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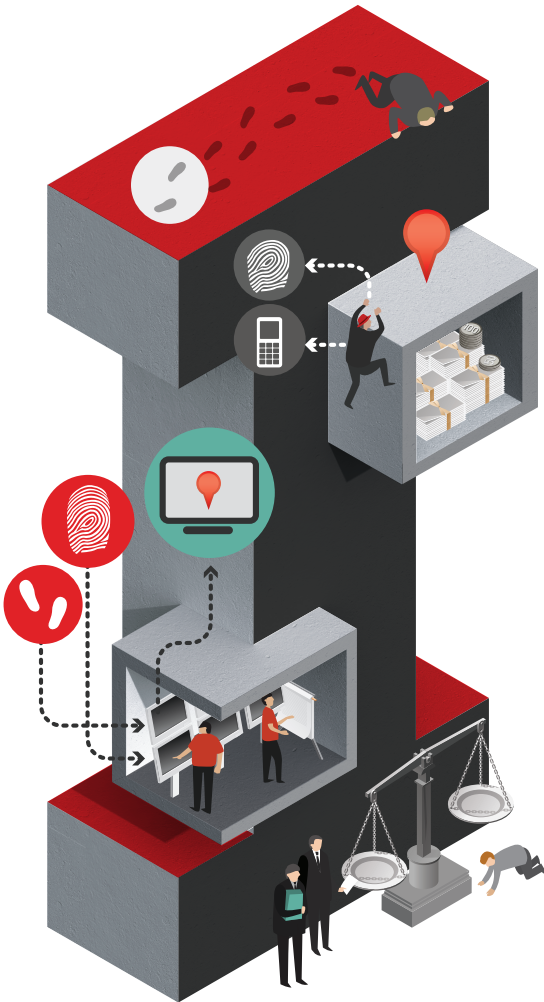
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# THE INTERNATIONAL FRAUD GROUP

The International Fraud Group was established by Mishcon de Reya LLP in 1997 under the name of the Fraud Network at the specific request of one of the firm's key banking clients in order to create a network of international injunctive specialists in jurisdictions that were often used by fraudsters to conceal assets. Today, the IFG is a handpicked group of specialist fraud lawyers across 20 countries focused on securing injunctions, asset recovery and trust busting remedies in key offshore jurisdictions.

Over the last 15 years we have added members on the basis of personal recommendation by at least one member of the group who can vouch for their expertise and effectiveness in the asset recovery arena.

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# AUSTRALIA

## McCullough Robertson

McCullough Robertson is recognised as one of Australia's leading independent law firms. Established in 1926, McCullough Robertson is a full-service commercial law firm with a significant Technology, Media and Telecommunications (TMT) practice that has a strong industry understanding, including in relation to licensing issues. The firm's TMT practice acts for many public and private customers and suppliers of TMT goods and services, providing the full range of intellectual property (IP) advice including IP protection and due diligence, research and development, commercialisation, technology transfer and litigation. Their team, which manages the worldwide trade mark portfolios of some of Australia's most recognised brands such as Sass & Bide and Flight Centre, is acknowledged for its "top tier service" by Managing Intellectual Property Handbook.

## Guy Humble

The Asia Pacific Legal 500 Guide describes Guy as an 'exceptional' practitioner 'particularly in complex litigation'. In the Doyle's publication on lawyers and law firms across Australia, Guy is listed as a 'Leading' lawyer in the Commercial Litigation and Dispute Resolution (Queensland) section. Guy is noted as 'always on top of things and very astute'. Guy is also listed in Best Lawyers International and Ranked in both Chambers Asia Pacific 2015 and Chambers Global 2015.

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# BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

## Harney Westwood & Riegels

Harney Westwood & Riegels is a leading international offshore law firm. They provide the world's top law firms, financial institutions and corporations with legal services relating to British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Cyprus and Anguilla law.

The firm has a long-standing reputation for providing fast, accurate and commercially astute advice. Their commitment to quality and client service has resulted in their being consistently ranked as one of the world's top offshore legal practices by independent ranking directories.

