Trusts

Seychelles

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The Seychelles Trust is a legal arrangement similar to trusts found in common law jurisdictions. A Seychelles Trust is formed when a licensed Seychelles resident trustee registers a trustee appointment declaration with the Authority. No trust deed or details of the beneficiaries are publicly accessible.





Duration of a Seychelles trust is indefinite unless provided otherwise in the terms of the trust

Key Features

- Resident trustee is licensed by the Financial Services Authority (FSA)
- Non-resident co-trustee as well as a protector or enforcer may also be appointed
- Settlor can be a beneficiary, but not the sole beneficiary
- A trust can be administered from Seychelles and elsewhere
- A trust can own immovable property (whether directly or indirectly) in Seychelles.

Advantages

No tax on the trust property	
Confidentiality - no need to register or file the trust deed, settlor and beneficiary details with the Authority	
Easy registration - filing of a declaration	US\$200 Registration fee
Investment of the trust property is not restricted in any way	(a one-off government fee)
Settlor can choose proper law of the trust	
No forced heirship	
Seychelles court has exclusive jurisdiction	



