

WHY WE DO NOT RECOMMEND BEARER SHARE COMPANIES

There are several reasons why we do not recommend bearer share companies.

They have been under attack recently from the OECD and are seen as a money-laundering tool.

Complete confidentiality is unlikely as company managers will be required to hold and send on details of the beneficial owner, in certain cases to relevant authorities. The fast-approaching implementation of Automatic Exchange of Information will force disclosure of the beneficial owners to their “home” jurisdictions.

In jurisdictions where they are still permitted, the costs of these companies are higher. Furthermore, if the shares are handed to the beneficial owner, there is a risk of loss for the owner and a due diligence problem for us as the manager of the entity – because we are bound to know who our client is.

A more effective solution is to construct companies as registered share companies with the ownership registered, for confidentiality reasons, in the name of our nominee company. The nominee company commits to hold the shares on trust for the owner or his/her designee. This is a far safer and more practical system.

Please contact us to discuss your needs.



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