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Giving you unique inside in a hidden industry

FOSS's mission is to make the multi-family office market as transparent as possible for you. In 2011, Jan van Bueren and Thomas Ming found that almost every family trying to engage a multi-family office experienced the market as exceedingly non-transparent. Since then, they have committed themselves to providing a solution to this problem, with the ultimate goal to make it possible for every family to get easy access to custom-made family office services and high quality wealth management.

To realise their goal they have been focusing on three main objectives:

- creating an extensive internet-based educational platform about the concept of family offices and the wide range of services provided by them;
- establishing an unconventional multi-family office database, containing essential information for global families to enable them to properly select the best multi-family office and;
- developing a bespoke evaluation process to determine the unique needs and wishes of each individual family.

Commitment

After years of thorough research and passionate commitment, they have been able to establish themselves as a recognized and independent source of information for wealthy families. As a result, these families are now being offered a light to guide them through the complicated and non-transparent world of the multi-family office service's industry.

They are regular professional speakers at family office seminars, family business meetings and educational events and the authors of numerous articles about the set-up and selection of a (multi-)family office. In 2015 their efforts were rewarded with a Swiss WealthBriefing Award.



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Jan van Bueren, born in 1972 in the Netherlands, is co-founder of FOSS Family Office Services Switzerland, located in Zurich.

He holds a Master of Tax Laws from the University of Groningen, the Netherlands. After his graduation in 1997, he worked in the Netherlands as a tax advisor at a tax consultancy firm focussed on mid-market clients and subsequently joined the tax department of PricewaterhouseCoopers with a focus on large family-owned companies and their owners. From 2004 until 2006 Jan van Bueren worked as a senior legal counsel with De Nederlandsche Bank NV, the supervisor of financial institutions and the financial sector in the Netherlands.

At the end of 2006 he relocated to Switzerland and joined ABN AMRO Bank (Switzerland) AG in order to set up the bank's Wealth Structuring department in Zurich. When Union Bancaire Privée, UBP SA (UBP) acquired ABN AMRO Bank (Switzerland) AG in 2011, he became Head Wealth Planning Zurich for UBP. His activities for FOSS form an integral part of his activities as a Wealth Planner at UBP.

Jan van Bueren deals, on a daily basis, with complex international wealth planning issues for internationally oriented (U)HNWIs, tax efficient corporate structures, private placement life insurance, international relocation schemes and (wealth protection) structures such as trusts and family foundations. He has been a full member of STEP since 2010.

Jan van Bueren speaks English, German and Dutch fluently. He lives in the greater Zurich area and is married and father of two children. He loves spending time with his family, eating out and practicing winter sports such as skiing and snowboarding.



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Thomas Ming, born in 1976 in Switzerland, is co-founder of FOSS Family Office Services Switzerland, located in Zurich.

He holds a Master of Laws from the University of Basel, Switzerland. During his studies he was an active member of AIESEC and spent a year in Brazil for an internship. After his graduation in 2003 he travelled by bicycle from the most southern part of South America to Cancun, Mexico in two years time. In 2006 Thomas Ming joined ABN AMRO Bank (Switzerland) AG in Zurich. Between 2006 and 2011 he worked at the bank as an Account Manager for different markets. Because of his strong interest in IT, he was also regularly involved in various IT-projects of the bank.

In 2011 he joined ABN AMRO's Wealth Structuring department in Zurich. When Union Bancaire Privée, UBP SA (UBP) acquired ABN AMRO Bank (Switzerland) AG in 2011, he became a Wealth Planner for UBP. His activities for FOSS form an integral part of his activities as a Wealth Planner at UBP. Thomas Ming has during the past years primarily concentrated on life insurance (e.g. private placement life insurance) as a compliant wealth planning structure for (U)HNWIs.

Thomas Ming is fluent in Spanish, English and German. He lives in the greater Zurich area, is married, and spends a lot of his private time hiking, biking and skiing in the Swiss alps. He furthermore loves travel and photography.

Union Bancaire Privée, UBP SA

Union Bancaire Privée, UBP SA (UBP) was founded in 1969 by Edgar de Picciotto; since then, it has remained a privately-owned independent Swiss financial institution. The Bank's activity is exclusively focused on wealth management for private and institutional clients, with clear targets of preserving and generating wealth on the long-term.

UBP is one of Switzerland's best-capitalised banks, guaranteeing long-term financial stability and strength (Learn more about UBP's key figures). Headquartered in Geneva, the Bank is also present in Switzerland's other financial centres - in Zurich, Basel, and Lugano - as well as in some 20 locations worldwide, enabling it to combine local know-how with a strong international network. Its booking centres include London, Nassau, Luxembourg and Singapore.

In the space of one generation, the Bank has established itself as one of Switzerland's leading private banks. UBP is driven by its core values – commitment, passion, innovation, and entrepreneurial spirit – which, together, aim to foster long-lasting relations with clients based on trust and respect.

UBP is specifically recognised for its expertise in traditional and alternative asset management. Its integrated approach enables high-net-worth clients to benefit from a quasi-institutional management of their wealth and to benefit from the Bank's highly knowledgeable and skilled experts.

Moreover, the Bank offers wealth and estate planning advisory services committed to supporting clients in their search for reliable solutions in order to secure, grow, and transfer their family estate over generations. UBP's wealth planning advisors closely cooperate with various prestigious external specialists, including highly qualified Swiss and international lawyers, tax advisors, chartered accountants, and seasoned administrative services providers, building an extensive network of renowned partners over the last 30 years.