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Introduction

Stuarts Humphries (“Stuarts”) is a client-oriented legal practice offering a full range of corporate and commercial legal advice from our experienced attorneys. Our primary objective is the provision of timely, first-class legal advice and representation to our clients in connection with their commercial transactions, structures, liabilities and obligations. We have a proven track record in advising leading international law firms, investment managers, investment companies and high-net-worth individuals and offer Cayman Islands legal advice in relation in the following major practice areas:

Investment Funds

Corporate and Commercial

Capital Markets

Private Equity

Structured Finance

Banking and Asset Finance

Litigation

Insurance

Private Clients and Trusts

Commercial Real Estate

Complementary fiduciary and administrative services are available to our clients through our affiliate companies, Stuarts Corporate Services Ltd. and Southern Management Services Ltd.

Stuarts is a founding member of The Alternative Investment Management Association Limited and is a listing agent for the Cayman Islands Stock Exchange and an Intellectual Property Agent for the Cayman Islands Intellectual Property Office.

Stuarts is a company recognized under The Legal Practitioners (Incorporated Practice) Regulation 1998 (the “Regulation”) and carries on business in accordance with the Regulation.

The Cayman Islands remain a leading jurisdiction
for tax neutral institutional transactions.



Jurisdiction

The Cayman Islands is recognised as being foremost amongst the world's leading international financial centres with an unparalleled reputation in the investment fund market. The Cayman Islands Monetary Authority is the regulator of all banks, regulated mutual funds, trust companies, insurance companies, insurance managers and fund administrators licensed to conduct business in the Cayman Islands.

The judiciary of the Cayman Islands has a first class reputation for independence and excellence. Our legal system is based on the principles of English Common Law, Orders in Council and Cayman Islands Statute, which is subject to periodic revision to take into account modern developments. The Privy Council, a court made up of the most senior members of the British and Commonwealth Judiciary is situated in London, England. It is to this Court that all appeals from the Cayman Islands Court of Appeal are made.

