

The jewel in the crown

Working in the Crown Dependencies can provide the opportunity for a career in a highly technical and commercial environment that has a positive economic impact.

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Equipping you with a unique skill set, CGI qualifications are immensely transportable. They can be used across multiple industries and jurisdictions, including the Crown Dependencies.

Within the Crown Dependencies, CGI members are actively engaged in healthcare, insurance and re-insurance, banking, funds, trust and corporate services, e-gaming, digital assets, government, legal and advisory practices, pharma industry and family office structures to name but a few.

It is hard to describe a typical day working in the Crown Dependencies, as no two are the same. This is especially true as your career develops and your portfolio grows. Today you could be engaged on a property acquisition, and tomorrow

you might work with an entrepreneur developing bio-tech solutions.

The Crown Dependencies offer members the chance to become part of teams working on highly technical and innovative commercial matters that have a positive economic impact. What is often not understood is the role the Crown Dependencies play in providing a key route for foreign investors to enter the UK market and help drive growth.

The role of governance professionals is hugely valuable in the Crown Dependencies. Each sector – many of which are heavily regulated – must have robust policies and procedures in place. The Crown Dependencies have long had a higher standard of **AML** and **CFT** regulatory oversight and compliance – standards which are under continual review and enhancement.

CGI is also directly named in guidance issued by various regulators,

as being a relevant professional qualification with respect to the training and competency requirements for controlled functions.

A valued profession

With some seeing the UK's 2006 Companies Act – and the take-up of similar new vehicles across the 'offshore' world – as being detrimental to the role of the company secretary, there may be a perception that their vital role as the interlocutor between the board and shareholders has been somewhat watered down. However, our role is so much more complex than many realise. Governance professionals are vital gatekeepers for business.

There is now a greater demand than ever before for governance-trained staff. Governance is the cornerstone of any successful business, and the pursuit of excellence must be our mantra.