



## Family office

**Essentials and structuring** 

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### Agenda

What is a family office?

Why do some families have a family office?

How do you establish a family office?

Should you establish your own family office?

What are the alternatives to achieve your family's objectives?



## Polling question







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Do you already have your own family office?





## What is a family office?













### The management of a family's personal affairs

and non-business assets

Enterprise



## What is a family office?

A family office is a concept rather than a specific structure. It can therefore take many forms:



The FD or another employee of the family business helping with personal investments



A member of the family taking full-time responsibility for the family's assets



A trusted adviser becoming directly employed by the family to help manage things



Hiring a team of specialists organised through a complex legal structure

They can own a wide variety of assets from financial portfolios, private equity investments and commercial real estate through to yachts, planes and art work. Services provided will vary from family to family but often include personal tax, succession planning and governance, financial investments, private equity and property management as well as more personal aspects for family members such as concierge services

## Why do some families have a family office?



Assistance managing complex assets



Improve investment arrangements



Succession planning



Wealth protection



Lifestyle support



**Philanthropy** 



## How do you establish a family office

Phase 1



Clarify objectives



### Why

What are your family's priorities



### What

What assets need managing and/or services providing



### Who

Which family members should benefit and what should be their level of involvement





## How do you establish a family office (cont.)

Phase 2



Design



### **Structure**

How to own shared assets



### Governance

How to make decisions



### **Resources**

How to make things happen

### **Choices include:**

- Companies
- Partnerships
- Trusts
- Foundations

#### **Choices include:**

- Boards
- Advisory committees
- Family assemblies
- Family constitutions

#### **Choices include:**

- Borrowing,
- Outsourcing
- Employing





# Should you establish your own family office?



### **Pros**

- Designed specifically for your family
- Private
- Can enable greater family involvement
- Greater control



### Cons

- Costs Budget from 85 to 150 bps depending on size and services
- Complexity Takes time to establish and need to oversee management
- Difficult if you change your mind

# What are the alternatives to achieve your family's objectives



Embedded family office within family business



Informal arrangements with trusted advisers



Team of third-party providers such as accountants, lawyers and private banks



Multi-family offices







### Glossary

### **Family office**

The management of a family's personal affairs and nonbusiness assets

### Single family office

Family office looking after one family or small group of related families.

### **Multi-family office**

Set range of services being provided by an organisation for multiple families, usually run for a profit.

### **Embedded family office**

Staff employed by family business looking after family members and non-business assets.

### **Family constitution**

Document setting out the family's culture and values as well as establishing principles for how the family want to organise themselves, usually not legally binding

### Family assembly

Meeting of family members, usually for sharing information

### **Succession planning**

Preparing what should happen to an individual or family's wealth for future generations

### **Outsourcing**

Contracting with a supplier to provide particular service to family office e.g. tax advice or IT support.

### **Complex assets**

Real estate, yachts, planes, art work etc.





# Questions?





## Thank you



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