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# Your Family Office

by BearBull Global Investments Group

OUR PASSION

To Protect and Grow Your Legacy

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"Our Logo, the Bear and the Bull, is an illustration of our values and decades long track record in taking full advantage of Bull Markets whilst always endeavoring in preserving our clients' capital in Bear markets."

Ahmad Saidali

CEO

BearBull Global Investments Group



WINNER Multi-Family Office (MFO)

**Bearbull Global Investments Group Limited** 







### Why setup Your Family Office?



#### Family businesses are the very foundation of Middle East economies

diversified businesses



ME family businesses are entrepreneurial and over the years have created massive,

Over **80%** of the businesses in the ME are either family owned or controlled – contributing around **70%** to the region's GDP and employing 80% of the workforce



Most of the family businesses are in their **2nd** generation and a significant number will undergo a generational shift in the **next 5-10 years** 

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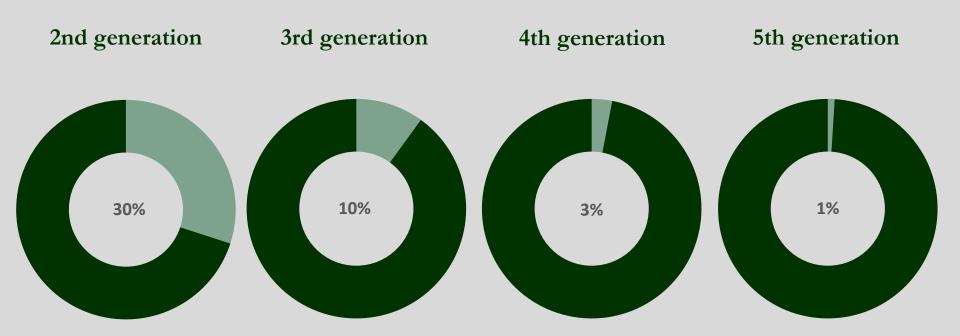
A number of Middle East families are going through **family feuds** although respect for the older generation has, to some extent, protected these families



Only a small percentage of family businesses survive beyond the 3<sup>rd</sup> generation – continuity is, therefore, a major concern



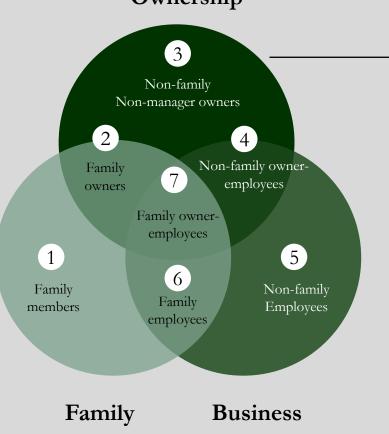
"He who fails to plan is planning to fail" - Sir Winston Churchill



The greatest threats to family business continuity are family conflicts and succession planning



#### Family business ecosystem: Three-circle model of the family business system



#### Ownership

Each of the **seven interest groups** identified by the Model has its **own viewpoints, goals, concerns, and dynamics** 

The Model reminds that the **views of each of the stakeholders are legitimate** and deserve to be respected and integrated in order to set future direction for the family system

#### Family Business Stakeholders

- 1. Family members not involved in the business
- 2. Family owners not employed in the business
- 3. Non-Family owners who do not work in the business
- 4. Non-Family owners who work in the business
- 5. Non-Family employees
- 6. Family members who work in the business but are not owners
- 7. Family owners who work in the business



#### Causes of conflicts in a family business

#### Core issues causing tensions / conflict in a family business

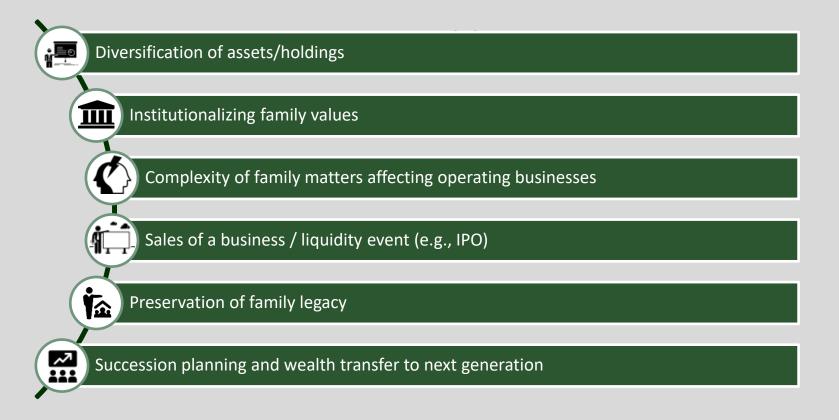
Decisions about the future strategy and vision.	Family members actively involved in the business not consulting the wider family on key issues.						
Decisions around who can and cannot work in the business.	Deciding between reinvestment of profits and dividends.						
Family representation on the Board.	The role 'in-laws' should or should not play in the family business.						
Performance of family members actively involved in business.	Family shareholders exit and basis of valuation.						
Setting remuneration for family members involved in the business.	Relationship between family members from different branches.						
Impact on Family's Wealth							
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#### Why to set up a Single-Family Office?

