

WYOMING TRUST INDUSTRY



### U.S. TRUST INDUSTRY

#### **Market Size**

- Over 250,000 Ultra-High Net Worth individuals worldwide
- \$30 trillion expected to change hands within the next 30 years, with the majority being transferred to heirs via trusts

#### **Drivers**

- U.S. families of wealth moving trusts to jurisdictions outside of their state of residence as a state tax minimization strategy
- International families of wealth are moving assets to the U.S.
  - Younger family members attend university and remain in the U.S.
  - Asset protection against economic and geopolitical risk
  - Personal safety concerns (kidnapping, extortion)



# WYOMING: A DESIRABLE TRUST JURISDICTION

### These states are considered to be the top trust jurisdictions in the U.S.

- Delaware
- New Hampshire
- Nevada
- South Dakota
- Tennessee
- Wyoming

#### What factors make a state desirable?

- Favorable state tax regime (no income, estate or inheritance tax)
- Modern trust laws
- Strong asset protection



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#### **Growth Trends**

- Current Assets Under Administration
  - Bank Trust Departments: \$800M
  - Non-Depository Trust Companies: \$12B
- 2009-2015: Three new public trust companies
- 2015-2018: Seven new public trust companies
- 2018 2019: Three additional applications pending
- In addition to state chartered trust companies, multiple OCC-chartered banks have expanded operations into Wyoming



# **WYOMING TRUSTS**

In order to have a Wyoming trust, the Settlor or Trustee must be a Wyoming resident Types of Wyoming Trustees

- Individual
- Bank trust department
- Non-depository publicly chartered trust company
- Private trust company (PTC)
  - Regulated
  - Unregulated

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# WYOMING TRUSTEES: SEGMENTATION

### **Bank trust departments**

- Client Characteristics
  - Marketable Securities
  - 'One Stop Shop', i.e., one trustee manages all functions (banking, lending, wealth management)

#### Non-depository publicly chartered trust company

- Client Characteristics
  - Combination of unique assets and marketable securities
  - Unbundled services utilize multiple providers for investments, banking / lending, trustee services



# HOW DOES THE TRUST INDUSTRY BENEFIT WY?

Diversification of the state's economy

Well-paid, full-time employment opportunities in the state

Additional source of business for professional services firms in Wyoming

- Law Firms
- CPA's
- Banks
- Investment firms

**Economic multiplier 1.78X** 

Improves access to capital



### HOW DOES WYOMING COMPARE?

### Legislatively on par with other states in most areas

#### **Deficient in a few areas**

- Chartered Family Trust Company Act
- Jurisprudence
- Courts of jurisdiction
- Insurance premium tax

### Other states have established trust industry-specific industry associations

- Continuous improvement of trust legislation
- Promote the trust industry

Wyoming has a smaller universe of trust companies and professional service firms



# **CURRENT INITIATIVES**

Streamlining statute by separating trust company and banking statutes

Updating Chartered Family Trust Company statute to be competitive

Establishing Wyoming Trust Association

- Banks
- Law Firms
- Trust Companies
- Accounting Firms
- Wealth Advisory Firms



### **CURRENT INITIATIVES**

### **ENDOW** recommendations to strengthen the trust and professional industries

- Establish general court of jurisdiction for fiduciary matters and business entities
- Educational programs at UW and Community Colleges
  - Advanced degrees
  - Certifications
  - College level courses

Innovation - new types of trusts and other business entities

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