

# **Anniversary Celebrations**

**KPMG** in the Crown Dependencies



# A message from our Senior Partner

I am privileged to lead such a talented group of people across the Crown Dependencies. Our ethos has always been about having senior expertise on the ground in each of our islands to respond to client needs, whilst also being able to lean on our global network.

We are proud of our combined history – 227 years of association and 190 years of having offices on these islands, building relationships and embedding ourselves in these communities. We have trained and nurtured hundreds of accountants into industry, opined on many consultations and economic issues and have committed significant time and resources to community initiatives over this time.

Our firm has been constantly evolving since it started, and as the professional services environment continues to change, we aim to be at the forefront alongside our colleagues in the KPMG Islands Group and our wider network. Our firm will continue to evolve, but one thing that won't change is our local DNA.

Thank you for your support over the years – we look forward to working with you for a long time to come.



**Neale Jehan**Senior Partner, Crown Dependencies

## Our Origins to the Second World War

Our earliest traces within the Crown Dependencies can be found in the Channel Islands, dating back to the late 19th Century.

In 1884 the States of Guernsey chose to appoint an independent firm to audit their accounts. After making progress with an audit committee, they eventually used their London connections to find a qualified accountant for the job. This was via a former Bank of England governor who also happened to be a Guernseyman.

Then in 1891 – some 132 years ago – Maurice Black first visited the island to sign the States accounts and advise improvements on how they kept their books. Black would continue to visit Guernsey each year, and in 1899 he set sail from Southampton with his wife aboard the SS Stella.

Disaster struck, however, when heavy fog caused the SS Stella to collide with the Casquets rocks roughly eight miles north-west off the island of Alderney. With not enough lifeboats to save everyone aboard, Maurice Black and his wife were among the nearly 80 passengers and crew who perished along with the ship.

Despite his tragic passing, Maurice Black's name lived on as his accountancy firm 'Black, Geoghegan & Till' continued to work remotely with the States of Guernsey well into the 20th Century. And in 1923, one hundred years ago, the firm first registered with the ICAEW with a permanent office in Guernsey.

#### REPORT ON THE STATES ACCOUNTS FOR 1890.

Bureau des États, Guernesey, ce 15 Avril 1891.

MONSIEUR,

J'ai l'honneur de vous envoyer sous pli le rapport du Mons. Maurice Black, Chartered Accountant, sur les comptes du Superviseur de la Chaussée pour l'année 1890, ledit Mons. Black ayant été chargé par le Comité d'examiner et vérifier les susdits comptes, en conformité avec le vote des États du 28 Janvier 1891.

Agréez, Monsieur, etc.,

JOSEPH COLLINGS,

Président du Comité pour l'examen des Comptes des États.

Messire Edgar MacCulloch, Chevalier,

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et Président des États de l'île de Guernesey.

To the Audit Committee of the States of Guernsey.

Gentlemen,

I beg to report that I have examined the Accounts of the States of Guernsey for the year 1890, and have found them correct. The cash, &c., in the hands of the Assistant Supervisor was counted by the Supervisor on 31st *December*, as well as at frequent intervals during the year. The books are accurately and well kept.

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Your very obedient servant,

MAURICE BLACK.

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## Second World War to the 1970s

Having formally established itself in Guernsey in 1923, the firm appointed its first permanent and local representative, Harry Broughton, in 1926. It was a position he would hold throughout the eventful decades to come.

Broughton would turn out to be the only practising accountant in the island when it became occupied by the Germans during the Second World War. Despite half the island's population evacuating to England, the firm remained in operation throughout the occupation.

When Hitler decided to deport Channel Islanders to German camps as retaliation for his own military losses, the States requested an exemption for Broughton due to his status as their auditor and "the only qualified accountant remaining in Guernsey". While his exemption was granted, thousands of other remaining Guernsey and Jersey islanders were not so fortunate.

After the war ended, Broughton remained in Guernsey for the rest of his life and the States accounts continued to be audited by Black, Geoghegan & Till.

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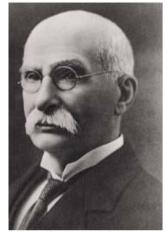
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# Emergence in Jersey and the Isle of Man

In 1972 Peat Marwick Mitchell & Co. became associated with the firm, and a year later they opened an office in Jersey. The firm saw continued growth from this point onwards, both locally and internationally.

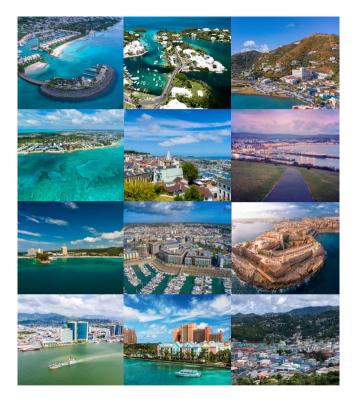
Then in 1978 the Isle of Man office first opened to meet the needs of clients establishing new businesses in the island. It was originally set up under the guidance of the Liverpool office, as part of the UK firm's Northwest regional practice. The branch grew steadily throughout these early years, appointing its first resident partner in 1981.