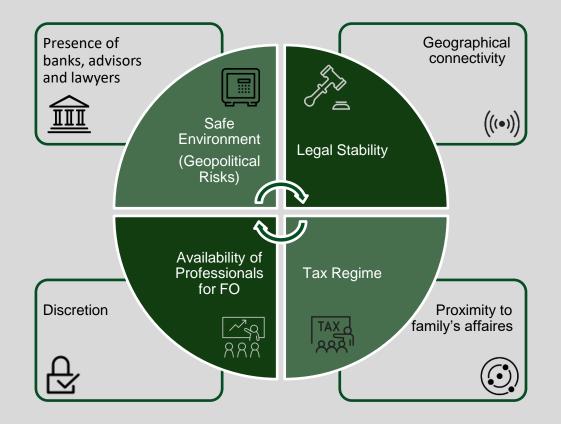
Main reasons triggering the setting up a Single-Family Office:

- 1. To professionalize the way the family's overall wealth is managed and protected
- 2. Ensuring a smooth **Intergenerational transfer** of wealth and **reducing intrafamily dispute**, especially as complexity increases from one generation to the next.





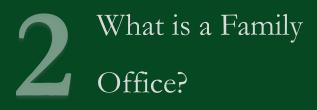
Key Considerations in deciding Where to set up your Family Office



Since of most of the services provided by the Family Office are personal and confidential in nature, the geographic proximity with the family members is obviously paramount.









Family offices structures are increasingly gaining in popularity amongst entrepreneurial families in the Middle-East

A Family office can be compared to a commercial enterprise, but a very special one, as its only clients and members are members of one single-family



The **Assets** Under Management are the **family's own wealth** often accumulated over generations

The Family Office's activities are determined by a menu of services that is bespoke to each single-family office



In general a Family Office does not own assets directly, and rather act as a management or advisory company.



#### What is the purpose of the Family Office?

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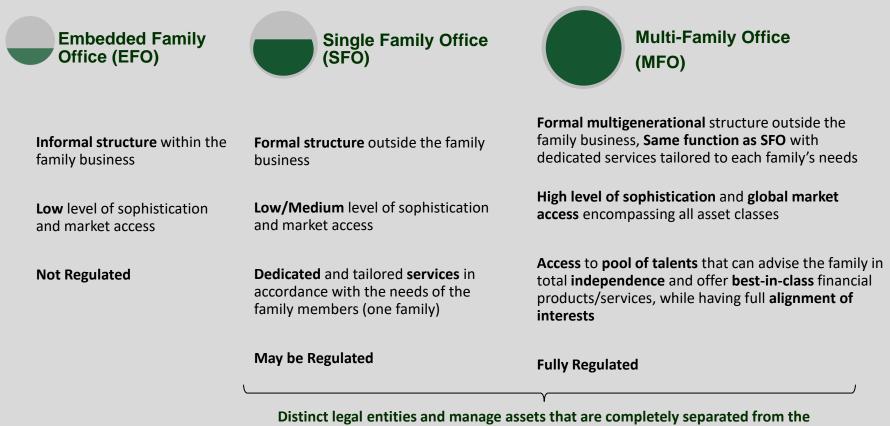
The sole **function** of a Family Office is to centralize the management of a significant family fortune.

The **purpose** of the family office is to effectively consolidated, manage and transfer established wealth over generations, with the highest level of care and professionalism.





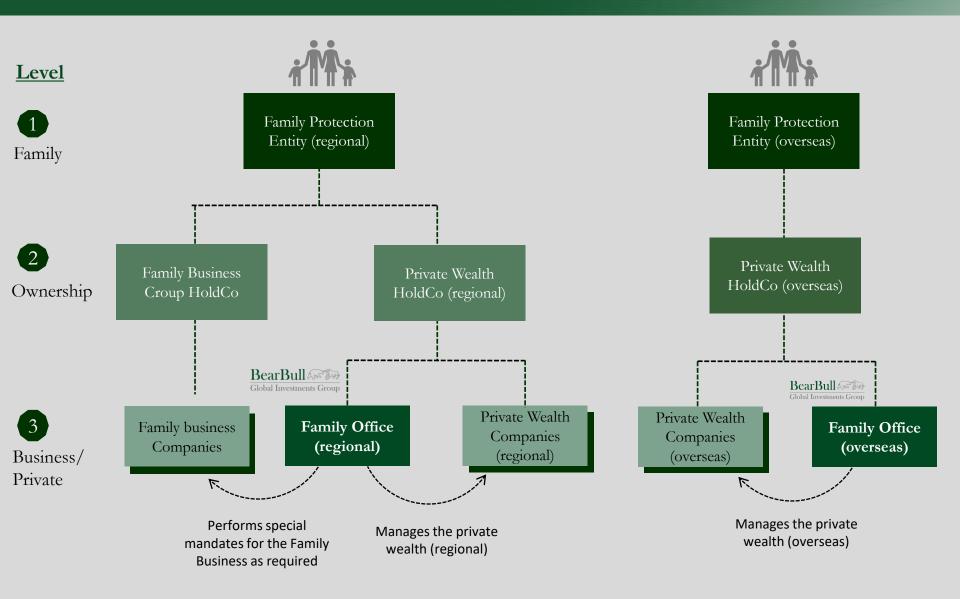
A Family Office can be defined as a pool of resources dedicated to manage the family's affairs.



