



At FundBank, we understand that the asset management industry is extremely competitive. Our clients require personalized fiduciary services and corporate governance support to effectively and efficiently achieve their unique objectives. \*

# Cayman Fiduciary Services

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Our experienced fiduciary professionals will partner with you to meet your business requirements. Our team has extensive technical and practical expertise in fiduciary products, corporate finance, asset management, and alternative investments.

Our professionals have in-depth directorship, corporate governance, and risk management experience, covering a wide variety of industries and geographic locations, as well as within public, private, and non-profit organizations.

FundBank's senior team members are registered as Directors by the Cayman Islands Monetary Authority (CIMA), FinCEN identification approved by the US Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, and are members of the Cayman Islands Directors Association.

FundBank can also fulfill Enforcer, Supervisor, or Secretary requirements.



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# FundBank's Fiduciary Offering

FundBank is experienced in dealing with both institutional and private wealth clients, covering traditional and modern asset classes. Our professionals are well-versed in the formation, management, and use of Corporations, Foundations, Purpose Trusts, Unit Trusts and Private Trust Companies, for investment management, family office, and special purpose vehicles.

With our specific focus on funds, our fiduciary professionals have extensive technical expertise and practical experience to provide the following services:

## Investment Fund Structures

The Cayman Islands' tax neutrality, proximity to the United States, strong regulatory environment, and financial expertise have helped contribute to Cayman becoming a leading center for offshore financial structures. Cayman ranks as one of the largest financial centers, with 85 percent of the world's hedge funds domiciled there (Mourant Ozannes, 2017).

In Quarter 1, 2024, the US Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) data indicated that, "31.6% of the net assets of all private funds under the purview of the US securities regulator are managed by funds domiciled in the Cayman Islands, followed by 5% in Luxembourg and 3.2% in Ireland." Further, the SEC evidenced that, "53.6% of all qualifying hedge fund net assets reported to the SEC are managed by Cayman-domiciled funds."

Utilizing Purpose Trusts (i.e., Special Trusts Alternative Regime (STAR) and Charitable Trusts), Foundation Companies, and other fiduciary and corporate vehicles, our skilled trust experts will professionally manage your investment structures.

FundBank provides fiduciary services across the full spectrum of asset classes, with a particular focus on alternative investments. Our portfolio includes a wide range of vehicles focused on Private Credit, Private Equity, and Digital Assets, including Crypto. These encompass stand-alone investment entities, General and Limited Partner structures, as well as complex Master-Feeder and other bespoke arrangements.

## Investment Fund Structures

Our trust structures are commonly utilized in structured finance transactions. Corporate assets are placed in a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV). The SPV is then settled into a trust. The usual objective being to ringfence higher risk assets within the SPV, rather than in the parent company. This ensures a flexible and compliant approach to structured finance transactions.

A Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) is a corporate subsidiary created to isolate financial risk in asset finance transactions. Its legal status as a unique company ensures its obligations remain secure even if the parent company becomes bankrupt. An SPV may also be used as a holding company for the securitization of debt, or by venture capitalists, to amalgamate a pool of capital, which is then used for investment purposes. SPVs generally involve two options; an 'on-balance sheet' or an 'off-balance sheet' (orphan) SPV structure.

In an 'on-balance' sheet SPV structure, the ultimate beneficiary creates a wholly owned SPV to take ownership of the asset but retains direct control of the SPV (consolidating the SPV onto the parent's balance sheet).

In the case of an 'off-balance sheet', SPVs are commonly used for secured financing transactions. Shares in the SPV are held inside an 'orphan trust' by a corporate trustee (rather than directly by the beneficiary), either in a Charitable or STAR Trust. Directors are typically independent of the ultimate beneficiary.

FundBank is committed to delivering trust management services that resonate with the strategic, governance, and compliance needs of contemporary asset management firms. If you require an offshore SPV structure and/or Independent Directors, FundBank can assist in managing your asset risk.

