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At Bolder Group we specialize in 4 areas of operation:

I) Private

- Company Formation & Management Services
- Estate & Multigenerational Planning
- Family Office Services
- Philanthropic strategies
- Governance Solutions
- Financial Accounting & Reporting

II) Corporate

- Company & SPV Structuring
- Business Support & Market Entry
- Corporate & Secretarial Services
- Financial Accounting & Reporting



At Bolder Group we specialize in 4 areas of operation:

III) Funds

- Hedge Funds
- Private Equity / Venture Capital Funds
- Cryptocurrency Funds
- Real Estate Funds
- Fund of Funds
- Managed Accounts

IV) Governance

- AML: Outsourced KYC Compliance
- AMLCO MLRO DMLRO Services
- Automatic Exchange of Information
- Directorship & Office Services
- Regulatory Services



COMMONLY USED STRUCTURES

- BVI Business Company
- Investment Funds
- Trusts

BVI BUSINESS COMPANY

The most common type of company in the BVI is a BVI Business Company and these can be limited by shares or guarantee, or unlimited, and are commonly referred to as BCs.

BVI BC MAIN CHARACTERISTICS

- 1 Director
- 1 Member
- Financial Records
- No Audited Financial Statements

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INVESTMENT FUNDS

The following legal structures are available for BVI Investment Funds:

- BVI Business Company
- Segregated Portfolio Company
- Limited Partnership
- Unit Trust

TYPES OF BVI INVESTMENT FUNDS

Incubator Fund

- Maximum 20 investors
- Minimum initial investment \$20,000
- Not exceed \$20 million AUM
- Limited to 2 years with a possible extension of another 12 months. Must then convert or terminate

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TYPES OF BVI INVESTMENT FUNDS

Approved Fund

- Maximum 20 investors
- Not exceed \$100 million AUM
- Must appoint an Administrator

TYPES OF BVI INVESTMENT FUNDS

Private Fund

- No minimum initial investment amount
- Limited to 50 investors or must be offered on a private basis
- Classified as a Mutual Fund and benefits from being recognised by the BVI FSC

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TYPES OF BVI INVESTMENT FUNDS

Professional Fund

- \$100,000 minimum initial investment
- Aimed at professional investors or investors who are HNWI
- Classified as a Mutual Fund and benefits from being recognised by the BVI FSC

TYPES OF BVI INVESTMENT FUNDS

Public Fund

- No minimum investment requirement
- Aimed at retail investors
- Extensive regulation and oversight by the BVI Financial Services Commission

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TRUSTS

Main uses of BVI Trusts

- Will substitute and avoidance of probate
- Ease of administration of family wealth
- Tax planning
- Business and Family succession planning
- Testamentary freedom for those subject to forced heirship principles
- Philanthropy and other non-charitable purposes
- Asset Protection

TRUSTS

VISTA Trust

Allows the shareholder to establish a BVI Trust over the a BVI Company which disengages the Trustee from administrative and managerial responsibility in relation to that BVI Company

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TRUSTS

Private Trust Company ("PTC")

A PTC is a company incorporated with its main function being to act as the Trustee of a specific trust or a number of related trusts.



COMMONLY USED STRUCTURES

- Investment Funds
- Limited Partnership
- Limited Liability Company
- Foundation
- Trusts



INVESTMENT FUNDS

Unregulated Fund (Section 4(4))

- Limited to 15 investors which must have the right to elect and/or remove the operator of the Fund
- Must appoint an AMLCO, MLRO and DMLRO





INVESTMENT FUNDS

Registered Fund (Section 4(3))

- Minimum investment requirement of \$100,000
- Must appoint an AMLCO, MLRO and DMLRO
- Local audit requirement
- 2 Directors (individuals) registered with CIMA





COMMONLY USED STRUCTURES

- Limited Liability Company (LLC)
- Company with limited liability (Ltd., Inc.)
- Trusts
- Captive Insurance





TRUSTS

Asset Protection Trusts ("APT")

To qualify the following criteria must be met:

- Must be at least 1 trustee, which can be a Nevis company, or trust company
- Settlor and beneficiaries must be non-residents of Nevis
- Trust property must not include land in Nevis





TRUSTS

Highlights of the APT

- Can't be declared void by reason of any forced heirship rules
- Foreign judgements are not enforceable in Nevis
- Creditor must prove, beyond reasonable doubt, that Trust was established with the intent to defraud him
- Action to set aside the Trust must be done within 2 years of the date the trust was settled
- Creditor must deposit \$25K before bringing action against the trust
- Protector is mandatory





CAPTIVE INSURANCE

- No requirement local directors
- No requirement for local board meetings
- No local legal counsel
- No local bank requirement
- No local signatory
- 2 Directors (must be individuals)





COMMONLY USED STRUCTURES

- Company with limited liability (BV)
- Coop
- Fonds voor Gemene Rekening (FGR, mainly used for investment funds)





BV (mainly used as a Holdco)

Main Characteristics

- Practically no minimum capital is required
- Different types of shares allowed. Shares with no rights to profit or liquidation proceeds must always have voting rights
- Shares cannot be listed on a stock exchange
- Annual AGM





Main Reasons to establish a Dutch Holdco

- Participation exemption (no double taxation, as subsidiary has been taxed)
- Absence of capital tax
- Shares cannot be listed on a stock exchange
- Extensive network of some 100 tax treaties and use of EU Parent-Subsidiary Directive
- Low dividend WHT rates on in/out bound dividend payments (EU and/or tax treaty countries)
- Tax treaties with Dutch Antilles





COMMONLY USED STRUCTURES

- Singapore Company (limited by shares, by guarantee or unlimited company)
- Limited Liability Partnership
- Singapore Variable Capital Company (S-VACC), relatively new for asset management





Singapore Company

Main Characteristics

- May be public or private, with limited or unlimited liability
- One director who must be ordinarily resident in Singapore
- At least one shareholder (individual or corporation). 100% foreign ownership is allowed
- Need to appoint a secretary
- Audited is required (exceptions: turnover less than S\$5 million; less than 20 individual members or has not commenced business
- AGM must be held





Singapore Company

<u>Benefits</u>

- More than 60 double taxation treaties
- No capital gains tax and income is assessed on a territorial and remittance basis
- Foreign source income is not taxed it not remitted to Singapore which allows for low tax jurisdictions to be incorporated into the structure
- Corporation tax is a flat 17% and may be reduced to nearer 10-15% based on trading incentives





Singapore LLP

Main Characteristics

- Must have a minimum of two partners and there is no limit on the number of partners that an LLP may have
- Partners can either be individuals or corporations
- Must have registered address in Singapore
- Must have at least one Manager who is a natural person and ordinarily resident in Singapore. The Manager does not need to be a partner of the LLP
- Has separate legal personality
- Must keep accounting records, but not file them