

## Custody Services

Custody services are an essential component of global wealth management however, too often institutions, private clients and their advisers fail to truly examine the importance of location when seeking access to the very best services for their circumstances.

If you haven't already considered using custody services from Guernsey, then you might be pleasantly surprised to learn that we have the environment, infrastructure and expertise to offer the complete solution.



## Providing the complete solution

### The environment

- Guernsey – independent from the UK and EU – has a history of political and economic stability; Standard and Poor's has assigned the Island maximum "AAA" long term and "A-1+" short term sovereign credit ratings.
- The Island is located between the UK and France, within easy reach of and good links to both the London and European markets.
- It is English speaking and uses the British pound Sterling. It is also in the same time zone as the UK so business is conducted as far and wide as both the Far East and the US in the same day.

### The providers

- Guernsey plays host to globally renowned finance houses with the knowledge and capacity to act as custodians. Many institutions hold Qualified Intermediary (QI) status and are SAS 70 accredited.
- They have access to global markets, either through their own networks or sub-custodians.
- There is flexibility to support a wide variety of structures as well as asset classes.
- Services include dealing, settlement, reporting, corporate actions and dividend collection.

- Guernsey has over the last 50 years established itself as a leading international finance centre.
- The Island has built a reputation for working to international standards; Guernsey was placed on the OECD/G20 'white list' in April 2009.
- Guernsey offers a fiscally advantageous environment, including attractive income tax provisions, no IHT and no CGT.
- There is significant infrastructure and expertise, with the Island boasting nearly 600 CISI members.

- The experience and expertise of our practitioners means that we can offer the very highest standards of service delivery. This is underpinned by a commitment to building strong and lasting relationships.
- A wide-range of services such as banking, fiduciary services and investment management and stockbroking (as well as legal and tax/accounting advisers) are also available on-Island. The breadth of our offering allows for an integrated solution that can meet the most complex client requirements.