## Unit Trusts

Cayman Islands Unit Trusts have become an increasingly popular vehicle for structuring hedge funds, particularly for Japanese-based clients, and Asian-Australian markets overall.

A Unit Trust is a form of express trust, where the underlying asset interest is unitized per the terms of the trust deed. Units are issued to investors and provide a proprietary interest in all the underlying trust investments. Unit ownership entitles investors to a right to redeem their share of the pool of assets, in exchange for cash based on the net asset value of the trust assets. Unit Trusts are either 'stand-alone' or 'umbrella' trusts. A standalone involves a single trust and is used where a single investment strategy is employed. Umbrella trusts are when there are multiple investment strategies, and each individual strategy is allocated to a separate 'sub-trust'.

Regardless of your jurisdiction, FundBank has the expertise to assist you to create a structure that mitigates your business risk.



## Digital Asset Structures

Digital Assets include cryptocurrencies, fungible and nonfungible (NFT) tokens, tokenized assets, and other related assets. Digital Assets are increasingly prevalent in investment vehicles. In 2024, 47% of traditional hedge funds had exposure to digital assets<sup>1</sup>, with a similar increase in institutional client demand.

Digital Assets, and related investment funds, often reside within STAR or Charitable Trust structures, exempt Companies, and Segregated Portfolio Companies, depending on specific requirements of the client. Foundation Companies are becoming popular vehicles, especially for Decentralized Autonomous Organizations (DAOs).

As the alternative investment industry expands its offering into the digital asset segments, fund companies and trustees must have a good knowledge of these new alternative asset classes. FundBank provides clients with fiduciary professionals and expert technical knowledge to offer guidance and support with new digital structures.

## Corporate Liquidations

FundBank provides trust and banking solutions for corporate liquidators of funds, including those that hold illiquid assets.

Our approach facilitates a liquidator's wind-up of funds, providing a strategic advantage for firms looking to optimize their asset liquidation processes.

We can provide Liquidation Trusts, which ensure that terms and conditions of the distribution proceedings, whether they be voluntary or involuntary, are fully met.

A trust may be especially useful in holding illiquid assets. Where it may require an extended time frame for the liquidator to dispose of the assets at fair value.

In combination with a bank and custody account, FundBank fully meets the needs of any liquidator.

<sup>1</sup> 6th Annual Global Crypto Hedge Fund Report 2024. The "survey conducted by AIMA and PwC in Q2 2024 across a sample of close to 100 hedge funds from both traditional and digital asset focused hedge funds from over six geographical regions with an estimated aggregate of US\$124.5 billion in asset under management (AUM)."

## **Corporate and Fiduciary Governance**

FundBank has a highly-experienced team to assist with corporate governance, providing both Corporate and Individual Directors.

Our team of governance professionals are registered Directors who have served on numerous public, private, operating, and non-profit boards. We bring strong corporate finance, risk management, and real-world business experience to assist structures with their corporate governance requirements.

FundBank also provides independent Enforcers, Supervisors, and Secretaries to assist with the oversight of STAR Trusts or Foundation Companies.

## **Technologically advanced trust solutions**

Recognizing the importance of technology in today's financial landscape, FundBank integrates the latest digital tools to streamline trust administration.

