

Guernsey Intellectual Property Holding Companies

At the crossroads of finance, tax and accounting, our clients count on us to look out for their best interests. To develop and deliver the most relevant solutions to suit your particular goals, we work together with the finest lawyers and financial experts. With our roots in banking and a large international network, we have the global reach and local knowledge to help you succeed. That's why we're still a leading player in Trust and Corporate Services, after more than 50 years.

Background/basic description

Intellectual property is a vital business asset that needs proper management.

Until recently, the term "Intellectual Property" ("IP") rarely occurred in the vocabulary of most business leaders. Intellectual property was viewed from a legalistic point of view: the focus was on protecting trademarks, patents, copyrights and other intangible assets. Today, however, there is a growing tendency among companies to regard these rights as strategic assets and important weapons in the battle to win customers. IP is a vital business asset that needs proper management. Careful management, legal protection, tax planning and financial exploitation of IP are becoming increasingly important. An objective of an efficient IP holding structure will be to ensure that, where possible, ownership of the IP resides in a low or nil tax jurisdiction.

Benefits

The benefits of establishing an IP Holding company in Guernsey are:

- ▶ Guernsey has introduced modern, flexible and innovative Intellectual Property Legislation which complies with the highest International standards.
- ▶ The Guernsey Intellectual Property office will receive IP registrations or re-registrations including a first registration of trademarks.
- ▶ Royalties received can be accumulated in a tax efficient environment.
- ▶ IP assets can be sold without being subject to any Capital Gains Tax.
- ▶ Guernsey offers political and constitutional stability and a mature, well regulated financial centre.
- ▶ The world's leading financial service providers are represented in the island providing banking, custodial, legal and accounting and administration services.

Services provided

Intertrust in Guernsey is licensed by the Guernsey Financial Services Commission to provide administration services to IP Holding Companies. An experienced team of professionals provide a quality service tailored to the specific needs of each client, including:

- ▶ Working with legal advisors
- ▶ Provision of directors
- ▶ Secretarial services
- ▶ Full administration services
- ▶ Accountancy and reporting

As well as assisting clients by ensuring there is adequate protection and maximum value in Intellectual Property, we can minimise withholding taxes payable on royalties receivable by liaising with our international colleagues.


Related/additional services

- ▶ Specialist taxation services encompassing a full range of Guernsey, UK and International Tax Planning and Tax Compliance Services
- ▶ Trust and company formation and administration services
- ▶ Fund Administration.

The next step

We are confident that Intertrust in Guernsey can deliver the fiduciary and taxation services you need and would encourage you to make contact. You will want to get to know us. We need to get to know you.

Our clients come from every corner of the globe. Different countries, different cultures. Just like us. We have more than 1,000 professionals in more than 20 countries worldwide. So we have the local knowledge and sensitivity to see things from your point of view.

 Setting the standard since 1952

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