## Andrew Thorp

Andrew Thorp heads up the BVI litigation and insolvency practice group.

For over a decade, Andrew has advised law firms, banks, funds, private equity houses and trust companies on all aspects of BVI contentious law.

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## Marc Kish

Marc Kish is a Partner in Harneys' Cayman Litigation and Insolvency Department. Prior to joining Harneys in 2014, Marc worked for over five years in the litigation and insolvency department of Maples and Calder. He has advised extensively on complex large-scale liquidations and commercial litigation proceedings involving clawback actions, conflicts of law issues, fraud and related causes of action and complicated questions relating to directors' and trustees' duties and contractual interpretation.

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## **Wolf Theiss**

Wolf Theiss is one of the leading law firms in Central, Eastern and Southeastern Europe (CEE/SEE). They have built their reputation on a combination of unrivalled local knowledge and strong international capabilities. They opened their first office in Vienna over 55 years ago and now their team brings together over 320 lawyers from a diverse range of backgrounds, working in offices in thirteen countries throughout the CEE/SEE region.

## **Clemens Trauttenberg**

Clemens has over 15 years of experience in international dispute resolution and arbitration and heads the firm-wide Dispute Resolution Practice Group of approximately 90 members. He specializes in white collar crime matters involving fraud, bribery, investment schemes, money laundering, embezzlement and identity theft, as well as in national and international crisis litigation and financial markets litigation.

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# CYPRUS

## Michael Kyprianou & Co LLC

Michael Kyprianou & Co LLC is one of the largest of the law firms in Cyprus with offices in Nicosia, Limassol and Paphos. The firm's international presence has expanded with the fully fledged offices in Greece, in Athens and Thessaloniki, in Malta, in Birkirkara, and Kiev, Ukraine.

Their team of lawyers works regularly with major international law firms around the globe. As a member of prominent global networks of international lawyers such as the International Fraud Group, Multilaw and World Link for Law, the firm is able to handle cross border cases with speed and efficiency.

The practice has been recommended by the European Legal 500 and by the Chambers & Partners across all their fields of work.

## Menelaos Kyprianou

Managing Partner Menelaos has been described by the European Legal 500 Directory as "a reputable litigator who has handled complex international cases". His wide ranging experience includes successfully seeking numerous freezing and disclosure orders. Amongst his major cases, he is currently involved in a multi-jurisdictional litigation case concerning a shareholders dispute in a substantial Russian company.

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## Davidson & Co

Davidson & Co is a Dubai-headquartered law firm providing a full range of legal services to SMEs, high-net-worth individuals and other private clients throughout the UAE, the Middle East and North Africa whilst at the same time offering a high quality, cost effective alternative for major corporates, financial institutions and multi-nationals. The team, including lawyers from the UK, Ireland, the GCC and India, collectively has over 50 years' experience in the UAE, both in private practice with respected local and international law firms and in industry. Davidson & Co is dedicated to developing long term relationships with its clients and to providing the highest quality service.

## Jonathon Davidson

Jonathon Davidson has over 13 years' experience in the region and is regarded as a leader in commercial disputes, having successfully represented clients in multi-million dollar cases before the Dubai World Tribunal, as well as successfully representing clients in local and international arbitrations (DIAC, LCIA and UNCITRAL), local litigation (Dubai Court of First Instance, Court of Appeal and Federal Court of Cassation) and the High Court of England and Wales.

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# ENGLAND

## Mishcon de Reya LLP - England

Mishcon de Reya LLP is a law firm with offices in London and New York employing over 300 lawyers and offering a wide range of legal services to companies and individuals. Mishcon de Reya's London office offers the following legal services: corporate; dispute resolution; employment; family; private client; and real estate.

Mishcon de Reya LLP is an independent firm with an international footprint that extends far beyond London and New York. A large part of the firm's business is advising on multijurisdictional transactions and disputes; established links with overseas practices help serve the needs of its increasingly international client base.

## Gary Miller

Gary has specialised in complex commercial disputes involving dishonesty, fraud and corruption issues for over 36 years including 13 years spent in Hong Kong.

