



BDO KNOWS FAMILY OFFICE SERVICES

# **BDO's Integrated Wealth Reporting Gives the Family Enterprise the Transparency to Grow**

## Holistic financial picture provides clarity, peace of mind, and efficiencies for wealthy families.

As a family's interests and wealth enterprise grow, the increasing complexities that accompany a diverse and expanding asset portfolio require unique attention. In fact, managing the family enterprise itself becomes a business, often referred to as the family wealth enterprise. Families with significant personal property, invested assets, and/or operating businesses need to be able to monitor and evaluate their wealth, but may struggle to keep abreast of the data pouring in from various sources and vendors—investment advisors, insurers, lawyers—not to mention the time-consuming administrative efforts that bill payments and accounting demand.

BDO empowers family wealth enterprises to make informed financial decisions, such as capital deployment, as well as non-financial decisions by providing a holistic view of your family's net worth. Our comprehensive reporting services incorporate four pillars of information to provide you with a complete financial picture:

1. Investment and asset reporting
2. Accounting and cash flow/expense reporting
3. Personal balance sheet maintenance
4. Bill payment services

### **BDO'S INTEGRATED WEALTH REPORTING SERVICES**

BDO's Integrated Wealth Reporting Services leverages technology, tools and a team of highly experienced client service professionals to consolidate and analyze data, delivering actionable insights regarding cashflow needs and personal net worth standing. Our holistic approach to family wealth management enables easier decision making.

**Investment and Asset Reporting** – Families commonly invest with multiple advisors who maintain accounts at various banks. Families receive monthly or quarterly investment statements from each investment manager and often from each institution for each account, inundating the family with information in an undigestible form. It is difficult to see the family's total asset allocation, where investments overlap or are in direct conflict, and how the portfolio is performing in-aggregate. BDO utilizes sophisticated tools to consolidate your investments into one comprehensive picture.

**Accounting and Cash Flow/Expense Reporting** – Small accounting related decisions can have long-term impacts. Should a payment be expensed or capitalized? If a beneficiary requests a distribution, which trust has the assets and the ability to fulfill such request in accordance with the authority of the trust document? When paying a bill, how should the expenditure be recorded to capture the most appropriate and efficient tax treatment? BDO's experienced team of professionals knows which decisions to consider when conducting robust financial reporting.

**Personal Balance Sheet** – Over time, families may lose visibility into the value and extent of their assets including personal property. What assets did they inherit or acquire over the years in terms of art, jewelry, cars, and real estate? Do they own these assets directly by individual family members, in trusts, or through family entities? What are the costs incurred, in terms of interest, insurance, maintenance, storage, and brokerage fees? A comprehensive personal balance sheet accounts for all assets and gives families the power to make decisions regarding assets that no longer bring joy.

**Bill Payment** – BDO's bill payment services add value far beyond a transactional accounts payable function. Our experienced client service professionals review expenditures to determine whether the expense, the payee and the amount are appropriate. BDO reconciles and summarizes transactions from multiple credit cards that otherwise would be overlooked by families. We can provide expense reporting tools that simplify the process of identifying overspending early on. BDO provides the segregation of duties, history of workflow and confidentiality that every family wealth enterprise need.

## WHAT BDO'S INTEGRATED WEALTH REPORTING SERVICES CAN DO FOR YOUR FAMILY



Consolidate data held by multiple brokerage accounts and managed by multiple managers.



Review investment performance against the investment owners agreed-upon performance benchmarks.



Aggregate reporting by individual, trusts, and/or entities as well as groups of individuals/trusts/entities.



Streamline the tax compliance process.



Track expenditures by family member/residence/activity/employee.



Identify expenditures attributable to business activities.



Reduce duplicate payments and other human errors that may arise from manual data entry and monitoring.



Provide peace of mind by tracking cash and accounts payable transactions.



Maintain a database of updated information/documents that are easily accessible to both the family and advisors.

## Transparent Wealth

- ▶ Do you have a complete financial picture of your family wealth enterprise?
- ▶ Do you have a documented inventory of everything you own?
- ▶ What is the ownership structure of all assets?
- ▶ What are the costs incurred, in terms of interest, maintenance, insurance, etc.?
- ▶ Is there a plan in place to identify and meet your financial commitments over the next 12-24 months?
- ▶ What is the total return on your investment portfolio across your multiple investment firms?
- ▶ Do you have sufficient cash on-hand to cover unforeseen circumstances, lifestyle needs, and estimated tax payments?



## WHY BDO

- ▶ Our client service professionals have years of experience working with families and family offices. Our depth of experience and commitment to integrity and discretion gives our clients peace of mind, knowing that their service team understands their needs well.
- ▶ Our dedicated family office services professionals focus on organizing documents and institutionalizing the family's enterprise, thereby reducing the risk of loss of a key outside professional.
- ▶ Recognizing that we handle highly sensitive and personal information, we understand that confidentiality and trust are important.
- ▶ We utilize a documented work flow process to segregate duties and provide appropriate safeguards.
- ▶ Our professionals can serve as the central point of contact between the family's advisors to alleviate the burden on the family and family office employees.
- ▶ We bring a holistic mindset and consultative approach, providing clarity and perspective.

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