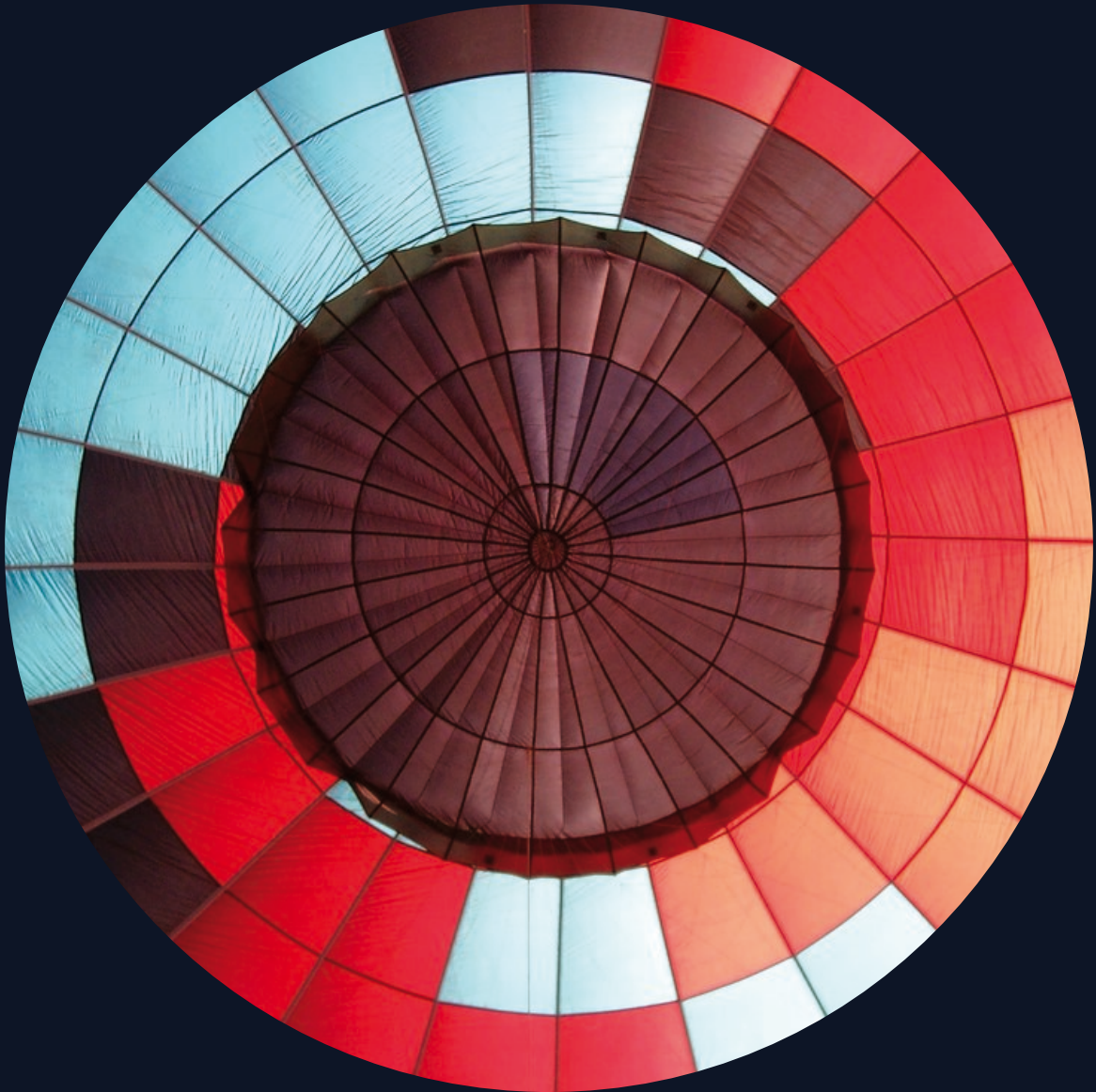


Legal Services

Private Wealth in the British
Virgin Islands



Ogier

The firm stands out for its deep expertise in BVI law, offering practical and commercially focused advice, tailored to international clients.

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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.

We are recognised as a leading firm for private wealth, supported by market-leading expertise in corporate and finance law. We also have strong practices in the areas of employee benefits, employment law, regulatory, restructuring insolvency, property and tax law.

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 ultra-high net worth families, family offices, 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.



Best Offshore Law Firm
Wealthbriefing European
Awards 2026



Offshore Law Firm of
the Year
Chambers High Net
Worth Awards 2025



Contentious Trusts and
Estates Team of the Year
(large firm)
STEP Private Client
Awards 2024



Offshore Firm of the Year
The Lawyer European
Awards 2024

Alex Way
Partner
London



Private Wealth in the British Virgin Islands

We deliver expert, practical advice on every aspect of private client and private capital law.

The British Virgin Islands continue to play an important role in international wealth structuring, succession planning and private capital arrangements. BVI companies, trusts and private trust companies are widely used by entrepreneurs, families, family offices and private investors across the world.

Our BVI Private Wealth team advises on the establishment, administration, restructuring and succession of wealth structures involving BVI entities.

The team forms part of Ogier's international Private Wealth practice, led by global partner Matt Guthrie and supported by partners Alex Way and Josephine Howe and counsel Grace Gao on BVI matters. Alongside a wider team of senior associates and associates across our key jurisdictions, we deliver coordinated advice across time zones and provide clients with access to private wealth, succession and trust expertise.

Through our Trusts Advisory Group, contentious, non-contentious and corporate lawyers work together to advise on complex private wealth structures and trust-related issues. Clients benefit from access to specialists across our network, including trust, estate planning and dispute resolution lawyers.

