

Escrow and Account Bank Services

As business becomes more global and complex, there is a need for the assistance of trusted agents to help you manage the complexities of your transactions. The support of an experienced escrow agent and account bank who is able to simplify and centralise transaction flows in a complex deal, and who can bring speed, innovation and global execution capabilities to the table, is vital. This is why Issuer Services is a leader in providing escrow and account bank services.

Comprehensive service offering

As an escrow agent and account bank, Issuer Services can receive, safekeep, service and manage your assets such as cash, securities, property (including intellectual property) contracts, or other collateral. Performing within the terms and conditions set out in the agreement, we can support escrow and account requirements for a wide variety of transactions, including:

- Mergers and acquisitions
- Asset sales/divestitures
- Global trade
- Bankruptcies
- Collateralised lending
- Corporate restructurings
- Subscription
- Rent/lease royalty payments
- Joint venture arrangements
- Special purpose acquisition companies ("SPACs")

Customised escrow solutions

We provide customised escrow and account bank services for a variety of reasons, giving you:

- Extensive global reach and local market expertise

- Highly experienced transaction managers to assist in structuring and managing transactions
- The availability of a standard agreement to help facilitate a fast and efficient closing while keeping legal expenses down
- Independent assurance of the transaction objectives
- Control of counterparty or market risk

Tailored account bank services

We tailor our account bank services to meet the unique needs of every client, providing maximum flexibility and a personalised support. The range of support provided includes:

- Establishing segregated accounts to simplify accounting and maintain audit trails
- Tracking receipt and investment of funds
- Maintaining pledged assets
- Online account viewing capabilities
- Reporting cash transactions across all accounts
- Providing a full range of investment options for cash balances

Benefits at a Glance

- Dedicated transaction management and operations teams providing tailored approaches and transaction support
- Extensive global reach and local market expertise
- Access to a full range of investment options to optimise client returns

Investment flexibility

We provide access to a number of investment options for cash balances. Depending on your liquidity needs, these options include a variety of AAA-rated money market funds, direct investments in commercial paper, bank deposits and government securities, as well as interest-bearing accounts, where available. These options can provide you with flexibility if the investment period is uncertain.

Dedicated escrow and account bank administration team

Servicing an escrow or account structure, particularly a complex one, requires special attention, committed service and the ability to deliver within tight timeframes. We offer a dedicated escrow and account bank administration team with extensive experience in supporting a wide variety of highly complex cross-border transactions. The team has access to a full range of skills and resources around the world, allowing you to conduct all your escrow and account bank dealings through a single provider in multiple geographic locations.

Why Issuer Services?

We have provided superior and innovative escrow and account bank services for over a century to thousands of clients worldwide and have earned the trust of leading corporations, investment banks, financial institutions and public-sector entities alike.

Our focus is on engineering solutions that add value to your transactions, whether the transactions are between two multinationals entering into a five-year joint venture or for a pharmaceutical company shipping products to Russia that are offset by raw materials shipped back to the US.

Issuer Services overview

As a leading provider of corporate trust services, we have a unique blend of experience, financial strength, global reach and superior service. We offer a full range of agency, fiduciary, tender and exchange, and depositary and escrow services in both established and emerging markets. Issuer Services oversees in excess of USD4 trillion in fixed-income and equity-related instruments on behalf of 2,500 clients worldwide.

Our diverse and talented staff covering more than 90 markets advise companies, governments and institutional investors on the best way to realise their strategic objectives. We create solutions for and provide the broadest possible capital and market access to thousands of issuer and investor clients, efficiently executing the complex solutions required in today's global economy.

The Citi advantage

The strength of a leader

As one of the world's foremost financial institutions, Citi is a highly diversified and growing business. Given our financial strength, scale and expertise, we are able to partner with you in ways that can help you navigate the complexities of the capital markets, enabling you to realise your goals.

Superior service

We have highly experienced and specialised trust administrators who are supported by leading edge technology and processing capabilities. Together we aim to give your transactions the flexibility, reliability and speed that you require in today's economic climate.

Global reach, local market expertise

We offer a single solution for global corporate trust services around the world. With its on-the-ground presence covering more than 90 markets, we can provide local market expertise and direct multi-country access.

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