

Swiss Trust/Financial Company



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Understanding Swiss Trust/Financial Company

It is going without saying that [Swiss Trust Company](#) (STC) is one of the most prestigious type of business asset one may possess in Switzerland. Swiss Trust Company is an offshore entity incorporated in Switzerland and owned anonymously through [bearer shares](#), is ideal for being a financial holding, International Corporation or a wealth management company. Additionally, ; it can serve [for trading and investment activities](#) , or manage and detain ownership of other asset types (i.e. stocks, real estate portfolios, precious metals, commodities) for third parties.

Internationally Swiss-based Company with financial / trading activities has worldwide recognition and is considered as most respected institution.

Swiss Trust Company`s structure perfectly fits investment and financial activities, detention of assets, raising funds, moving and legally protecting your assets.

Prestigious Swiss Trust Company continues the tradition, values and heritage of the Swiss banking and financial system at place since 18th century.

Because Swiss Trust Company is part of Swiss financial system, shares its values, traditions, privileged status and has worldwide brand recognition – it all contributes to the credibility and quality of your services and image of your company, as well as all its operations.

Main Characteristics of Swiss Trust/ Financial Company

Swiss Trust Companies enable its shareholders to benefit from exceptional level of anonymity and discretion, credibility and security – worldwide.

Swiss Trust Companies can detain an important number and different type of assets – stock, bonds, commodities, precious metals, commercial or residential real estate, hybrid /structured financial products etc.

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1. High Level of Credibility

First of all, our clients benefit from a very high degree of credit and trust worldwide, and are ideal places to run financial activities. Add high quality life standards and all these factors largely explain why, for decades, many customers have chosen to establish their financial company in Switzerland to develop asset management, hedge funds or any business activities. Based on efficient infrastructures and on a banking tradition that dates back to the eighteenth century, Swiss financial market is among the ten major financial centers worldwide. [Swiss franc](#) is one of the strongest currency in today`s world and one of the first currency traded in the world (!)

Swiss Trust Companies has a unique [Credibility with Financial Institutions](#), Government Officials as well as with partners and Competitors. As a result of its prestigious pedigree, a Swiss trust company can establish strong and long-term relationships with major financial institutions such as banks, brokers, credit card companies, etc. Additionally, Swiss Trust Company represents [a valuable business vehicle](#) in respect from both business partners and competitors and demonstrates the significant record in the eyes of local and international authorities.

2. Asset Protection

Swiss Trust Companies provides significant levels of [discretion and complete anonymity of ownership](#) as share certificates are issued in bearer forms. In addition, you will gain from incredibly high asset protection. External parties will find it almost impossible to identify any assets held in the company`s name worldwide.

Client`s confidentiality is safeguarded according to [Swiss Banking Secrecy](#) and regulated on international level.

3. Bonds Issue

One of the major reason why Swiss Trust Companies are so crucial in the financial world, that due to its age and credibility, Swiss Trust Company can more easily than any other type of company, can proceed with [Swiss bonds issue](#) on either primary or secondary markets as SIX- Swiss Exchange - and therefore raise funds easily.

4. Listing on Frankfurt Stock Exchange

It is true that a Swiss trust company can qualify for [Frankfurt stock exchange](#) listing in Frankfurt and Vienna. In order for that to occur, however, the company needs to meet one important criterion – **it has to have been incorporated at least 25 years prior to the date of application**. This important distinction is not always reflected by entities selling such Swiss trust companies; the result is a disappointed client who ends up with an entity that simply cannot fulfill the purpose it was obtained for, and with no recourse to refund.

For this reason, prospective clients of Swiss trust companies are always advised to check with the provider to ensure that the company they're purchasing is old enough to meet the listing requirements. On the more positive side, however, the actual application process is often a mere formality – provided that the company meets the aforementioned age criterion, applications are usually approved within three months.

5. [Taxation Benefits](#)

At the cantonal and communal levels, the companies who profit of the Swiss holding, trust companies` statute are subjected to a particular rate. The rate of the cantonal capital tax of the holding companies is 0.02% (0.01% for the part of the capital which exceeds CHF 500 million).

What makes Swiss Trust Company an ideal solution for minimizing the tax burden is 0% withholding tax on non-Swiss nationals. The income tax is proportionally reduced with the existing relationship between the net output of the participations and the net total benefit (reduction for participations). If it is about a pure Holding company or Swiss trust company, it will thus pay a very small percentage of [a direct federal tax](#).

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6. Bearer Shares

Bearer shares are a very rare and valuable tool of corporate ownership. Their advantages behind the share certificates can be explained by high degree of anonymity and asset protection. All this plus asset protection solutions minimize the principal's exposure to risk and legal action.

It is a well-known fact, that to get [the bearer shares](#) is a very difficult and long process. However, Swiss trust Company remains as credible an entity as ever in the eyes of prospective investors and business partners. More importantly, Switzerland during the centuries values individual privacy, meaning that it has imposed relatively few oversight provisions for the control of bearer share ownership and distribution. Swiss Trust Company remains one of the most effective tools of owning and operating a Swiss entity in the best traditions of anonymity and Banking Secrecy of Switzerland.

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