Gary has pioneered the use of injunctions in the asset recovery arena with particular emphasis on freezing assets, forcing disclosure of financial information and seizing evidence via search orders in order to force speedy resolutions of commercial disputes. Gary has developed an in depth knowledge of the workings of the various offshore jurisdictions which are habitually used by parties to conceal their assets.

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# FRANCE

## Cohen Amir-Aslani

Since its founding 40 years ago, Cohen Amir-Aslani has been regarded as a leading Paris based internationally oriented law firm with areas of expertise covering a wide array of fields including, corporate finance, litigation, arbitration, insurance, international public and private law and estate planning for high net worth individuals. The firm regularly provides its services to banks, sovereign States, multinational corporations and transnational industrial concerns.

## Ardavan Amir-Aslani

Ardavan Amir-Aslani is the head of the international practice of the firm. He represents a number of sovereign States and organizations across the globe. On a regular basis, he represents clients before international jurisdictions and arbitration tribunals. He has developed an expertise in the implementation and management of multijurisdictional disputes, notably in relation to the recovery of misappropriated or embezzled assets, recovery of jumbo liabilities for banks and institutions, and litigation arising from anti-bribery statutes.

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# GUERNSEY

## AFR Advocates

Based in Guernsey, AFR has a global client base which includes leading law firms in other jurisdictions, insurers and international financial institutions and companies, as well as local businesses and private clients. They are a full service firm, whose specialisms span corporate and commercial law, litigation, clinical negligence, employment, property, insolvency, family, inheritance and probate, maritime, trusts and regulatory.

AFR also offers a full range of fiduciary, management and administration services for offshore companies and trusts through its in-house service provider, AFR Trustees (Guernsey) Limited, which is fully licensed and registered by the Guernsey Financial Services Commission.

## Mark Ferbrache

Mark Ferbrache is a highly experienced and extremely versatile Guernsey advocate. He has particular expertise in commercial litigation and insolvency, trust and banking disputes honed by over 22 years in private practice. Mark regularly advises in a number of areas, including corporate and commercial litigation, injunctive relief, asset tracing, insolvency (local and cross-border), banking, insurance and regulatory law. Mark has spoken widely on trusts and commercial law, and is a regular lecturer for STEP.

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# HONG KONG

## Howse Williams Bowers

Howse Williams Bowers is an independent Hong Kong law firm which combines the in-depth experience of its lawyers with a creative, forward-thinking approach.

Howse Williams Bowers key practice areas are corporate/commercial and corporate finance; commercial and maritime dispute resolution; clinical negligence and healthcare; insurance and professional indemnity insurance; employment; family and matrimonial; property and building management and intellectual property and financial services/corporate regulatory and compliance.

As an independent law firm Howse Williams Bowers are able to minimise legal and commercial conflicts of interest and act for clients in every industry sector. The partners have spent the majority of their careers in Hong Kong and have a detailed understanding of international business and business in Asia.

## Kevin Bowers

Kevin specialises in commercial, insurance and employment litigation and dispute resolution both in Hong Kong and internationally. He handles complex multi-jurisdictional commercial cases involving debt recovery, sale of goods, trade finance, media law, fraud, shareholder, joint venture, employment, property and franchise disputes, contentions probate/trusts, asset tracing, injunction proceedings, jurisdictional challenges, public inquiries and judicial reviews.

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## McCann FitzGerald

McCann FitzGerald is one of Ireland's premier law firms providing the highest quality legal advice and representation to Irish and overseas clients. Numbering almost 550 people, the firm comprises some 70 partners and 350 lawyers and professional staff. The principal office is based in Dublin with international offices in London, New York and Brussels.

Their Investigations Practice is a cross-disciplinary group of lawyers that support clients in navigating the increasingly complex global, cross-border and domestic regulatory, compliance and enforcement environment. Whether working as part of a multi-jurisdictional team or on purely domestic issues, their team includes the right mix of sectoral and industry expertise and experience in forensic investigative techniques, white collar crime and public law enforcement work.

