

Asset Tracing Investigations

FTI Consulting has extensive experience in identifying, locating and recovering assets throughout the globe. Our track record spans some of the world's most high-profile cases, having assisted clients and their legal advisors in recovering billions of dollars of assets and untangling the most complex global financial crimes and sophisticated acts of concealment.

WHY DO YOU NEED AN ASSET SEARCH?



Locating proceeds of illegal activities as part of a fraud, corruption or other financial investigation



Determining if there are sufficient assets to proceed with litigation



Locating assets to enforce a judgement



Confirming the veracity of claimed assets during financial inquiries



Demonstrating dissipation of company assets during actual or potential provisional liquidation



Supporting negotiations to recover unpaid debts

Our team can identify all types of assets - from bank accounts, offshore trust structures and property to art collections, yachts and private jets. We also design and execute strategies to recover assets and undertake financial worth inquiries to support informed corporate decision-making for potential transactions or litigation.

Asset recovery

An asset search investigation is not debt collection, but the first stage of a much larger process. Having identified assets, further actions – often involving the courts – are required to recover misappropriated assets or to secure assets to satisfy a judgement. The procedure for recovering assets blends intelligence and evidence collection, litigation and enforcement activities.

Our approach

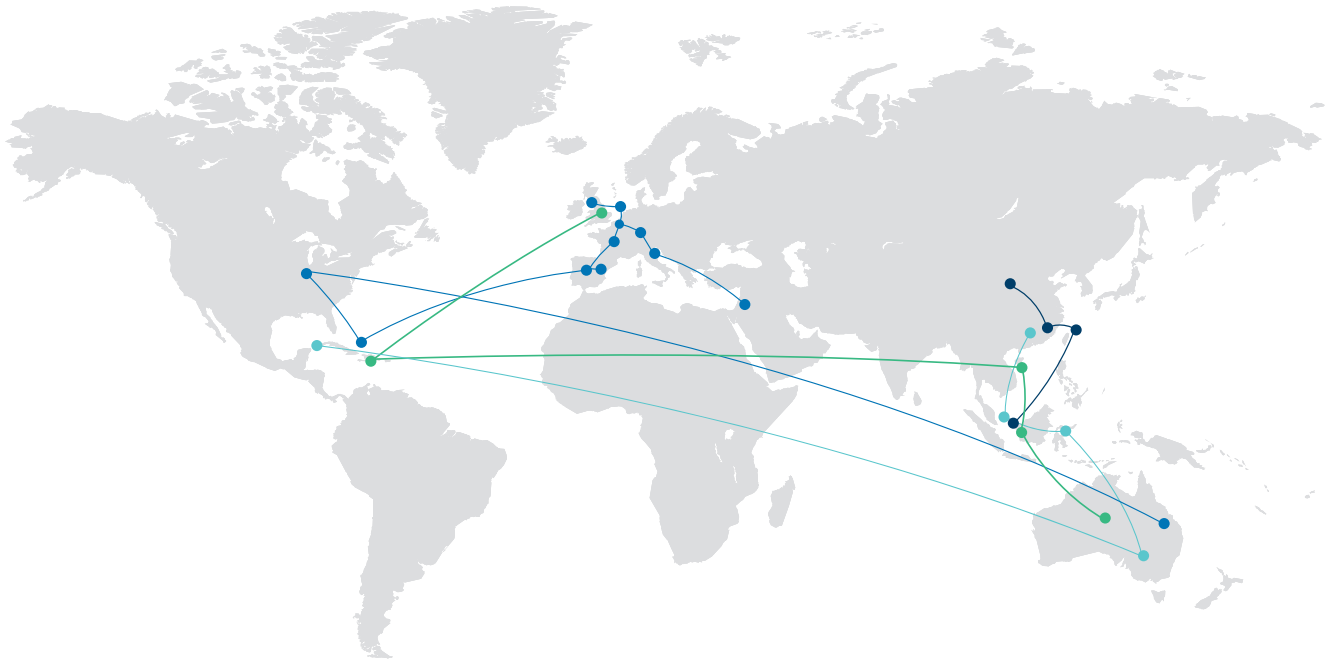
Costs in cross-border multinational asset searches can quickly escalate. We tailor our approach to maximise the likelihood of success in the most cost effective way. Our methods include:

- developing a comprehensive understanding of individuals and companies to focus identification and recovery efforts
- conducting extensive research of public/semi-public records, media, deep web searches and other online resources
- reviewing financial reports and other corporate information to identify asset transfers
- deploying forensic technology and data analytics to assist identification
- working collaboratively with counsel to execute recovery strategies
- conducting discreet inquiries where required using our own dedicated investigations team
- using FTI's proprietary social media analytics tools to identify pertinent personal connections and near-liquid assets

Asset tracing offshore

Many of our investigations involve offshore jurisdictions, where lack of publicly available information and complex group structures enable sophisticated parties to conceal the location, source and ownership of assets. FTI's global presence means we can deploy teams anywhere in the world, helping you respond to an investigation by providing:

- Regional experts in 27 countries, including the Cayman Islands and British Virgin Islands where assets are often concealed.
- Multilingual capability, with over 40 languages and dialects in Asia.
- Familiarity with different country's business practices and where to find relevant records and information.
- An in-house investigations team to conduct on-the-ground inquiries.
- Truly global experience, having acted on some of the world's most high-profile investigations.
- Our own, market-leading IT forensic tools.



ASSET THEFT INVESTIGATION

Investigated the theft of assets by a financial intermediary for a family based in the Middle East. We traced the assets in China, Hong Kong, Taiwan and Singapore where we located more than USD\$300 million in value.

LARGE SCALE EMBEZZLEMENT

Traced assets and corporate interests of an approximate USD\$1 billion embezzlement for a Chinese law firm throughout Australia, British Virgin Islands, UK, Singapore and Vietnam. We identified an extensive network of family members and associates who acted as proxies to hold the assets covertly in multiple regions..

MADOFF GLOBAL PONZI SCHEME

Provided asset tracing, investigative, forensic accounting and e-discovery services in support of investigations into the largest reported Ponzi scheme in US history. Our extensive investigations covered the USA, UK, Spain, Italy, Austria, Israel, Germany, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Gibraltar, the Caribbean and Australia.

LITIGATION ENFORCEMENT

Investigated several respondents to a Hong Kong judgement located in Indonesia. We traced their corporate holdings throughout Indonesia, Singapore, Hong Kong, the Cayman Islands and Australia. Using public records we valued property and corporate interests and detailed the connections between the various parties to aid in recovery action.