles, also providing a full suite of corporate administration services to Singapore-domiciled fund vehicles and SPVs.

Tokyo

Through our office in Tokyo, Ogier is able to provide Japanese and English language support to Japan based clients wishing to take advantage of Ogier's global network of offices. Our Tokyo team works closely with the Hong Kong team, focusing specifically on the South Korean, Hong Kong and Singapore investment funds and structured finance markets.

Market recognition

Ogier's Trusts Advisory Group, made up of experts from our Private Wealth, Dispute Resolution and Corporate teams, is consistently highly ranked in legal directories and industry body awards.

Recent notable recognition include:

"Ogier is highly responsive and offers excellent client service. They are very good at handling complex international mandates."

Chambers High Net Worth Guide, 2026

"The Ogier team goes out of its way to find the answer or advice you need. It always maintains the lead, ownership and accountability for client matters to deliver a great client experience."

Chambers High Net Worth Guide, 2025

"Really strong team in Hong Kong with several market leading partners. Link up very well with their other offices in the Caribbean to provide timely and quality advice."

Legal 500 Asia Pacific, 2025

"Its multilingual service team, most of which are fluent in Mandarin, Cantonese and English, is able to communicate closely with clients in China on different projects."

Chambers Global, Asia-Pacific, 2025

"Ogier's disputes team is the best in the market, they have an outstanding reputation, and a reputation for strong results, strategic and commercial thinking, and are exceptional in court."

Legal 500 UK, 2025

"Ogier is pragmatic, alert to risks and engaging enough to listen to clients in order to carve the most sensible path."

Chambers Global, 2025

"They are quick to align internally and deliver practical solutions under time pressure."

Legal 500 EMEA, Private Client 2025

"Really solid and dependable firm capable of running substantial litigation on island and in close collaboration with other onshore and offshore jurisdictions."

Legal 500 Caribbean, 2025

"We have full confidence in the Ogier team to provide appropriate and concise advice on any legal matter that arises, no matter how complex."

Chambers High Net Worth Guide, 2024

"No other firm is currently achieving Ogier's current combination of top level technical skills, acute commercial judgement, and ready availability when we need them. They clearly work very hard indeed but will always make time for us."

Legal 500 UK, 2025

"For me, Ogier worldwide are the preeminent offshore law firm."

Chambers High Net Worth Guide, 2024

"Excellent team who turn around work in a timely manner and think through relevant matters carefully and with a useful pragmatism. Have the scale to cope with a large number of matters when needed and have some very good associates."

Legal 500 UK, Guernsey, Private Client 2024

"They couple private client expertise with the corporate mindset which clients are looking for."

Legal 500 UK, 2024

"I would describe them in three words: friendly, approachable and proactive."

Legal 500 UK, Jersey, Private Client 2024



Ogier has first rate technical expertise coupled with great client service.

Chambers HNW, 2025



Considered, strategic advice given that is easily digestible.

Legal 500 UK, 2025



Complexity is never a drama for Ogier. The team has seen it all.

Chambers HNW, 2025

Zhao Rong Ooi 黄昭荣
Partner 合伙人
Hong Kong



Top Offshore Litigator.
Asian Legal Business,
2026



Who we are

Our team's strength lies in the quality, depth and breadth of our lawyers' experience and expertise.

Ogier's Trusts Advisory Group, a team specialising in private client, dispute resolution and corporate law, draws together experts with substantial experience in Ogier's key private client locations.

Our Private Wealth team advises trustees, private banks, financial institutions, fiduciaries, family offices and high net worth clients and their advisers on the lifecycle of trusts from their establishment and regulatory considerations, to their administration and restructuring.

We have in-depth knowledge of trusts and foundations, enabling us to provide flexible and practical guidance on choosing the best structure and jurisdiction for any given client.

Our Dispute Resolution specialists have a strong track record in dealing with contentious issues. Ogier has acted successfully in many of the headline international trust and private client matters in recent years in BVI, Cayman, Guernsey and Jersey.

A differentiating factor of our Trusts Advisory Group is our embedded corporate support to corporate entities underlying trusts and foundations. All three teams work together to provide a seamless service for our clients.



Best Offshore Law Firm
WealthBriefing European
Awards, 2026



Law Firm of the Year -
Jersey
Citywealth IFC Awards,
2026



Best Offshore Law Firm -
Client Service
HFM Asian Services
Awards, 2025

Oliver Payne 彭奥礼
Partner 合伙人
Hong Kong



Oliver Payne is truly
world-class. He adds
real value.
Chambers Asia-Pacific,
2026



What we do

Ogier's is the only private client legal team to be ranked in the top tier across the board by all leading independent directories.

From simple to more sophisticated structures and whether established for succession purposes, asset protection, tax efficiency, family governance or confidentiality, the team is focused on providing bespoke advice tailored to each client.

We advise trustees, settlors, beneficiaries, protectors and anyone else connected with trusts and foundations, who all benefit from our highly professional and sensitive approach. Our team offers a seamless contentious and non-contentious advisory service which also includes corporate support to the structures underlying trusts.

Our dispute resolution experts handle trust disputes, advising on all their technical, procedural and strategic aspects. Our expertise encompasses breach of trust claims, administrative claims and trust restructuring. The team also supports on urgent interim applications, shareholder and corporate governance disputes, appraisal rights litigation, extrajudicial enforcement, enforcement of foreign judgments and awards, asset protection and recovery, schemes of arrangement and restructuring and insolvency.