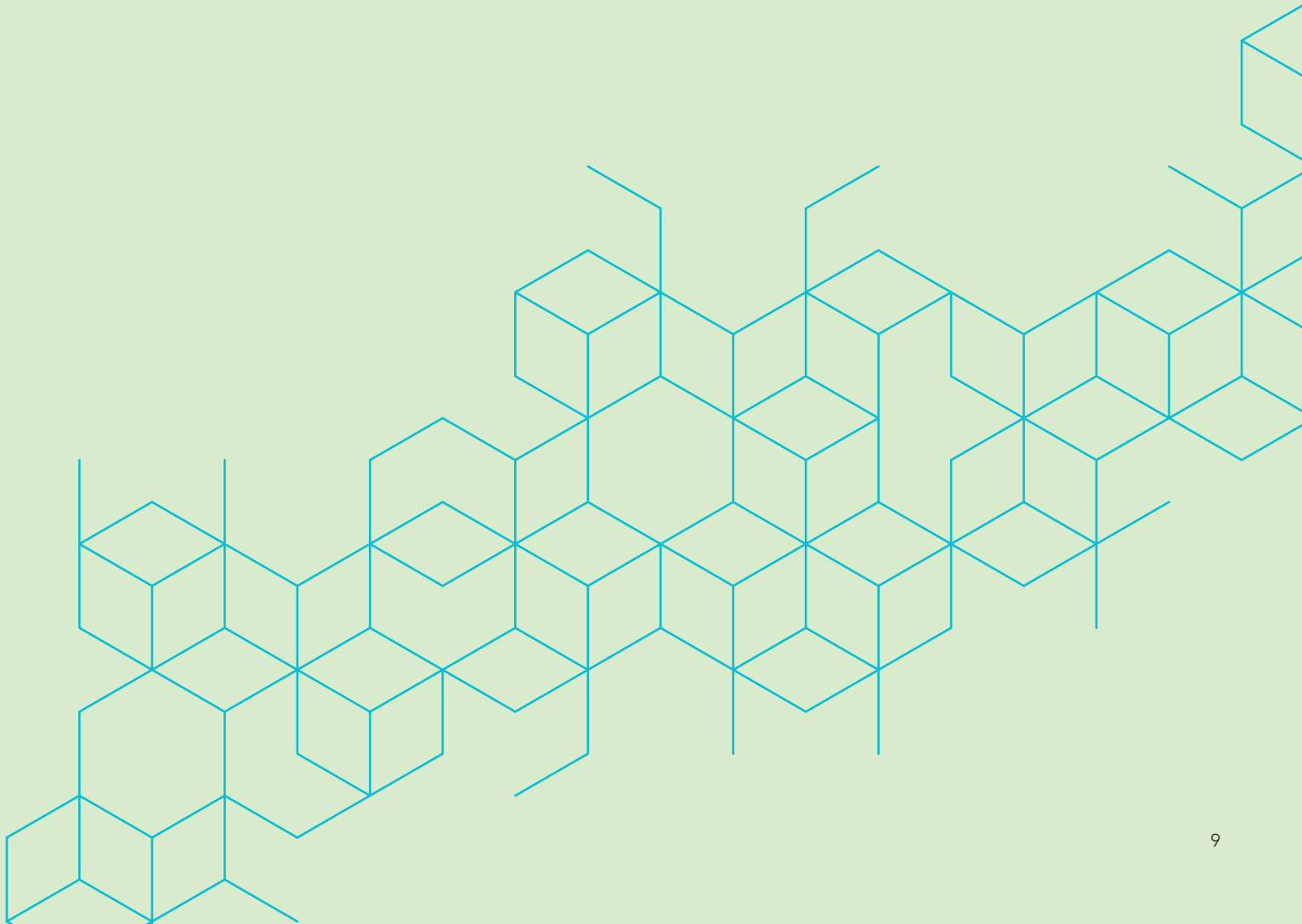
We employ a state of the art Software-as-a-Service platform and utilize Microsoft 365 and Dynamics. Our trust and company management is administered with, best-in-class, Quantios Core.

