

CORIATS

Boutique,
Independent Trustees
with Global Experience
and Reach

Our Philosophy

Our mission is to serve, guide and support wealthy families to achieve growth across whatever spectrum they choose.



About Us

Coriats has provided strategic counsel to wealthy families and growing businesses since 1978.



Who We Are

Coriats is a regulated and licensed Trust Company operating in the Turks and Caicos Islands.

Founded in 1978, Coriats is committed to providing long term, strategic advice to the families, individuals and corporate clients we serve.

We work with global clients who have diverse structures, ventures and assets in the Turks and Caicos and around the world.

Coriats is part of the Griffiths & Partners Group, one of the largest professional services businesses in the Turks and Caicos Islands. Coriats is independently owned and managed, and has no affiliations to any investment manager or bank.

How We Work

We enjoy what we do, and we cherish the opportunity to work alongside the high-net-worth individuals and corporations we serve. We are passionate about using our experience and expertise to help our clients achieve their ambitions.

We are committed to working closely with our clients and understanding how they operate, what their objectives are, and what we need to do. We look at the big picture and we work with clients on a long term basis, providing stability and strategic counsel over many years. The majority of our clients have worked with us for many decades.

We are a boutique operation, but our strength is also in our reach. Over the past 40 years, we have carefully cultivated professional relationships with investment advisers, international banks, accountants, and law firms worldwide. Through this network, we can make introductions that help our clients to achieve their goals.



What We Do

Coriats offers trustee services, corporate management services and full family office services. We also provide financial and investment administration services.

We have particular expertise in designing investment strategies to achieve specific investment outcomes at clearly agreed levels of risk for our clients. Simultaneously, we ensure and implement a reporting, supervisory and governance regime that enables the family investments and objectives to be achieved. We can help our clients get access to investment opportunities that are not available to most investors.

We also have significant experience acting as trustees/protectors in contentious and/or insolvent trust situations. We can deploy our litigation literacy and strategic dispute experience in multiple jurisdictions, and we can take on trustee and protector roles in most common law countries.

Services

We act as trustee for a variety of trusts established by wealthy individuals. In our role as trustee, we help our clients to meet their needs for estate planning, succession, protection of assets, charitable giving and other aims.

Trust Allies

Coriats are proud to be founding members of Trust Allies, a collective of boutique trust companies with local expertise and global reach. Trust Allies was created to give clients access to trusted experts across all the major global tax neutral financial centres. We help international corporates, families and family offices build a powerful and effective local and international team across our alliance network in order to design and implement compliant, cost effective and robust structures to protect and increase wealth.

Whether clients need to establish new trust and corporate structures, or require responsive and experienced support on high levels of transactional activity in multiple locations, we have the skills and structure to deliver. We offer a range of specialist services too; we have considerable expertise in acting as trustees, co-trustees or protectors in structures where litigation is ongoing, or threatened, and in managing and resolving conflict.

Our scale and scope also means we can assist with rigorous analysis of investment portfolios, using our long established relationships and purchasing power to review third-party fees. We are regularly tasked with measuring and assessing investment manager performance against agreed benchmarks and industry averages. We know how to negotiate the often labyrinthine world of compliance and transparency regulation to deliver compliant, robust structures that offer the highest level available of privacy and security.

For more information, please visit www.trustallies.com

Family Office Services

We provide family office services to several high-net-worth families. We coordinate their financial and professional affairs and provide valued advice and assistance on different aspects of a family's business and corporate ventures, as required.

Asset Services

In our capacity as trustee, Coriats has been responsible for the oversight of diversified investment and property portfolios for over four decades. We have demonstrable experience working with investment managers, global custodians, and independent performance analysts to maximise returns and reduce costs.

Offshore Company Services

We provide the full range of company incorporation and management services, including the provision of Directors, Shareholders and a Registered Office. We help our clients navigate the various steps required to set up and manage business structures.



