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St Vincent and the Grenadines

Professional Services Guide 2026

The specialist directory of law firms, property services, fiduciary providers, and professional advisers operating in St Vincent and the Grenadines — for UHNW individuals, family offices, international businesses, and their professional advisers.

45	5,500+	IBC	English
PROFILED FIRMS	FIRMS ACROSS 30+ JURISDICTIONS	OFFSHORE FRAMEWORK	COMMON LAW SYSTEM

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ABOUT THIS GUIDE

The SearchOffshore St Vincent and the Grenadines Guide

SearchOffshore is the specialist directory for offshore and international professional services, connecting UHNW individuals, family offices, international businesses, and professional advisers with profiled firms across 30+ jurisdictions. This guide provides a structured overview of St Vincent and the Grenadines as a smaller Eastern Caribbean jurisdiction with an IBC and offshore corporate framework, a growing property market anchored by the Grenadines luxury residential sector, and a professional services community whose size reflects the jurisdiction's specialist rather than mass-market positioning.

St Vincent and the Grenadines is a smaller and less extensively developed IFC than its regional peers such as St Kitts, Antigua, or Barbados. Advisers should approach it with appropriate calibration — it is relevant for specific use cases, particularly offshore corporate formation, property-related structures, and the growing fintech sector, but it lacks the depth and institutional track record of the leading Caribbean centres.

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SECTION 1

St Vincent and the Grenadines: Jurisdiction Overview

St Vincent and the Grenadines is a sovereign nation in the southern Eastern Caribbean, comprising the main island of St Vincent and a chain of 32 smaller islands and cays known as the Grenadines. With a population of approximately 110,000, the country is a member of the Commonwealth, CARICOM, and the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS). It gained independence from the United Kingdom in 1979.

The Grenadines — which include Bequia, Mustique, Canouan, and the Tobago Cays — are among the most exclusive private island destinations in the Caribbean, attracting UHNW individuals and creating demand for high-end property and associated professional services. The main island of St Vincent is the commercial and administrative centre and hosts the financial services sector.

Key Facts

Status	Independent sovereign nation; Commonwealth and CARICOM member
Capital	Kingstown, St Vincent
Legal System	English Common Law; Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court; Privy Council final appeal
Currency	Eastern Caribbean Dollar (XCD)
IBC Tax	0% on offshore income for qualifying International Business Companies
Personal Tax	No personal income tax on non-residents; domestic income tax applicable to residents
Capital Gains Tax	None
Regulator	Financial Services Authority (FSA)
Time Zone	AST (UTC−4)
Major Legislation	International Business Companies Act, Mutual Funds Act, Banking Act, Financial Services Authority Act, Insurance Act

"St Vincent and the Grenadines is selected for IBC formation in a common law, zero-offshore-tax framework, and for property structures associated with the Grenadines luxury residential market."

SECTION 2

Legal and Regulatory Framework

St Vincent and the Grenadines operates under English common law, with the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council in London as the final court of appeal. The Financial Services Authority (FSA) supervises all financial services activities including banks, IBCs, trust companies, insurance companies, and mutual fund administrators.

The FSA

The FSA is the integrated financial services regulator with responsibility for licensing, supervision, and AML/CFT oversight across the financial sector. The FSA has worked to strengthen its regulatory framework in response to CFATF mutual evaluations. It is a member of CFATF and applies risk-based supervisory standards consistent with FATF Recommendations.

Fintech and Digital Assets

SVG has positioned itself as a jurisdiction welcoming to fintech and digital asset businesses. The FSA has introduced registration requirements for virtual asset service providers and the jurisdiction has attracted a number of forex, CFD, and crypto-related businesses seeking a Caribbean licence. Advisers placing clients into SVG-regulated fintech structures should conduct thorough due diligence on the FSA's supervisory capacity in this area and the standing of any specific SVG-regulated entity in target markets.

Tax Framework

SVG IBCs are exempt from local taxes on offshore income. Domestic companies are subject to corporate income tax. There is no capital gains tax and no personal income tax for non-residents. All structures must comply with OECD CRS obligations and economic substance requirements where relevant activities are conducted.

SECTION 3

Corporate and Wealth Structures

International Business Company (IBC)

The SVG IBC is the primary offshore corporate vehicle, exempt from local taxes on offshore income. IBCs must maintain a registered agent in SVG. Bearer shares have been abolished. Beneficial ownership records must be held by the registered agent. The SVG IBC is a cost-effective vehicle for international holding and trading structures, subject to full CRS compliance and appropriate home-jurisdiction tax treatment.

Trusts

SVG trust law provides a framework for international trust structures based on English trust principles. FSA-licensed trust companies administer private wealth structures for international clients. The trust framework is less extensively developed and tested than leading asset protection jurisdictions such as the Cook Islands or Nevis.

Mutual Fund Structures

SVG provides for mutual fund and collective investment vehicle structures under FSA supervision. These are used for certain fund management activities targeting regional and international investors.