the family business

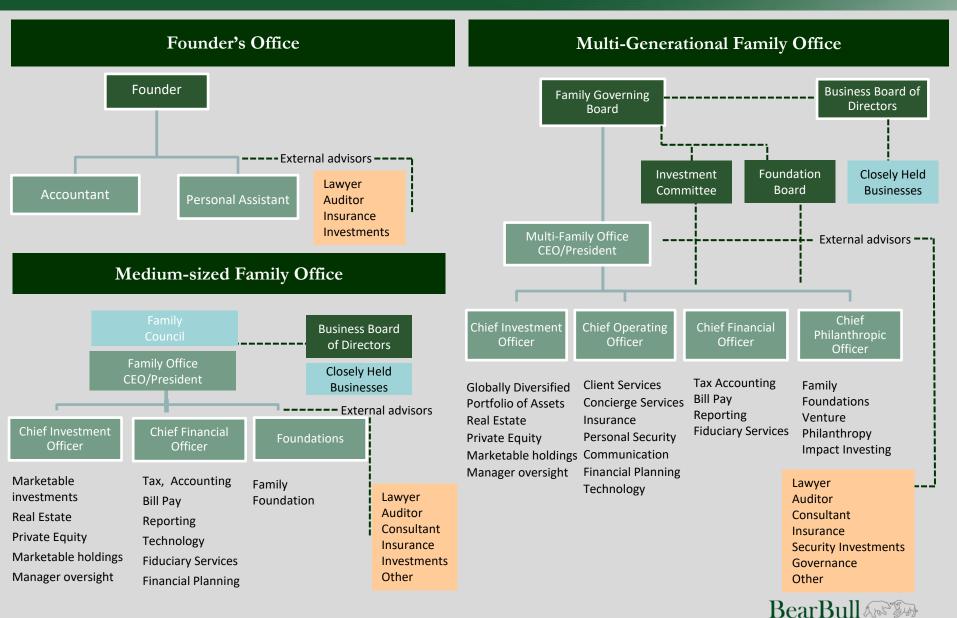


#### Leading practice for the global wealth structure





#### Possible Family Office Structures



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A titanic shift is taking place within GCC families in terms of professional structuring of assets and legacy planning

#### Raising Awareness among Families



Families in the Middle East are increasingly educating themselves about legacy planning and family office set-ups with a fundamental shift on part of families towards a better planning of inter-generational transfer of wealth and legacy

## 200 Foundation/Trusts incorporated in 2021



More than 200 Foundations, or families, have decided thus far this year to shift from the old-school inefficient structures to modern fiduciary structures such as Trusts and Foundations under the DIFC and/or ADGM jurisdictions that are meant to last over generations

#### 85% are GCC Families 50% are Muslim



85% of these families are GCC residents, with more than a 1/3 of them being GCC nationals whereby 50% of them are Muslim. These family understand the need to protect and grow their assets over generations and the paramount importance of legacy planning and asset structuring.





# BearBull Family OfficeService Offering



"The purpose of **BearBull Family** Office services is to simplify our client's life by **giving them back time** to pursue their passions while ensuring that their **assets and legacy** are professionally structured, **managed** with the highest level of **professionalism** and **integrity**, and passed on to the **future generations**"

Alain Freymond Chairman BearBull Global Investments Group



"Every Moment is precious to those who know the Value of Time"

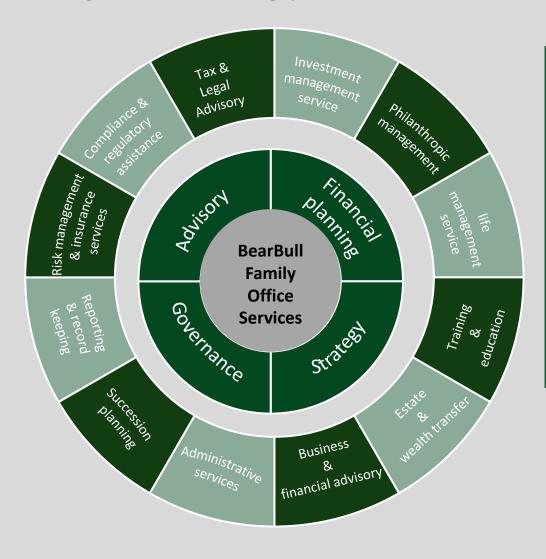


#### Your BearBull Family Office Services

#### Bearbull Family Office leading practices - Offering you a bespoke menu of services

**Every Family Office is unique** and will have its own customized set of service offering.

No family office is exhibiting every one of the services



It is essential to understand the **objective of the family office** (i.e. a simple investment vehicle or an allencompassing entity to centralize the family's assets)



