# GUERNSEY JURISDICTIONAL OVERVIEW

Guernsey, officially the Bailiwick of Guernsey is a British Crown dependency in the English Channel off the coast of Normandy. The capital is St Peter Port. Guernsey has legislative and fiscal independence and is not part of the European Union or Eurozone.

Guernsey enjoys economic and political stability, a sophisticated legal and regulatory system and high standards of transparency and accountability. The Channel Islands Securities Exchange (CISE), is based in St Peter Port, Guernsey and provides a listing facility and a market for companies to raise capital from international investors based on a bespoke trading platform. Guernsey's financial regulator is the Guernsey Financial Services Commission (GFSC). Guernsey is a leading international finance centre, particularly in relation to funds and listed entities on the CISE and the LSE. It is also a leading global location for investment fund business, particularly for funds of hedge funds, private equity and real estate.

### OTHER BASIC FACTS

> Time zone	Greenwich Mean Time -5
> Official language	English. Guernésiais, is the traditional language.
> National currency	UK pound is the official currency of the United Kingdom and the Crown dependencies of Britain (GPB).

# KEY CORPORATE FEATURES OF GUERNSEY PRIVATE LIMITED COMPANIES

#### **TYPE OF COMPANY**

> Shelf company availability	No
> Time taken for incorporation	24 hours. Fast-track is possible with higher statutory fee
SHARE CAPITAL	
> Permitted currencies	Any foreign currency
> Standard currency	GBP
> Minimum issued capital	One (1)
> Authorised capital	N/A
> Par / nominal value	Optional



## DIRECTORS

> Minimum	One (1)
> Corporate director	Allowed
> Local director requirements	No but if there is no Guernsey resident director, it will need to appoint a licensed corporate service provider as its resident agent.
> Location of meeting	Anywhere
> Minimum number of meetings	Per Articles of Association
> Publicly accessible records	Details of directors are available
SHAREHOLDERS	
> Minimum	One (1)
> Bearer shares	Not Allowed
> Corporate shareholders	Allowed
> Local shareholder requirements	No
> Location of meeting	Anywhere
> Minimum number of meetings	One unless the shareholders waive the requirement for an AGM
> Publicly accessible records	Details of share capital and shareholders are available
COMPANY SECRETARY	
> Local secretary	Optional
REGISTERED OFFICE	
> Requirements	Must be in Guernsey
ACCOUNTS	
> Preparation of accounts	Yes
> Audit requirements	May be exempt depending on companies' eligibility
> Filing of audited accounts	No
> Publicly accessible records	No
ANNUAL REQUIREMENTS	
> Annual Return	Yes an annual validation form is filed before 31 January each year
> Tax Return	Submitted by 30 November following the end of the tax year
GENERAL	
> Corporate Redomiciliation	Yes
> Double Taxation Treaty Access	UK and Jersey
> Exchange Control	No
> Taxation	<ul> <li>&gt; 0% general rate of tax on companies. However, certain regulated activity is subject to a rate of 20%</li> <li>&gt; No capital gains tax and withholding tax</li> </ul>





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Our purpose is to maximise potential and our success is built on service excellence, long-term relationships and technology capabilities that drive efficiency and add value.

#### We value shared ownership

> We operate around the principle that if our people have a stake in the business, they will do a better job for our clients.

#### We value relationships

> We aim to work with clients who share our belief in the importance of building strong relationships over time.

#### We invest in our people

> Over 85% of our employees hold a relevant professional qualification or are working towards this through our dedicated JTC Academy.

#### Weembracetechnology

> We operate a variety of best-in-class systems to deliver and maintain an impeccable standard of administration and use technology to innovate in both service delivery and efficiency.











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