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INTERNATIONAL WEALTH

The wealthy need to plan for a variety of challenges – tax, marital difficulties, business and economic risks, succession and trust disputes. At Manches we ensure that our clients have access to the best possible expertise.

Our understanding of international tax and trust law, our proven experience in dealing with cross border disputes and corporate transactions, together with our huge expertise in the fields of international divorce and relocation, allows us to service the needs of clients operating in an international context, be they individuals, family offices or institutional clients such as trust companies or private banks.

We have particular experience of acting for clients with interests in Russia and the CIS and work with a number of leading Moscow and Kyiv legal firms on an ongoing basis.

We work closely with other legal firms who specialise in wealth protection in numerous jurisdictions including Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands, the Channel Islands, Cyprus, Dubai, Hong Kong, Gibraltar, Luxembourg, Monaco and Switzerland.

Matrimonial considerations in wealth protection

International prenuptial agreements and matrimonial or cohabitation agreements are often a neglected area of estate and wealth planning. Whilst relocating individuals, entrepreneurs and their families can devote a significant amount of time and resources towards the protection of their wealth, in many jurisdictions, including England, it can be decimated by divorce and relationship breakdown. We advise on:

- International prenuptial/ marital agreements
- International family law choice of forum for divorce choice of habitual residence/applicable law
- The financial consequences of marital relationship failure in various jurisdictions
- The consequences of international relocation including potential exposure in the event of divorce/relationship failure
- International enforcement of English orders

Private client

Manches' private client team provides clear and pragmatic advice to high net worth individuals, successful international entrepreneurs, family offices, professional Trustees and charities in connection with all aspects of wealth management. We advise on:

- International trust and tax advice
- The setting up of international trust structures for the protection and devolution of family assets
- The fiscal implications of international relocation – with the increasing movement of individuals around the world, there is a real need for an in depth understanding of cross border related tax issues, particularly in the realm of estate planning
- International trust litigation and asset tracing
- Trust and succession disputes

Private property

Our Private Property team offers a personal and discreet service to private individuals, property investors and family offices on all aspects of property acquisitions and disposals, particularly those in prime Central London.

We provide a partner led service which is both personal and proactive. We understand the demands on the super prime market and are able to meet very tight deadlines for exchange.

We can help with:

- Real estate investment
- Portfolio acquisition
- Disposal, sale and leaseback
- Direct investing
- Forward funding
- Limited partnerships/ real estate funds
- Landlord and Tenant
- Advising on relocations and lettings for clients in all sectors and property management matters
- Tax/structuring, stamp duty and land tax
- VAT planning
- Capital allowances

Litigation and disputes

The nature of the modern management of wealth means that it is frequently controlled through multiple jurisdictions and often makes use of offshore financial centres. When that wealth is under attack, as a result of matrimonial or other private actions or in commercial disputes, the result is usually complex international litigation. We specialise in the issues that arise from this including:

- The conduct and supervision of international litigation
- Choice of jurisdiction
- Orders seeking to preserve assets and obtain
- Disclosure of assets
- Tracing of assets
- The enforcement of European and other foreign judgments in the UK and UK judgments in Europe (including European Enforcement Orders or EEOs) and around the world

Corporate commercial

Our corporate team focuses on working for a wide range of entrepreneurial businesses, both listed and unlisted. We have considerable experience of assisting clients with complex cross border transactions and enjoy a close working relationship with correspondent law firms worldwide. We advise on:

- Corporate advice for relocating clients
- Cross border transactions
- Advising on the restructure of private equity investments and investment terms
- Corporate tax for UK vehicles
- Duties and responsibilities of directors of UK companies
- Setting up and carrying on business in the UK
- Employment issues
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"If you need a big team to deal with the complexity that large assets bring, then Manches would be a fine choice."

Chambers 2008

"A wealth of experience and an unrivalled pedigree...one of London's Rolls-Royce family practices. Everything it handles, it handles exceptionally well."

Chambers & Partners 2009

"An excellent depth of knowledge and an ability to deliver on our expectations."

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Manches is a leading commercial and private client law firm in London, Oxford and Reading.

In addition to having one of the country's leading family law departments, we provide a full range of legal services including corporate finance, employment, litigation and arbitration and commercial matters generally.

The firm has a focus on specialist areas including international wealth protection, real estate, public sector, technology and retail.

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