#### Each Family Office is Unique since Your Family is Unique

Strategy			Governance			Advisory			Financial Planning		
Business & Financial Advisory	Estate & Wealth Transfer	Training & Education	Reporting & Record- keeping	Succession Planning	Admin Services	Tax & Legal	Compliance & Regulatory	Risk Mgmt. & Insurance	Life Mgmt. & Budgeting	Philanthropy	Investment Management
Oversee family businesses	Create estate plans	Create education plans for each member	Periodic report packages	Family Meetings	FO/home/ mobile technology support	Legal advice	Tax return prep	Property & Casualty insurance	Pay bills for family members	Administer family foundation	Analyse market outlook
Operate family businesses	Implement & monitor estate plans	Organize or conduct training sessions	Fund Accounting	Family Communic ation	Travel Planning & services	Contracts, litigation, etc.	Legal entity structure	Life insurance	Manage shared properties	Research potential donees	Create IPS/asset allocation by entity
Manage investment real estate	Serve as trustee or co-trustee	Training on being trustee or beneficiary	Partner- ship Accounting	Business Succession Planning	Event / party planning	Tax planning	Produce entity financial statements	Personal safety	Personal financial planning/ budgeting	Select & pay recipients	Investment due diligence
Run family bank	Integrated financial planning	Setting goals	Maintain GL by entity	Family Office Succession Planning	Help buy car/house /boat/etc.	Coordinate among advisors	HR services for household staff	Data safety	Find/hire household staff & support	Tax & financial reporting	Monitor risk & performance

Family Office

Operating Business

Family does on own

Outsourced

Not offered/not needed



#### What are the 'key' services that Your BearBull family office can provide?



#### Consolidation of Assets and Supervision, monitoring

- Consolidation and periodic update and review of the overall wealth (financial and non )
- Re-alignment of exposures vs. agreed global asset allocation strategy



#### Global Wealth Advisory

- Implementation of dynamic global investment strategies and periodic realignments by asset class and geographies
- Optimisation of risk/ performance profile



#### Management of the Wealth Transfer to future Generation

 Identification and sharing of the principal elements for the successful management of the succession (family vs corporate; target system of governance; etc.) %

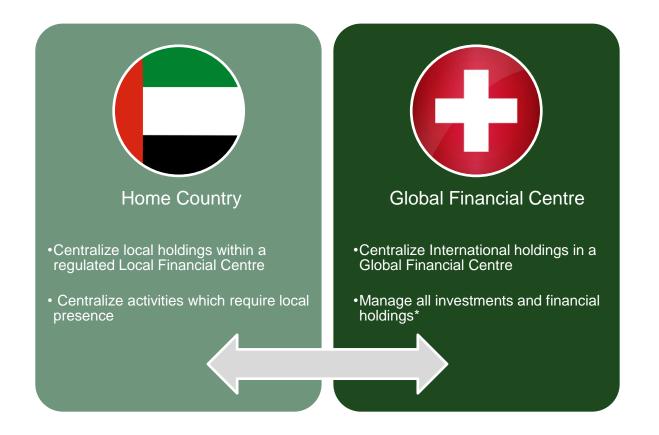
#### Legal and Tax Optimization

- Tax Optimization and check-up
   on
- 'Second opinion'



#### Multi-Jurisdiction Family Office Structures

Most of the services provided by Family Offices are personal in nature and require the **geographical proximity** with the family members. However, for families with **international business interests**, one jurisdiction may now suffice –those families increasingly chose and set-up their **family office within two jurisdictions**:



\*Other global jurisdictions of note include Singapore, United Kingdom (Jersey) and USA



#### Successfully minimize conflict and grow your assets over Generations

#### By setting-up Your Family Office through BearBull Global Investments Group







## A Unique platform for Your Family Office



#### Pioneers Founded BearBull Group – We Continue to Serve Pioneers











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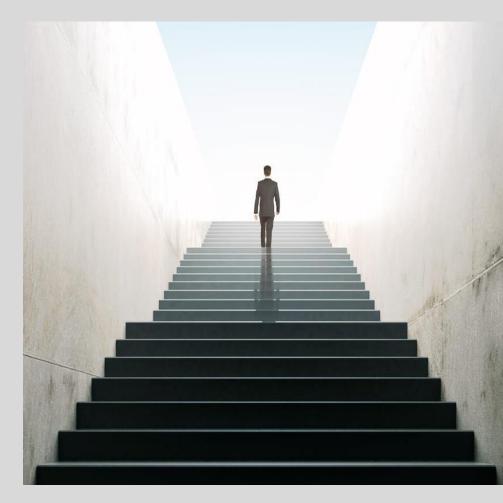


#### A firm founded by Pioneers

The Executive Team of BearBull Group have been privileged to support our **institutional and family office** clients **since 1985** by bringing together a team of world-class professionals to offer a range of skills and **capabilities rarely found** in one firm.

BearBull Group's executive team is among the **pioneers** in the **institutional asset management field in Switzerland** and has been advising some of the largest **pension funds** and institutional clients both in the **Middle East** and in **Switzerland** since 1985.

Acting as a **full-service Multi-Family** Office, or in conjunction with other trusted advisers, we are able to draw on **decades of practical experience** helping entrepreneurial clients address the challenges of creating and preserving wealth. **Independently owned** by management with patient capital philosophy, our goals are resolutely **long-term oriented** and precisely aligned with those of our esteemed clients.





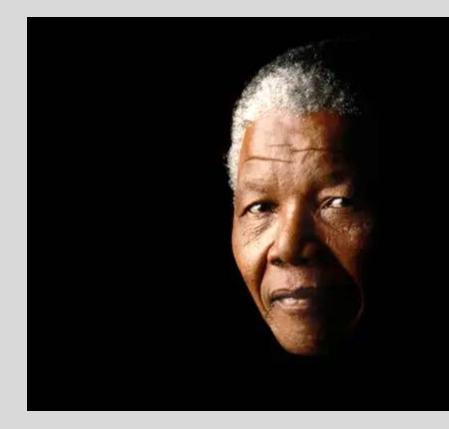
#### **To Serve Pioneers**

Today we are proud to work with leading **international families**, both in the **Middle East and in Switzerland**, and draw inspiration from our clients who have created successful businesses by constantly keeping pace with ever **changing customer needs**.

