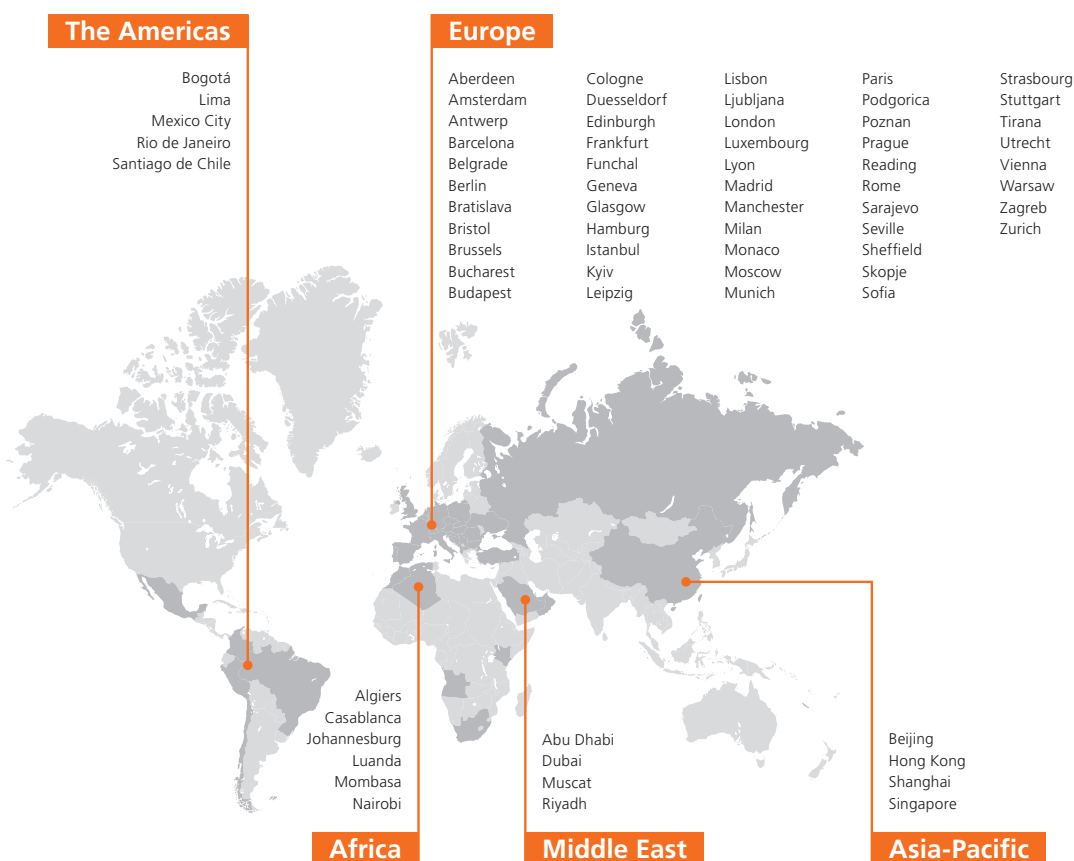


# Family Offices

There are unique challenges and opportunities of owning and managing family businesses and offices. At CMS, we invest time to understand the priorities and culture of each business to provide family offices and ultra-high-net worth individuals with a bespoke range of legal services across the globe. Reflecting the need to balance financial and non-financial factors, we provide family members and their in-house advisers with innovative solutions to complex legal issues.

Our team has been providing advice to Royal and Family Offices for more than 30 years. We understand the delicate interplay between corporate and private structures and investments across the Middle East, Far East, Central and Eastern Europe. With more than 70 offices and 4,000 lawyers worldwide, we are one of the few firms with the size and scale to advise ultra high net worth individuals and their families across borders and offshore.



## How can CMS help you?

Our combined breadth of knowledge and experience from across the firm's specialisms means that we can provide family offices with the full spectrum of advice. Our international cross-practice team regularly assist ultra high net worth individuals with:

- Setting up family and multi-family offices
- Tax efficient structures, cross border tax planning and special domestic regimes for new residents or non-domiciliaries.
- Partnership agreements
- Governance and risk, including for NED roles
- Family, trust and shareholder disputes
- Insurance requirements, coverage issues and contract review
- Strategic corporate and real estate investments
- Investment funds, private equity, banking and finance
- Private homes and luxury assets
- Reputation management
- Tax disputes and investigations
- Cybersecurity and data protection
- Employment

## Recent highlights of our experience include:

	Advising a family member of a top <b>10 Forbes family office</b> , as to the succession rights and the implementation of terms of parental living gifts into corporate structures and the rights of family members if respect of one the largest business empires.
	Advising <b>Royal Families/Presidencies</b> and claimants against them on the complex distinctions between personal and state funds. Members of our team have been responsible for rewriting the law internationally on State Immunity issues, as well as handling complex and sensitive negotiations for the retention/return of private/state assets during regime change.
	Advising on all aspects of <b>corporate and private aircraft purchases</b> including purchase, lease and sale terms, import, VAT and customs duties, related non-dom remittance tax planning, financing and management, and fit-out and maintenance terms. Our team has supported several families on multiple <b>private yacht purchases</b> , including the sale/purchase terms, yard construction and refit terms, tax and jurisdiction of registry, as well as technical performance and specification disputes with yards and sellers.
	Advising families on <b>blank sheet structuring</b> (blank sheet to paper to implementation planning) of family office structure in offshore jurisdictions and the UAE, including tax and succession planning.
	Advising ultra high net worth families on <b>strategic investments</b> including direct and indirect real estate investments, angel investing, private equity and philanthropic enterprises and all related tax issues.
	Assisting high net worth individuals and families resolve complex <b>cross-border tax affairs</b> concerning tax residence and domicile status, as well as inheritance tax planning, including offshore trust structures.

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