Key Contacts



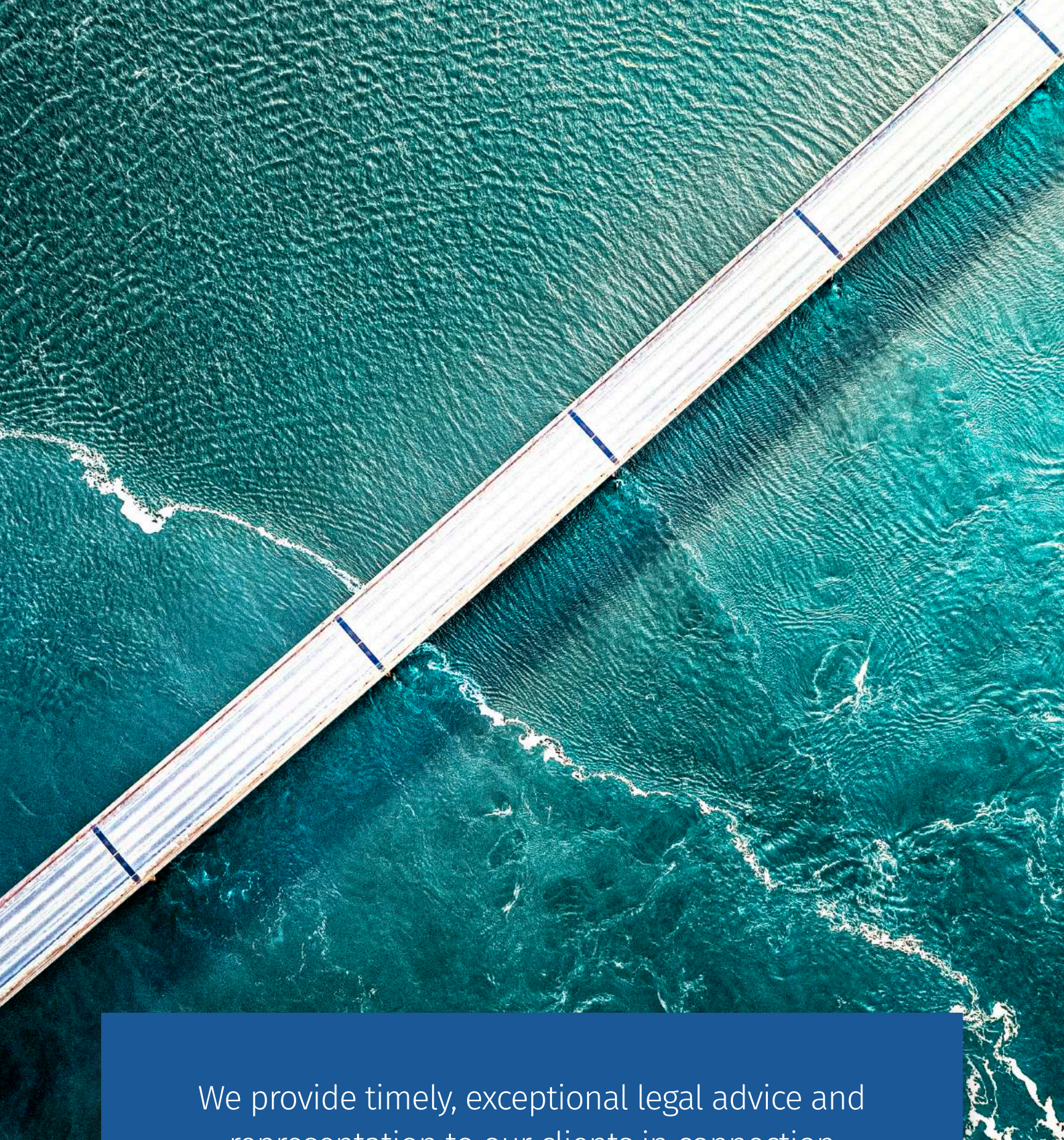
Chris Humphries
Managing Director

Chris joined Stuarts in 2004 as one of the founding directors from the London office of Kendall Freeman (now Locke Lord LLP), where he specialised in the financial services industry and regulatory related matters. As head of the specialist investment funds team at Stuarts, Chris is a recognised leader in his field and he has registered several hundred mutual funds with the Cayman Islands Monetary Authority and routinely advises on regulatory and compliance issues involving funds, investment managers and fund administrators. Chris advises on the strategic restructuring of funds, the delay in redemption payments and other redemption restrictions as well as the use of side pockets or special purpose vehicles for illiquid assets and investor communications and disputes. Chris is an experienced independent director and sits on the board of several registered funds, private equity funds and investment vehicles. Chris heads the digital, blockchain and fintech team and advises funds focusing on blockchain technology, bitcoin or other crypto-currency strategies.



Andrew Hersant
Of Counsel

Andrew specialises in corporate and commercial matters, offshore investment funds, private equity structures, offshore capital market transactions and regulatory matters. Andrew is one of the leading legal counsels in the Cayman Islands for advising hedge funds, private equity funds, other investment funds and large institutions on corporate finance matters. His clients include large institutions, fund managers, investment funds and investment banks. He is also regularly engaged by other participants and professional advisers, in particular, onshore counsel on a variety of transactions involving investment funds and corporate finance. His practice also includes the US, Europe, Asia and the Middle East.



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Practice Areas

Investment Funds

Stuarts has brought together an experienced team of attorneys able to advise on the establishment of investment funds and other private equity vehicles. Our attorneys have considerable experience in working with investment managers, onshore counsel and fund administrators thereby providing a unique perspective allowing for valuable structural insights into the establishment and operation of investment funds. We specialise in establishing fund structures (company, partnership or unit trust), the preparation of offering documents, the registration of investment funds with the Cayman Islands Monetary Authority, in addition to the preparation and negotiation of contractual documents.

Corporate and Commercial

The corporate and commercial team at Stuarts has a wide range of experience in the establishment of all forms of corporate, partnership and trust vehicles available in the Cayman Islands.

Capital Markets

Our lawyers are experienced in advising in relation to financial structuring using a broad range of debt, equity and structured products including securitisations, aircraft financing, collateralised debt obligations, commercial paper and note programs.

Private Equity

Stuarts advises on all aspects of offshore private equity transactions in addition to fund formation, the formation of alternative investment vehicles, international leveraged buy outs and equity financing where the structure involves offshore jurisdictional advice. We assist in the implementation of IPOs, company sales or mergers and recapitalisation and advise on structuring, secured lending and due diligence.

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Structured Finance

Our attorneys act as Cayman Counsel to private-equity lenders and multilateral lending institutions including the IFC, in connection with a wide variety of capital projects throughout the world, such as electricity generating plants, oil fields and other infrastructure projects and privatisation across South America, Latin America, Asia and Europe.

Banking and Asset Finance

The banking and asset finance team acts for the world's leading banks, financial institutions and businesses. In addition to deals involving international institutions, Stuarts advises on and structure many of the Cayman Islands' biggest financial transactions. The team offers our clients a wide range of services in relation to numerous forms of financing transactions. We have extensive experience in advising on syndicated letter of credit facilities in support of insurance/reinsurance, capital market liability and on-shore lending secured by a portfolio of securities offshore with or without custodial obligations and trade finance e.g. ISDA agreements.

Private Client and Trusts

We provide advice to many trust companies in the Cayman Islands on trust and related private client matters. We also advise on the establishment of private trusts for high-net-worth individuals for estate planning purposes and in relation to commercial trust structures within complex cross border financial transactions.

Litigation

We provide comprehensive advice and representation in the courts of the Cayman Islands at every level and on all aspects of commercial, regulatory and criminal law. Our inter-disciplinary team approach enables us to provide effective representation throughout the litigation and dispute resolution process including advising directors, partners and trustees on their obligations and potential liabilities and as to rights and remedies, advising on the enforceability of judgments and arbitral awards, asset tracing, protection and interlocutory applications for restraint orders, individual bankruptcy and corporate insolvency, regulatory actions and requests for assistance under mutual legal assistance treaties and memoranda of understanding, banking and contractual disputes, fraud and breach of fiduciary duty claims and insurance and professional indemnity claims.

Insurance

Stuarts has an experienced team of insurance lawyers who offer in-depth market knowledge in relation to the insurance market. We assist in all aspects of establishment, licensing, structuring, regulation and operation of insurance companies and captives. We work closely with leading Cayman Island insurance managers and advise Cayman-based insurers on every aspect of their business including compliance and review of policies and advise both private and listed companies in relation to: alternative risk transactions, captive incorporations, captive and rent-a-captive programmes, catastrophe bonds, insurance and reinsurance policy wording, mergers and acquisitions, mutual insurance companies, policy and contract review, re-domiciliations, regulatory compliance, segregated portfolio companies, and the listing of insurance companies.



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