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# JERSEY

## Collas Crill

Collas Crill was formed in April 2011 by the merger of two of the Channel Islands' most respected and established names, Collas Day in Guernsey and Crill Canavan in Jersey. The firm has 25 partners and directors and more than 70 lawyers delivering a comprehensive range of legal services. Their international portfolio of clients includes leading financial institutions, high net worth individuals, businesses and funds. The firm also services the needs of local individuals and families in Jersey and Guernsey.

## Nuno Santos-Costa

Nuno is joint Senior Partner and the Channel Island head of Dispute Resolution for Collas Crill. Nuno specialises in all aspects of commercial litigation, including trust cases, fraud and asset tracing claims and heavyweight commercial disputes. He has appeared in many substantial Jersey cases including acting as senior Jersey counsel for the first defendant in the Alhamrani trusts litigation, Jersey's biggest ever piece of litigation. The Legal 500 2012 say Nuno is 'one of the best court performers in Jersey'.

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# LIECHTENSTEIN

## Walch & Schurti

Walch & Schurti is a leading international commercial and litigation practice in Liechtenstein. It was founded in 1991 and has strong links to the USA, Great Britain, Switzerland and Germany. Its legal team is comprised of 6 partners and 10 associates who are trained in several jurisdictions (Austria, California, Germany, England and Wales). All lawyers are fluent in English and German and some also speak French and Spanish.

In close cooperation with WalPart Trust Reg, a medium sized licensed Liechtenstein trust company, the firm meets the needs of the international client. It delivers a comprehensive range of legal services to major banks, insurers, investment funds, companies and private clients. It advises, prepares agreements, opines and conducts litigation primarily in the following areas: white collar crime, arbitration, asset protection, estate planning, foundation and trust law, banking and finance, insurance, mergers and acquisitions, intellectual property and bankruptcy.

## Dr. Ernst Walch

Ernst is a dual qualified lawyer having been admitted to the New York Bar in 1983 and the Liechtenstein Bar in 1984. He started his professional career with a New York law firm and also practised for several years in Liechtenstein before founding Walch & Schurti and WalPart Trust Reg in 1991. His main areas of expertise include complex litigation, arbitration, corporate law, foundation and trust law, estate planning and asset protection. Ernst is also a certified translator and interpreter (English/German).

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# NORWAY

## Arntzen de Besche Advokatfirma AS

Recently ranked second in Propsera's Law Firm Review, Arntzen de Besche is one of Norway's largest law firms. It has more than 125 lawyers working across offices in Oslo, Stavanger and Trondheim, covering all areas of business law. The firm serves Norwegian and international corporations, organisations and the public sector.

The firm has years of experience in international transactions on behalf of Norwegian companies abroad and foreign companies in Norway. Their worldwide network of major law firms ensure their ability to work effectively at a global level.

## Paul Sveinsson

Paul has a breadth of experience as advisor to and counsel for banks and finance institutions, assisting both Norwegian and foreign clients. His work also comprises litigation, mainly in banking and finance, and appointments as an arbitrator.

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The Firm also has the distinguishing feature of reliable capability in both contentious and non-contentious matters with partners and associates specialising in different areas of practice.

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Farrukh Qureshi, the Managing Partner of Samdani & Qureshi specialises in project finance, securitization, corporate, constitutional, arbitration, human resource policies, public private partnerships and advisory work. He is also a specialist in construction/engineering and public private partnership contracts and has been actively involved in rendering legal advice and assistance in matters pertaining to construction/engineering and public private partnerships disputes and has conducted major arbitrations in this area of the law.

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# SCOTLAND

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Harper Macleod is a leading independent Scottish law firm with offices in Glasgow, Edinburgh, Inverness, Lerwick and Thurso, offering a full range of commercial and personal legal services across Scotland, the UK and further afield. At Harper Macleod we have one of the largest teams of dispute resolution solicitors in Scotland. More than half of our solicitors are involved regularly in contentious work – giving us a breadth of litigation expertise which sets us apart. We are renowned for the range and quality of our dispute resolution expertise, which is as wide as the firm's full service offering, and our team includes some of the country's most talented disputes practitioners. Working out of our main offices in Edinburgh, Glasgow and Inverness, we represent clients in every sector including insurance, banking, real estate & construction, energy & natural resources, retail, sport and the public sector. We also have one of the most prominent teams in the Commercial Court in both the Court of Session and Sheriff Court and have been involved in a number of the most complex litigations in Scottish courts in recent years.

