

KEY FACTS
DUTCH FOUNDATIONS

The Dutch foundation (“Stichting”) is in many respects analogous to the common law charitable or purpose trust. The Stichting’s most frequent use in international corporate and family planning is its function as the general partner of a Dutch C.V. (“Commanditaire Vennootschap”) where the Stichting will have a fractional ownership interest (e.g. .0001%) of the C.V.

A Stichting can be established as standalone entity for and on behalf of a single beneficial owner. Alternatively, a professionally-owned Stichting such as a Stichting affiliated with the Trident Trust Group can serve in that capacity.

Foundation Basics

- The Stichting is established by means of a notarial deed which is registered in the relevant Dutch Chamber of Commerce.
- The identity of the Stichting’s initial Directors and other authorised signatories will be recorded in the Chamber of Commerce.
- The Stichting will have a corporate seat in the Netherlands although its Registered Office should be outside of the country.
- The Stichting Directors are designated at its establishment.
- Directors can either be individuals or corporate entities. Note that for tax efficiency a Stichting Director should not be a Dutch resident.
- A management agreement is executed between the Stichting and the C.V.
- Liquidation of the Stichting can be easily effected.

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