

Guernsey Film

Guernsey offers a 'one-stop shop' solution for tackling the financial aspects of film making. Our unique environment has a wide variety of providers with significant experience and knowledge of film transactions.

Guernsey Film has been formed by a group of finance industry professionals and the Guernsey government to act as a centre of excellence for the collective infrastructure and expertise available on the Island specifically for the film industry.

It includes experts in law, banking, insurance, tax structuring, fund management, investment funds, intellectual property and information technology. Through these capabilities Guernsey can provide a full financial service to meet even the most diverse needs of film professionals from across the globe.

Providing the full service

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 with 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.
- 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 tax neutral environment, including attractive income tax provisions and no CGT.
- There is significant infrastructure and expertise across the broadest range of financial products and supporting professional services.



Infrastructure and expertise

- Guernsey has an international banking sector comprising some of the leading names globally and includes lenders offering film financing e.g. equity structuring, debt financing, loans or gap funding.
- The Island has substantial expertise to ensure appropriate vehicles are used and the most efficient structures are put in place.
- This might include the use of the cell companies which were pioneered in Guernsey and are now used globally across the financial services industry.
- Guernsey plays host to more than 50 fund managers, administrators and custodians
- The Island is also a major risk management centre – the largest captive insurance domicile in Europe, enabling the supply of bespoke products to meet the needs of film transactions.
- There is also a major wealth management sector with more than 150 licensed trust and company administrators.
- In addition, there is modern Intellectual Property (IP) legislation providing an effective environment for building film rights.
- Guernsey is also a leading telecommunications hub where cutting edge information technology offers the potential for virtual studios – allowing films to be produced from the Island.