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Our Services

Druces' International Private Wealth team advises those clients whose lives, whose assets and whose families cross international borders.

Families like these need expert advice, not only because of the international dimension to their affairs, but also because of the complexity we often encounter in their assets. Whether dealing with a family business or a fine art collection, we understand the need for discrete, pragmatic and holistic advice.

Our clients also include many Family Offices who value our specialist advice as adviser to the advisers of other wealthy international families.

In all these cases, we focus on being a partner-led firm, offering our clients cutting edge advice allied to traditional professional service.

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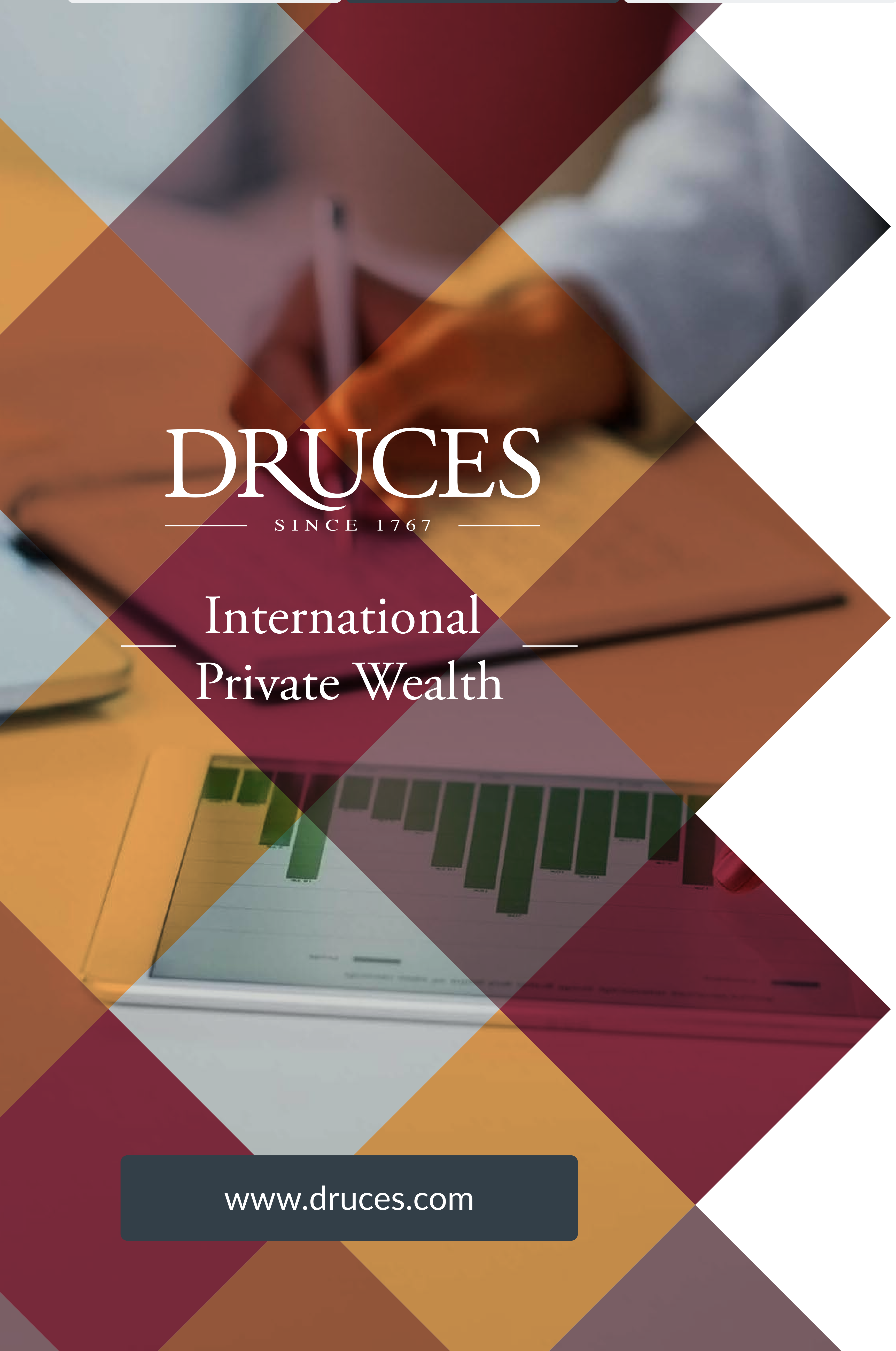

International Wealth & Fiduciary

Our international wealth and fiduciary practice focuses on advising clients on complex tax, fiduciary and estate issues, both domestic and international.