Services and areas covered include:

- BVI VISTA trusts
- Cayman STAR trusts
- Charitable and non-charitable purpose trusts
- Corporate advice to underlying structures
- Court applications concerning trusts
- Discretionary trusts
- Employee incentives and employee benefit trusts
- Estate planning
- Family office
- Guernsey and Jersey foundations
- Guernsey and Jersey reserved powers trusts
- Jersey private funds
- Pensions
- Private trust companies (**PTCs**)
- Private trust foundations (**PTFs**)
- Regulatory
- Resolving breaches of trust
- Trust advice
- Trust and administrative claims
- Trust disputes
- Trust drafting and establishment
- Trust restructuring

Josephine Howe
Partner
Jersey



Josephine has a wealth of knowledge and experience that enables her to provide a very high level of guidance on all trust-related matters. Chambers HNW Guide, 2026



Who we work with

Trusted by market leaders.

Our Trusts Advisory Group receive referrals and instructions from some of the leading global players in this industry, including trust companies, private banks and specialist lawyers and accountants. We also act for many ultra-high-net-worth individuals and significant family offices across the globe, and we have significant expertise advising clients in the Middle East and East Asia.

We work with Asia-based clients in their own region and time zone, assisting them to manage risk, protect their rights and/or avoid or resolve disputes. The team frequently works closely with onshore counsel and other professional service providers and maintains excellent relationships with regulators in the BVI, Cayman and Hong Kong.



Offshore Firm of the Year
Chambers Europe Awards,
2025



Law Firm of the Year
BVI Financial Services
Awards, 2025



Contentious Trusts and
Estates Team of the Year
STEP Private Client
Awards, 2024

Case studies

Drafting a trust deed

We drafted a Guernsey law trust deed to establish a trust to hold certain assets of a PRC entrepreneur, including the shares in a BVI company which was the entrepreneur's principal holding company.

The trust deed included reserved powers which allowed the PRC entrepreneur to retain the power to make investment decisions over the shares in the BVI holding company even after those shares were transferred into the trust.

Reviewing a trust deed to protect client

We reviewed a Jersey law trust deed drafted by a trustee and advised the PRC settlor of the trust on his rights and powers under the trust deed and how the trust deed could be amended to better protect the interests of the settlor and the beneficiaries of the trust against possible future claims from creditors.

Pre-IPO planning – drafting a BVI law employee benefit trust (EBT or ESOP)

We assisted the PRC founder of a technology business as part of the pre-IPO planning for that business.

The PRC founder considered that retaining key staff would be critical to the success of the IPO and the business. To assist with retention of key staff, we provided advice and drafted all the documents necessary to establish and operate an employee benefit trust (EBT).

Under the EBT, certain key staff of the business could be invited to become beneficiaries of the EBT and they would be eligible to receive shares in the Cayman company which was to be listed if they achieved certain business targets and remained as employees for a certain period after the listing. In this way the relevant employees were incentivised to remain with the company and contribute to its success in the period before and after the IPO.

We also worked with colleagues in the corporate team of Ogier who advised the client of the Cayman law aspects of the IPO of the Cayman company.

Restructuring

Our client was a PRC entrepreneur and had established a Cayman trust for the benefit of him and his family several years previously.

We advised our client and drafted or reviewed all the documents necessary in order for our client to transfer his shares in a BVI company and the US\$200 million debt secured over those shares to the trustee of the Cayman trust. This involved advising on a combination of trust, company, and banking and finance law issues and working with our client, his PRC advisers as well as the lending bank and their advisers.

Private trust company (PTC)

We assisted a PRC businessman in establishing BVI private trust company (PTC) to act as trustee of a Jersey law trust for the benefit of him and his family.

The client wanted to establish a trust in order to hold some of his investment assets worth over US\$50 million and to benefit his family, but he wanted to ensure that his family members retained involvement regarding decisions over those assets.

We assisted the client in establishing a BVI PTC to be the trustee of the family trust. The board of directors of the PTC comprises a number of members of the client's family (as well as some professional advisers and trusted associates) and that provides the mechanism by which the family is able to be involved in decision making regarding the trust and the assets it holds.

We assisted the client by drafting the Jersey law trust deed, establishing the PTC and advising on the BVI and Jersey legal and regulatory issues relevant to operating the PTC.

Family governance

We advised a PRC business founder and his adult children in establishing and operating a Guernsey foundation.

The purpose of the foundation was to hold business assets of the family as well as certain personal assets (including a valuable art collection and other financial assets) worth in total approximately US\$1 billion for a number of purposes including to fund the education, travel, medical and other living costs of family members, to finance future business ventures of family members (i.e. an internal family venture capital fund), and to fund gifts to charity.

We drafted the charter and rules of the foundation and also regulations to govern the operation of a number of different committees who would advise the foundation on its various activities. This work required us to liaise very closely with the family members and their lead adviser, to understand exactly what they were seeking to achieve and to find ways to balance the competing interests and needs of the family members.

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Ogier is a professional services firm. We have three divisions:

Legal: practical advice on BVI, Cayman, Guernsey, Irish, Jersey and Luxembourg law.

Corporate and Fiduciary: corporate administration services with a strong reputation in governance and regulatory compliance.

Consulting: independent guidance on regulatory compliance and tech.

Our network of locations also includes Beijing, Dubai, Hong Kong, London, Shanghai, Singapore and Tokyo. Regulatory information can be found at ogier.com.

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