Our vision is to serve our client's needs by offering them an exceptional range of services that go far **beyond conventional asset management**.

We aim to **add substantial value** across the full spectrum of family wealth, from long-term strategic planning and investment advisory to daily advice, administration and operational support.

"We help successful pioneering families manage their wealth and protect their legacy for this generation and those to come"





#### We Believe in Team-Work

We pride ourselves in our **aptitude to think like our clients** and their families, and on our ability to **connect with multiple generations**.

In an era of micro-specialism, our goal is to see the **wider view from a family perspective**, before defining where specific expertise is best deployed.

At BearBull Group, as a team we believe in harnessing the **power** of teamwork, focused entirely to **preserve and protect** your family's wealth and legacy. Our strong bond as a team helps all team's combined expertise to work seamlessly, responding to our client's needs with total efficiency.

Our objective is to become your family's **"Trusted Adviser**" and act for the best interest of your family by encouraging the family to act as wone and by helping to establish clear family governance and aligning everyone to a **clear set of objectives**.





#### We Thrive for Excellence

As **trusted adviser** to some of the region's most successful families, we understand how much our clients depend on excellence. The consequences of mediocrity can be dire and far reaching when dealing with intergenerational wealth.

To us excellence means more than excelling at what we do. It means ensuring our clients are **thoroughly guided** and receive the services and products that are best for them. We have the same demand for excellence from those we partner with to assist our esteemed clients.

We have consequently developed an **extensive network** of fellow professionals from around the world, covering multiple disciplines to work alongside our clients and their existing advisers.

Our objective is to fully understand each client's which and desires and provide **in-house expertise** and/or rely on services of our trusted partners while making sure that our clients can always rely on receiving exceptional and **tailor-made services**. Our Services have been designed to address the needs of successful entrepreneurial families with **two clear objectives**:



The Successful Protection of Family Wealth

and,

The Successful Management of Family Assets









#### A Unique Profile in the Middle East

A Unique Profile in the	Institutional	Independent	Competence &	
Middle East	Expertise	Advisory	Trust	
<ul> <li>Fully regulated by the Dubai Financial Services Authority (DFSA)</li> <li>The only firm to provide Swiss institutional approach to HNW/UHNW clients</li> <li>Superior global MFO services based on 40+ years of institutional expertise</li> <li>Skills optimisation and large network of experts</li> <li>Centralised account set-up</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>A comprehensive and global approach to assets and investments</li> <li>Our aim: Performance of your financial assets and capital preservation</li> <li>Efficient structure and absence of conflict of interest</li> <li>Genuine independence at the service of your legacy</li> <li>Superior performance and risk management capabilities</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>No conflict of interest, our independence is key in best serving your ambitions</li> <li>A dedicated team of multidisciplinary professionals at your service</li> <li>Skills and knowledge transfer</li> <li>Proactive management of opportunities and risks</li> <li>Financial objectivity and customised reports</li> <li>Dialogue and assignment of roles</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Uncompromising financial product selection process</li> <li>Superior product selection and risk management techniques based on the optimization of competencies</li> <li>Competence, trust and management of conflicts of interest</li> <li>A flexible partnership and scalable solutions</li> <li>Highest standards of professionalism and integrity</li> <li>Tailor-made concierge &amp; lifestyle services</li> </ul>	