SECTION 4

Key Service Categories

Property Services

With 11 profiled firms, property services is the largest category in the SVG directory — a direct reflection of the luxury Grenadines real estate market. Property services cover residential and commercial transactions, development advisory, and the structuring of foreign property holdings through IBC or trust vehicles. The Grenadines market — anchored by Mustique, Canouan, and Bequia — attracts international UHNW buyers.

Law Firms

12 profiled law firms provide services across IBC formation, FSA licensing, real estate, trust drafting, and private client matters. SVG legal counsel is essential for property transactions and IBC establishment.

Notary

7 notaries provide notarisation and apostille services — a high representation relative to overall directory size, reflecting the documentation requirements of the Grenadines property market and IBC formations.

Fiduciary Services and Trusts

6 fiduciary services firms and 6 trust companies provide trustee and fiduciary administration services for international clients. The sector is small but specialist.

Wealth Management, Accountancy, Tax, and Corporate Services

6 wealth management firms, 6 accountancy firms, 4 tax advisory firms, and 4 corporate service providers complete the professional services community.

SECTION 5

The Current Compliance Environment

St Vincent and the Grenadines has a mixed compliance history and advisers should approach it with care and appropriate due diligence. The jurisdiction has been subject to CFATF monitoring processes and has appeared on international monitoring lists in the past. The FSA has worked to strengthen its framework but the jurisdiction does not yet have the same depth of compliance infrastructure as leading Caribbean IFCs.

AML/CFT Framework

SVG's AML/CFT framework is governed by the Proceeds of Crime Act and associated AML regulations, supplemented by FSA guidance. Regulated entities must apply risk-based customer due diligence, identify beneficial owners, monitor transactions, and report suspicious activity to the Financial Intelligence Unit.

Beneficial Ownership and CRS

SVG has implemented a beneficial ownership register for IBCs and other legal entities. Registered agents are required to hold and maintain accurate beneficial ownership information. SVG participates in the OECD CRS and exchanges financial account information with partner jurisdictions. FATCA compliance is through a Model 1 IGA.

CFATF and FATF Status

2010	CFATF Mutual Evaluation — significant areas for improvement
2016	EU includes SVG in list of non-cooperative jurisdictions
2019	Removed from EU list following reforms
2022	FSA supervisory framework strengthened; CRS operational
Current	Not on FATF grey list — verify current CFATF follow-up status with advisers

Current FATF, CFATF, and EU status must be independently verified. Banking access and counterparty due diligence challenges may arise with SVG-incorporated entities at some institutions.

SECTION 6

Regulatory Considerations for 2026

SVG in 2026 is continuing to develop its regulatory infrastructure while leveraging its property market strength and fintech positioning. Advisers should calibrate their expectations — SVG offers cost-effective IBC formation and Grenadines property structures, but does not yet have the institutional depth of Barbados, Bermuda, or the Channel Islands.

Fintech and Forex Sector — Due Diligence Required

SVG has attracted a significant number of forex brokers, CFD platforms, and crypto-related businesses seeking an Eastern Caribbean regulatory licence. The FSA's supervisory capacity in this sector requires careful assessment by advisers and their clients. Not all SVG-regulated fintech entities operate to the same standards, and the FSA's enforcement track record in this space should be reviewed before recommending a SVG-regulated platform to clients.

Property and Tourism — The Grenadines Advantage

The Grenadines luxury property and tourism sector is a genuine strength and differentiator for SVG. Structuring property acquisitions in Mustique, Canouan, Bequia, and the Tobago Cays requires qualified local legal counsel and an understanding of the specific land tenure and property holding frameworks applicable to each island.

IBC Substance and Transparency

SVG IBCs conducting relevant activities must comply with economic substance requirements. The beneficial ownership register means that corporate transparency to competent authorities is a reality. Clients and advisers should plan structures on the basis of full CRS compliance and consistent home-jurisdiction tax treatment.

Key Questions to Explore with a Qualified Adviser

1. Is a SVG IBC or trust structure the appropriate vehicle for the proposed purpose, and what economic substance requirements apply?
2. For property acquisitions in the Grenadines, what is the applicable land tenure and property holding framework for the specific island, and what FSA requirements apply?
3. What are the CRS/FATCA reporting obligations and has home-jurisdiction tax treatment been confirmed?
4. What is the current CFATF follow-up status of SVG, and does this affect banking access or counterparty due diligence for the proposed structure?
5. For fintech structures, what FSA registration or licence applies and what is the FSA's enforcement track record in the relevant sector?
6. What beneficial ownership disclosure obligations apply and who will have access to beneficial ownership information?
7. Has qualified tax advice been obtained in all relevant home jurisdictions?

SECTION 7

SearchOffshore Directory

SearchOffshore profiles 45 professional firms across 9 service categories in St Vincent and the Grenadines. All profiled firms are either self-registered or sourced from public professional registers.

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Property Services	11	View Listings
Notary	7	View Listings
Fiduciary Services	6	View Listings
Trusts	6	View Listings
Wealth Management	6	View Listings
Accountancy Firms	6	View Listings
Tax Advisors	4	View Listings
Corporate Services	4	View Listings

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