Our People

First and foremost, we enjoy what we do, and we are passionate about, and committed to, building long term relationships with the clients we work with.

David Stewart

Managing Director | DS@Coriats.com

Educated at Repton and York University, David was admitted as a UK Solicitor in 1989, and as an attorney in the Turks and Caicos in 1990. David practiced law internationally based in London from 1992 to 2014, and is a very experienced disputes lawyer, and adviser to a number of international high net worth families. David was Head of Commercial Litigation and then Managing Partner and CEO of a Top 30 international law firm based in London before returning to the Turks and Caicos in 2015.

David is active as a trustee in a number of contentious trust matters around the region and has been recognised as a Notable Practitioner in Chambers High Net Worth Guide since 2021 for his work in contentious and non-contentious trust matters.



Christopher Coriat TEP

Chairman

Educated at Eton, Sandhurst and Cambridge, Christopher qualified as an English Barrister in 1977. He has been involved in trustee services ever since qualification and is a highly experienced trusts lawyer and administrator, attorney at law in the Turks and Caicos Islands, and mediator.

In addition to chairing our board of directors, Christopher provides ad hoc counsel on client trust and investment matters.



Gareth Bathgate

Relationship Director | Gareth@Coriats.com

Gareth has more than 18 years' experience as a professional fiduciary and trustee. He qualified as a Trust Estate Practitioner (TEP) in 2013 and has experience managing trusts and other bespoke wealth holding structures in leading offshore jurisdictions in the Channel Islands and the Caribbean.

Gareth leads a team that is attuned to the needs of (ultra) high-net-worth clients – and his work often involves multiple jurisdictions, professional advisors and asset classes. Gareth has particular experience managing real estate, private equity, listed investments and luxury assets including super yachts. He is also accustomed to working with clients on complex cross-jurisdictional tax matters.



Jorge Castillo

Managing Director | JC@coriats.com

Jorge Castillo's career in the trust and corporate sector is extensive and substantial. Educated at Palm Beach Atlantic University with a double major in International Business and Business Management, he later obtained an MBA from Nova South-eastern University, Fort Lauderdale.

Working his way through the ranks at Royal Bank of Canada saw him manage a multi-million-dollar portfolio of Latin American based assets and create a profitability and product segmentation study over 200 Latin American accounts. His far-ranging knowledge of the Latin American market has seen Jorge's career span 25 years, travelling extensively to Europe and Latin America, and advising clients on optimal tax structures, tailored to the specific tax and trust laws of their target markets. He also advised clients on establishing private banking relationships across Europe, the US and Asia.

Jorge speaks fluent Spanish and has been a member of STEP since 2008.



Tom Bucknall

Trust Director | tb@Coriats.com

A Spanish speaker and with strong familial connections to Argentina, Tom brings a wealth of expertise and valuable networks to his new role. His distinguished career spans work with ultra-high-net-worth individuals and global public and private corporations, demonstrating a proven ability to navigate complex financial and regulatory landscapes and manage significant family wealth. Tom previously served as General Counsel, where he directed legal and commercial operations across Europe, the Americas, and beyond. His role involved overseeing major transactions, compliance, and risk management for a leading international transaction platform.

His extensive experience also includes serving as Senior Counsel (Corporate Development), Founder and Managing Director, and as Private Counsel to an ultra-high-net-worth individual with substantial assets. Additionally, Tom has held key roles managing high-value M&A and investment deals, intricate legal matters, and large-scale projects. His broad expertise in technology, corporate services, and FinTech establishes him as a highly capable leader in the fiduciary sector. With a solid foundation in legal practice and commercial leadership, Tom is well-positioned to advance his new organization's mission of providing sophisticated fiduciary solutions across diverse and global markets.



How Can We Help?

Passionate. Committed.
Independent. Experienced.
Sophisticated.

There really is nothing quite like Coriats.

Contact us to explore the ways in which we can help you.



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