#### BearBull Group Value Proposition - What we do?

#### Our value proposition

Deep knowledge of family enterprise wealth structuring and governance



Global Family Business Center of Excellence

Collaborative approach ensure building of your capabilities

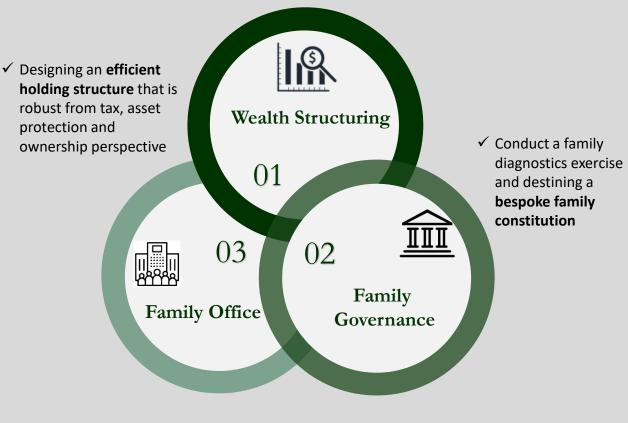




Multidisciplinary team with the 30+ years of relevant experience

Delivery excellence to achieve your objectives on time

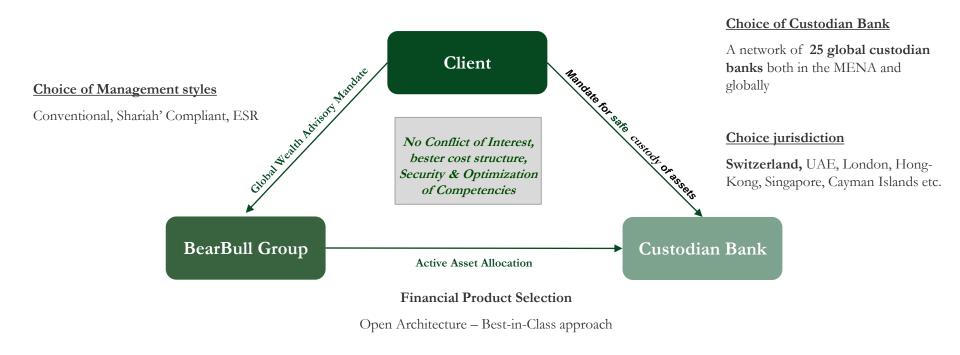




 Determining the requirements of the Family Office from a functionality perspective, designing an internal structure that incorporates governance, risk controls and efficiency.



#### **Open Architecture – Endless opportunities**

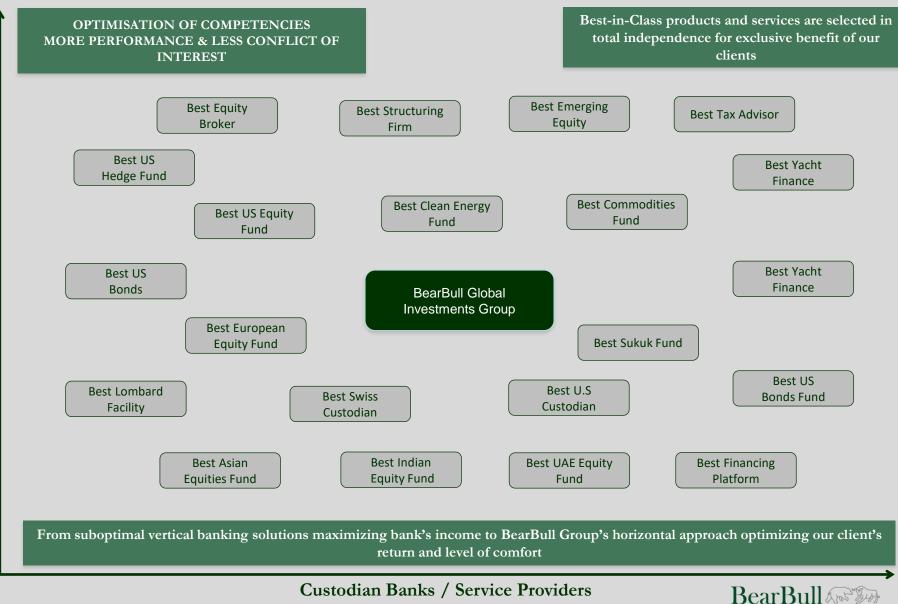


Large Global Custody Network





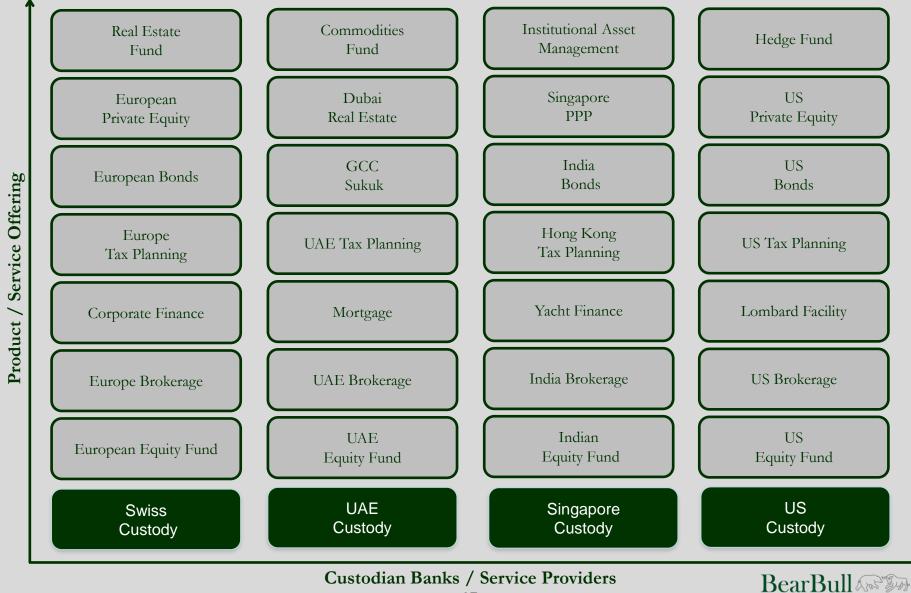
#### The Result: A better way of organizing Private Banking services