Two years later, in 1983, the Isle of Man office held its first partner's meeting where the first Partnership Deed was signed and subsequently adopted. As the financial services sector in the Isle of Man began to take off, the firm merged with J G Fargher & Co in 1986, cementing it as one of the island's leading audit and accounting firms.

Meanwhile our Channel Islands operations would similarly thrive. In 1981 the Guernsey and Jersey branches both became full members of Peat Marwick International – a name that would become one half of the brand we know today.

The Jersey practice in particular saw rapid growth during the 80s, largely because of several bank mergers at the time. Soon they would be handling around 40% of all bank audits in the island.

By 1987, Peat Marwick International and Klynveld Main Goedeler had merged to create what was then the world's largest accounting firm, KPMG – or Klynveld Peat Marwick Goedeler. Following this, the Guernsey and Jersey branches continued together as KPMG, the Channel Islands member firm.



# Formation of our island groups

After a period of unprecedented economic growth, the turn of the millennium saw vast changes in the international business landscape, with rapid globalisation and economic uncertainty remaining prevalent to this day.

In 2002, several KPMG partners from various island jurisdictions – including the Isle of Man and Channel Islands – met in Bermuda to form what is now known as the 'KPMG Islands Group'.

A subregion of KPMG's wider network, comprising of financial service centres from around the world – it includes the Cayman Islands, Malta, Bermuda, Bahamas, British Virgin Islands, Jamaica, Trinidad, Barbados, St Lucia, and of course our own Crown Dependency islands.

Then in 2020, our Crown Dependency islands merged to create KPMG in the Crown Dependencies. Last year we celebrated twenty years of association as KIG firms, now employing 110 partners and approximately 2,600 people across the 12 islands.

We've come a long way from balancing the States of Guernsey's books all those years ago.



### **Our future**

With such a rich history behind us we now look to what lies ahead, as we continue to grow and strengthen our relationships with the island communities we serve. We have launched our local IMPACT plan, doubling down on our key commitments such as aiming to achieve net zero by 2030, but also driving purposeful business practices and good corporate citizenship.

As part of our anniversary celebrations, we have undertaken a substantial number of projects across the Crown Dependencies. These include supporting local food banks this winter and working with schools on our Rainbow Allotment initiative to teach children about nature. We also have further projects planned within education and the arts

Our future ultimately lies with our people. And it's through our collective vision and sustainable decision-making that will determine the next chapter of our story. We are proud to be integral to our islands, locally owned and operated and we're excited to see what lies ahead. We thank you for joining us on that journey so far and look forward to your support in the future.

### A message from our Partners

"KPMG in Jersey has always been committed to supporting the growth and development of the island's economy as well as being actively involved in the local community, and we are honoured to have played a role in shaping Jersey's landscape over the past five decades. We look forward to celebrating this milestone with our clients, colleagues, and the wider community and to continuing to build on our legacy for many years to come."

**Andy Quinn** 

Partner Jersev

"It's a privilege to be celebrating 40 years of success in the Isle of Man. To have begun life as an expansion of the UK's Northwest regional practice to becoming one of the island's leading audit and accounting firms is a testament to the amount of talent that has helped our office grow over the decades. I'm delighted to be celebrating this milestone with clients, colleagues and the wider community, as we look ahead at forging ever-closer relationships with our islands."

Russell Kelly

Partner Isle of Man

"Our longevity in Guernsey is a testament to the trust and confidence our clients have placed in us over the years, and our commitment to excellence and innovation. We have a long and proud history of supporting the island's businesses and institutions. We are excited to celebrate this milestone with our clients, colleagues, and the community, and to continue to build on our legacy of excellence for many years to come."

**Antony Mancini** 

Partner Guernsev

# A message from our Global Chairman & CEO

100 years in Guernsey, 50 years in Jersey and 40 years in the Isle of Man—milestones that should make everyone incredibly proud. They represent decades of hard work, perseverance, and dedication by so many and stand as a reminder that we're all part of something bigger than any one of us.

Together, across the Crown Dependencies, you've all had a hand in achieving great success for our clients, helping our communities become stronger, and building a firm with great people doing extraordinary things. I have no doubt that all of you and our entire network will achieve even more success for many decades to come—on behalf of each other, our clients, and for society.

Here's to all of you! And thank you for all that you do to make KPMG this incredible place. Together. For Better.



**Bill Thomas**Global Chairman & CEO

100+YEARS

5 CYEARS IN Jersey

4 GYEARS
In the Isle of Man

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