## John McHugh

John specialises in commercial disputes. His main focus is in the area of contractual disputes. He acts in a wide range of contentious matters including fraud; professional negligence; PFI/PPP disputes; and construction claims. His commercial practice includes assisting clients who have been the victims of fraud, including pursuing interim orders and protective measures as well as the recovery of assets and sums misappropriated. John also regularly advises clients on disputes involving taxation and pensions. He has acted in disputes involving company directors and their duties. He has a wealth of experience of commercial property disputes acting in particular for institutional landlords.

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Luis is a partner and Professor of Procedural Law. Luis was a founding member of the British Spanish Law Association and former Chairman of the European Lawyers Association.

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Swiss law firm Des Gouttes & Associates was founded in 1834. The firm advises Swiss and foreign banks and financial institutions, companies and private individuals, on corporate, commercial, contractual and banking law, specifically including domestic and international dispute resolution. Their experience encompasses banking, securities, data protection, taxation, recovery management, all aspects of contractual law, international legal assistance, as well as white-collar crime.

## Robert Fiechter

Robert is a Partner in the firm and has 35 years' experience working in dispute resolution, white collar crime, corporate law and international commerce.

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# TURKEY

## Moroğlu Arseven

Moroğlu Arseven is an independent, full service law firm with broad expertise and experience in business law, including complex business transactions and white collar matters. Based in Istanbul, the firm's reputation as a hands-on and trusted advisor has allowed Moroğlu Arseven to establish long-term and strong relationship with clients from around the world, representing a wide range of sizes and industries.

The firm delivers clear and understandable advice, taking into account business and commercial considerations, in addition to all legal aspects involved. It supports the Turkish operations of multinational companies and local companies alike. Clients benefit from a proactive and reality-based approach to fraud and white-collar crime advice during daily corporate counselling as well as representation in criminal and civil cases with complex issues or heavy liabilities.

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Orçun is a dispute resolution specialist, advising and representing clients on a range of approaches and forums. He has a reputation for focusing on clients' commercial or regulatory risks and liabilities. Orçun regularly supports local and foreign clients during cross-border disputes, compliance investigations and risk assessment in the business crime context. Orçun's advice often involves high values or complex liability issues, supporting clients to execute strategically important decisions. Orçun is a member of Transparency International Turkey (Şeffaflık Derneği).

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## Griffiths & Partners

Griffiths & Partners provide the highest standard of representation and legal advice. We are experienced in advising international clients and foreign law firms in Turks and Caicos Islands ("TCI") law. Griffiths & Partners are regularly involved in the highest profile litigation in the Islands and we are also very experienced in providing TCI law advice and expert evidence in proceedings before a wide range of international Courts, and in international arbitrations .

Our attorneys are internationally qualified lawyers who are admitted attorneys in the Turks and Caicos Islands and who bring multi-national expertise, led by Conrad Griffiths QC, who has more than 20 years' experience in this jurisdiction. Involving some of the most respected companies in various technology arenas. When presented with the opportunity to help launch the New York office of a premier Dallas-based litigation boutique, Mark joined as Senior Counsel, helping to manage a multi-defendant patent litigation and advising clients regarding patent licensing matters.

## David Stewart

David Stewart is a partner with Griffiths & Partners. He qualified as a UK solicitor in 1989, worked in the TCI from 1990 -92, and then built a strong reputation as a disputes lawyer in London at SJ Berwin (now King and Wood Mallesons) and then Olswang LLP, where he was Head of Commercial litigation (1998-2007) and then Managing Partner/ CEO, until he left in 2014 to join Griffiths & Partners as a partner. David has broad disputes and transactional experience. At Griffiths & Partners, as well as deploying his international disputes expertise, David is also focused on building the firm's offshore practice.

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