Custodian Banks / Service Providers

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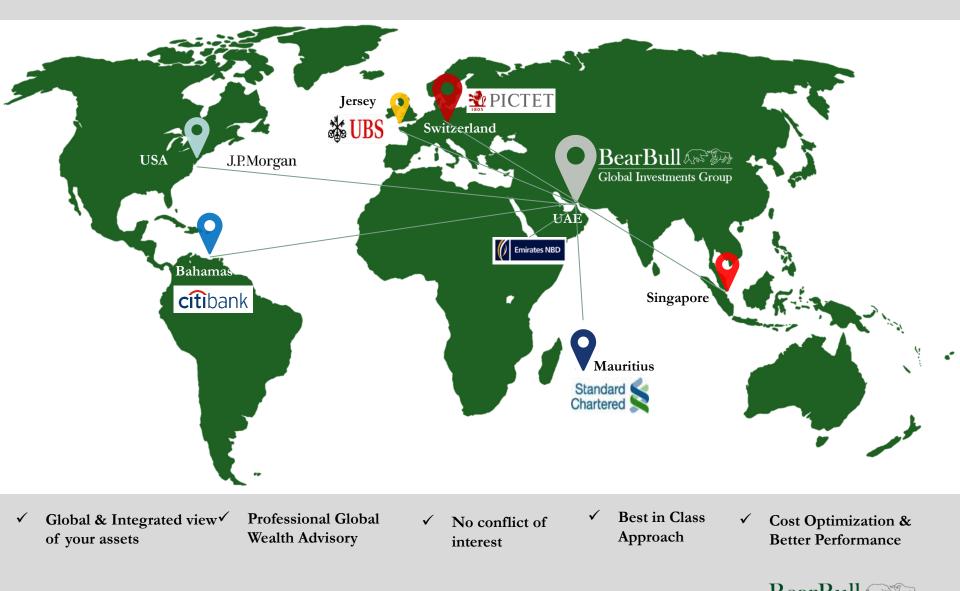
# Multiple Custody Services to support your Ambitions



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**Global Investments Group** 

# Multiple Global Custody to diversify risk and support your ambitions







# Why BearBull Global Investments Group?



### We challenge the status quo

In a changing and increasingly complex world, we firmly believe that wealth management is not about investment products or standardised portfolios. Instead, we believe investments are best managed as part of an integrated, intergenerational approach, encompassing the entirety of a family's wealth.

At BearBull Group, investment decisions are considered carefully by putting our clients interests first and drawing on a deep and detailed understanding of family circumstances.

Fundamentally, we believe delivering a fully integrated solution requires a different type of organization based on core values of independence, competence and trust. To this aim, we have developed a corporate culture and incentives based more on teamwork than individual targets. Being owned by management helps ensure that we place the long-term interests of clients before the short-term interests of the business.





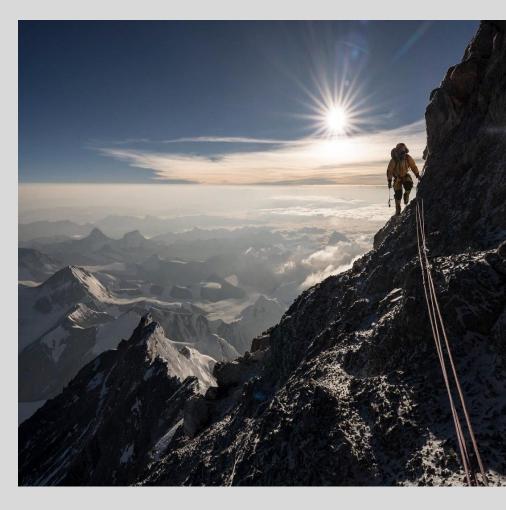
### We advise with integrity

At BearBull Group, we believe **integrity is a pre-requisite** of any business relationship. Helping families navigate often personal, complex dynamics and decisions requires moral courage.

We are trusted by successful international families precisely because we endeavor to always put their best interests above and beyond personal considerations. By adopting the **best-inclass approach** to **product and service selection**, we have decided not to allow financial incentives compromise the integrity and quality of our advice.

The pre-requisite for integrity also applies challenging our client's views or objectives. We take pride in having the **moral courage** to have honest and **meaningful conversations** with our clients to their sole benefit.

As an outsider on the families' inner dynamics and wishes, our clients value our ability to **offer impartial and unbiased opinion** that best suit the family's long-term interests.





### We Value Independence and Free Hand

Independence and free hand constitutes a **key value**, always defended and protected, enabling us to always act in the exclusive interest of our clientele and to advise them **without conflict of interest**.

This **liberty is key** to select and use any financial products which best suit our clients' objectives and interests.

An organization with a **human size**, focused on efficiency, dedicated to respecting the needs and investment constraints of its clients.

For example, many of our advisory concepts have been adapted to Islamic Shariah principles.





### We Believe in Optimisation of Competences

Increasingly **sophisticated markets** imply that no firm can always be the leading expert in every field.

We focus on **global asset management**, one of our main sources of added value, absolute performance, sector allocation, currency management, commodities and risk management.

Our organization works on a simple principle: **the optimization of competences**. In some specific fields, we rely on a network of **specialized partners**.

This approach offers our clients indirect access to efficient, focused and **powerful resources**, particularly in terms of research, stock selection and tax planning.





### Continuity and Experience are Key

Our clients can count on a privileged and long-lasting relationship with experienced professionals in the business of asset management. Since 1985 the leadership team of BearBull Group ensure the management and the continuity of the relationship with their clientele.

### We believe in Identity of Interests

Through our proposal for a performance fee linked management fee we clearly demonstrate that our own interests are linked to those of our clients. We suggest for any type of investment profile that a fixed advisory fee should be coupled to a performance fee linked to the performance obtained via active on the underlying assets.





### **Confidence and Absolute Discretion**

To win, and most importantly, to keep your confidence for the long term is a key objective, which becomes the proof of a shared success.