Our Dispute Resolution team has acted in many of the leading international trust and private client disputes in the BVI and across other major offshore jurisdictions, providing support when matters become contentious.

Whether establishing a new structure, planning for succession, protecting family wealth or navigating a dispute, our focus is on delivering practical advice tailored to each client's objectives.

Acting for members of the Qatari Royal Family on will dispute

We acted for members of the Qatari Royal Family regarding a challenge to the validity of the will of the late Sheikh Saoud Mohammed Al Thani. The BVI High Court found in favour of Ogier's clients (two members of the Qatari Royal Family), with The Honourable Justice Ellis

recognising the validity of a will made orally before a Sharia court.

This decision is significant given the protection the precedent affords for other Middle Eastern private wealth structures involving BVI companies.

Our services

Estate planning and succession

Our global Estate Planning, Wills and Probate team provides an integrated service for clients with assets across any combination of our jurisdictions. We advise on all aspects of wills and probate legislation, including powers of attorney and guardianships.

When an estate includes assets in the BVI, local legal requirements can have an impact on how those assets are administered and transferred. Our team advises on probate, succession and estate administration matters, helping to navigate the complexities of cross-border estates and ensuring assets pass efficiently to the next generation.

Regulatory

Ogier provides practical advice on the regulatory requirements affecting BVI companies, trusts, funds and other structures, including beneficial ownership, economic substance, licensing, anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing obligations.

Trusts

We provide advice throughout the life cycle of trusts, including drafting, establishment, ancillary and supplementary advice and documentation, annual obligations, disputes and regulatory matters.

We advise on the full range of trusts that can be established in the BVI, including discretionary trusts, reserved powers trusts, and charitable and non-charitable purpose trusts. We have significant experience advising on structures involving BVI companies and VISTA trusts, which remain a popular option for families and founders seeking to preserve family ownership while retaining management control of underlying businesses.

We also advise on estate structuring and restructuring, private trust companies, underlying companies and partnerships as well as employee benefit trusts.

Grace Gao
Counsel
Hong Kong



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



Who we work with

We partner with clients and their advisers globally, providing trusted, practical support across generations.

We act for trustees (individuals and corporates), private banks, financial institutions, fiduciaries, family offices and high net worth and ultra high net worth clients and their advisers. Our clients include settlors, beneficiaries, beneficial owners, directors, protectors, enforcers and others connected with private wealth structures.

Our team also works with entrepreneurs, heirs and family businesses to deliver a comprehensive and efficient service across generations.

We build long-term relationships based on trust and a deep understanding of our clients' needs, concerns and ambitions, whether institutional or individual.

We work with clients across the world, including Asia, the Middle East, Europe, Africa and the Americas, and our team includes lawyers with a range of language capabilities.

With strong connections to clients and intermediaries, our BVI Private Wealth team has real insight into the needs, values and aims of those we work with, enabling us to collaborate seamlessly to deliver the highest standards of service.

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



Obtaining probate

We drafted all the documents necessary, provided all the relevant advice and dealt with the relevant BVI court application for the executor of the estate of a deceased PRC businessman in respect of the BVI will, in order for the shares in several BVI companies owned to pass to his wife and children in accordance with the terms of his will.

Our involvement was necessary to ensure that the shares could be transferred and that this happened as quickly as possible to allow the continued smooth operation of the companies.



Ogier is my go-to offshore law firm. They are uniformly excellent technically, pragmatically and on client service.

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Ogier | To the point.

Ogier is a professional services firm with the knowledge and expertise to handle the most demanding and complex transactions and provide expert, efficient and cost-effective services to all our clients.

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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.

Core legal services

- Banking and Finance
- Corporate
- Dispute Resolution
- Investment Funds
- Private Wealth
- Regulatory
- Tax

Core corporate and fiduciary services

- Corporate Administration
- Debt Capital Markets
- Funds
- Investor Services
- Private Wealth
- Real Estate

Core sector services

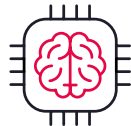
- Aviation and Marine
- Family Office
- Private Equity
- Real Estate
- Restructuring and Insolvency
- ESG
- Technology and Web3

1,300
Employees

130 40
Partners Directors

Investment in technology

Our continued investment in our people and technology is transforming the delivery of professional services to our global client network, from live client portals to digital contracts, digital collaboration areas and document compilation.



Sustainability

As an international firm, we support efforts to protect global and local ecosystems. We are continuously and actively reducing our global carbon emissions and environmental impact. We are embedding sustainability at every level.



Corporate Social Responsibility

We're committed to being a good corporate citizen and supporting causes that empower people and enable our communities to thrive. We achieve this through community partnerships, pro bono work and volunteering.



Innovation

Whether we're pioneering new ways to service clients or fostering a culture of continuous improvement, innovation is at the heart of everything we do. We are committed to providing a market-leading service that empowers clients.



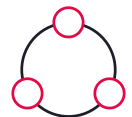
Client Centric

We understand what our clients need to succeed, and do everything to ensure they meet their goals as simply and effectively as possible.



Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

We believe in putting people first. As a global business we recognise diversity, equity and inclusion can be complex, challenging and nuanced. So we're meeting it with courage, drive and openness.



**Offshore Law Firm
of the Year**
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



**Offshore Firm
of the Year**
Chambers Europe Awards
2025



Ogier is very good on complicated matters, and they have impressive bandwidth to work on complex cases.

Chambers High Net Worth Guide, 2026

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Corporate and Fiduciary
Consulting

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