Specialisms of the team include acting for non-domiciliaries, both UK resident and non-resident; high net worth individuals and their businesses; structuring investment in the UK; optimising worldwide holding structures for tax efficiency; ensuring the safety and privacy of assets held around the world.

We advise on the creation of structures to serve family clients both now and in the future. Our expertise is truly international and our network extends across multiple jurisdictions. Working with the most highly regarded advisers we are able to co-ordinate and establish discrete solutions with integrity.

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Our experience:

- Acting for family offices, trustees, private banks, companies and individuals on wealth generation and preservation; bridging the gap between the individuals and families and the business structures that they own.
- Providing commercial advice to many significant private banks and trust companies (both institutional and independent) based around the world.
- Applying Druces' complementary expertise across the banking, corporate, dispute resolution and real estate teams to numerous family clients' quasi-commercial matters.
- Establishing a valid asset protection structure, ensuring that the 10th generation of a family established an unassailable legacy for their children.

Corporate & Commercial >

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We have a strong track record of acting for advisers to family offices on a number of investment fund issues. These include fund formations, REIT listings and transactions and advising a wide range of property and alternative investment funds. We are specialists in providing advice on asset protection and privacy.

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Our experience:

- Advising overseas and UK family offices, funds and advisers on transactions in asset classes as diverse as forestry, care homes, hotels, accommodation, commodities, FX trading and luxury property investments.
- In a typical year we advise over 100 property investment syndicates, on all matters relating to their investments, from initial purchase of investment property through a nominee company and its financing, to its subsequent management and eventual disposal.
- We pioneered property investment through syndication over 25 years ago and acted on the first ever REIT conversion to be listed on the Channel Islands Stock Exchange.

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We structure families' business affairs in the UK, advising on the most appropriate and tax efficient vehicles, according to their circumstances. We also advise families on acquisitions, disposals and mergers involving private and quoted companies and businesses, across a wide range of sectors.

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Our experience:

- Advising overseas-based family entities on creating the corporate structure to operate in the UK and advising more generally on the required infrastructure to do business in the UK.
- Working with families to create the corporate structure through which to invest in both residential and commercial property in the UK.
- Establishing family offices both in and out of the UK to represent the needs of UHNWs and their family members; advising on structuring for investment and asset protection.

Succession Planning >

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We advise families on all matters relating to succession planning, ensuring that the family continues to benefit as wealth passes from generation to generation.

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Our experience:

- Acting for UK clients on estate planning issues often involving a combination of multi-jurisdictional considerations and mixed class of assets.
- Working with overseas domiciled families on their estate planning, usually involving multi-jurisdictional considerations and a wide range of assets. We have a particular specialism advising on issues where artwork is a core estate asset.
- Advising a family head on his plan to leave multi-million pound SIPPs to beneficiaries and dealing with their associated inheritance tax planning in relation to multi-jurisdictional estates.
- Our team includes a lawyer registered with the Dubai International Financial Centre's (DIFC) Wills and Probate Registry, who regularly drafts and advises on the production of DIFC compliant wills.

Property

We advise families on all issues relating to their UK property portfolios, whether residential, commercial or purely investment property.

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Our experience:

- Advising investors in connection with the efficient acquisition and leasing of commercial buildings in the UK in order to achieve the best yields.
- Working on development projects that require the cross-disciplinary involvement of planning, construction and taxation specialists.
- Acting on the acquisition and management of operational headquarters for family offices.
- Advising on the interrelationships between properties held and/or occupied by or between the family, its commercial arms and its 'in-house' charities.

Disputes >

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We advise family members and their trustees on a wide range of disputes that arise in relation to their interests, whether personal or commercial.

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Our experience:

- Acting as the legal representative for a number of high profile individuals and their families in a wide variety of disputes. In one notable case, we successfully advised a Formula 1 driver in an arbitration against his team over his contractual entitlement to be one of the team's nominated race drivers.
- Advising on High Court cases relating to the recovery of very substantial sums, often involving multi-jurisdictional considerations.
- Acting for high profile families on a wide range of disputes relating to their commercial operations.

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Druces LLP is a City of London law firm advising businesses and private clients. Founded in 1767, the firm cherishes its heritage while embracing the highest modern standards in all that it does.

The firm operates on a four practice group model (private wealth, corporate and commercial, dispute resolution and property) but places a strong emphasis on core sectors including family offices, international private wealth, healthcare, property development and investment, banking and finance.

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