Our Team is committed to serve your needs and remain by our side especially when market fluctuations are high. This demonstrates our commitment to always do our best to satisfy our clientele by developing a climate of trust, confidence, security and absolute discretion.





### We actively listen

WE believe in the **power of listening** to your wishes and desires for your family **rather** than **selling you financial products** and/or services. It is only by listening to you, with care and respect, and by asking insightful questions that we can understand what **you wish for yourself and your family**. We also encourage families to listen to each other in order to best plan the family's legacy.

The right set of services and solutions to be part of your family office can only derive from actively listening to your needs and wishes and by **asking insightful questions**.

Thoughtful listening and building long-term relations based on our **core values** of **independence**, **competence** and **trust** have helped us become authentic trusted advisers for some of the region's leading entrepreneurial families.





### Our Journey starts with You

### We actively share Knowledge and Wisdom

While most financial advisers can claim **extensive knowledge** and experience, at BearBull Group **we offer practical wisdom**. While we pride ourselves on the exceptional breadth and depth of our **technical knowledge**, we fully understand the value of having practical experience and wisdom to apply that expertise to the particular circumstances of an individual family.

As a **leading Swiss wealth adviser**, growing and **learning is part** of our DNA. We have acquired our practical wisdom working over decades with swiss pension funds and international families. We can therefore draw on our leadership team's extensive wisdom and practical experience to best assist your family.

Sustaining family wealth therefore require both technical knowledge and our practical experience for present and generations to come.







# BearBull GlobalLeadership Team



### A Team of Professionals

The Executive Team of BearBull Group has deep roots and expertise in Swiss institutional asset management and has been managing funds for some of the most significant Swiss Market Index (SMI) listed companies since 1985.

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At BearBull Group **investment decisions** are considered carefully and should be seen through the lens of the family as a whole, drawing on a deep and detailed **understanding of family circumstances**.

Crucially, we believe delivering a **fully integrated solution** requires a different sort of organization, with a culture and incentives based more on **teamwork than individual targets**. Being substantially owned by management helps ensure that we place clients' **long-term interests** before the business's short-term interests.





# Leadership with 40+ Years of Institutional and Family Office Experience

### A team with extensive track record in wealth advisory and capital preservation expertise



Alain Freymond Chairman of the Board and co-founder and CIO

Alain Freymond holds Bachelor of Arts in Management, Economy, and Finance from the Geneva School of Economics and Management. He conducted numerous academic studies in various fields of investments, which have led to creation of various successful and efficient investment concepts and financial indices. Mr. Freymond was the first financial expert in Switzerland to conduct academic studies on real estate investment diversification opportunities. Prior to BBGI Group, he was the head of asset allocation and investment strategy for institutional clients at one of the largest Swiss private banks. He also managed funds on behalf of some of the leading sovereign wealth funds in the Middle East.



**Fernand Garcia** Vice-Chairman of the Board and co-founder

Fernand Garcia holds a Master's degree in Engineering and completed his education in Finance and Economics at the University of Geneva. He has been instrumental in positioning BBGI Group as a leading independent wealth and asset management firm in Switzerland. Prior to founding BBGI Group, he was a member of investment committees of institutional management divisions of several prestigious private and universal banks in Switzerland. Mr. Garcia managed and sat on the governing board of various pension funds in Switzerland and led the management of several investment funds which have been granted international awards in various fields of investments.



Ahmad Saidali Chief Executive Officer

Ahmad Saidali holds a Master's degree in Finance majoring in Wealth Management as well as a Master's degree in Business Administration from the Geneva School of Economics and Management. He has an outstanding background in client identification, client acquisition, and deal-making. Before joining BBGI Group, Mr. Saidali was Head of Real Estate Investments of CBRE in the Middle East, the world's leading real estate advisory firm. He was also the Head of Indirect Investments and Fund advisory department of CBRE in Switzerland. His various articles and market comments have been published in Gulf News, The National, Emirates 24/7, AGEFI and the Swiss Bank and Finance Magazine.









### The questions we help families answer



# Key questions

- Does your family share a vision and a purpose for the family wealth?
- What are your ambitions and concerns for the family business?
- Are there assets that depend heavily on your personal expertise?
- How can you demonstrate your values through the investments you make?
- How are you preparing those who will inherit?
- Have you discussed the practicalities of the transition?
- How is family leadership determined?
- What values do you want to instil in future generations?
- What are the risks to your family and your family's long-term wealth?
- Do you want your wealth to promote and support good causes?

### The questions we help families answer



### **Key questions**

- What is the purpose of creating the Family Office and which jurisdiction is preferred?
- Who will the beneficiaries of the Family Office be?
- Which functions will be carried out by the Family Office (e.g. global financial reporting, enforcement family governance, NextGen education, wealth planning, concierge, philanthropy, wealth management, tax planning...)
- Where will family philanthropy fit into the mix, if at all?
- Who will be involved in the Family Office or part of the Family Office project and in what capacity (employees VS board/committee members)?
- Do you have a vision or mission statement for the FO, what is the business objective that the Family wants to accomplish?

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"Being in contact with the same people year after year is priceless. No one wants to unnecessarily expose the complexity of their financial position, property and family at each change of a relationship..."

What our clients say about BearBull Group

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