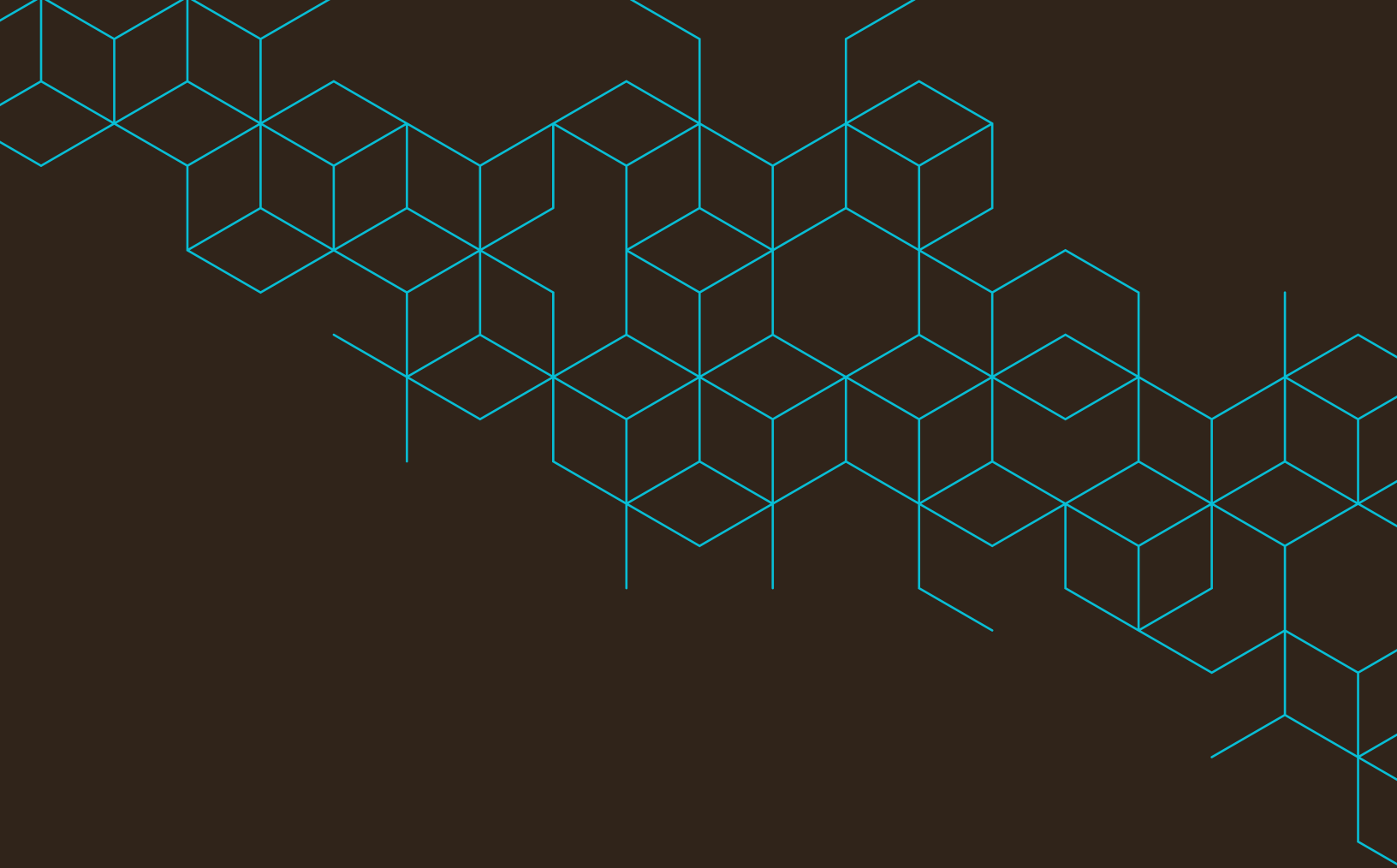
## Why partner with FundBank?

FundBank is committed to delivering fiduciary services that resonate with the strategic, governance, and compliance needs of today's asset management firms and family offices. Our approach combines expertise, fiduciary responsibility, and a deep understanding of the financial sector's nuances, ensuring your structures are managed to the highest standards.

To find out more about our tailored fiduciary and corporate solutions, please reach out to your FundBank representative or contact us below.

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