

Asset Tracing and Recovery

K2 Integrity is a global preeminent risk, compliance, investigations, and monitoring firm—built by former regulators and industry leaders, driven by interdisciplinary teams, and supported by cutting-edge technology to safeguard our clients' operations, reputations, and economic security.

Dedicated Asset Recovery Team

K2 Integrity is recognized as a world leader in helping clients to identify, trace, and recover assets around the globe. Our work in this area has been extensive, chasing the proceeds of government corruption and corporate fraud under every imaginable circumstance and searching for available assets in almost every country on earth.

Our Approach

K2 Integrity combines traditional asset tracing and recovery methods with the latest technology to help our clients identify and recover attachable assets, uncover sophisticated embezzlement schemes, identify key relationships, and maximize the likelihood of recovery or settlement.

Our work includes:

- Asset mapping to determine whether or not litigation is viable
- Determining whether an attachable asset exists
- Providing court-admissible evidence of on- and offshore ownership structures
- Assisting with an enforcement strategy
- Providing evidence to assist with proving jurisdiction for a claim
- Identifying and securing assets to satisfy a post-judgment award
- Monitoring identified assets during legal proceedings to guard against dissipation or transfer
- Securing the return of misappropriated assets

Because successful asset tracing investigation depends on creative interplay between thorough public records research, human intelligence-gathering, and on-the-ground field work, we work with our clients to provide a bespoke solution for each case.

Our Services

K2 Integrity has a strong competitive advantage: a team of dedicated asset tracing professionals with decades of collective experience who are highly familiar with the means and methods by which assets are hidden and, most importantly, how they can be found.

Our asset recovery clients include:

- ▶ Law firms
- ▶ Litigation funders
- ▶ Sovereign states
- ▶ High-net-worth individuals
- ▶ Corporations

We recognize that identifying assets is only half the battle; recovery of the client's money is always the priority. To that end, we staff in-house forensic accounting and crypto asset specialists and retain close relationships with specialist lawyers and other experts capable of forming a team that can provide a client with a full suite of the services necessary to see a project all the way through to recovery, to maximize the eventual return.

In recognition of the firm's position as an industry leader, K2 Integrity was ranked for the fourth year in a row by Chambers & Partners in its Litigation Support Guide 2023 under the category of Global-wide Asset Tracing & Recovery (Investigations Agencies).

RECENT NOTABLE PROJECTS INCLUDE:

K2 Integrity was retained by an international law firm to assist a Ukrainian state-owned energy company in the recovery of assets following a \$5 billion arbitration award against the Russian Federation. The K2 Integrity team is working closely with the lawyers and clients in this ongoing case to identify assets and assist with veil-piercing research and other investigative support as the team seeks assets not already targeted by other creditors and assist in the recovery process.

K2 Integrity was engaged by a corporate client seeking to identify assets to enforce an investment arbitration award against an Eastern European state, following the expropriation of a series of assets in that state.

K2 Integrity conducted an extensive investigation and identified assets in several jurisdictions, including ships, cargoes, and property valued in excess of €1 billion, against which the award was successfully enforced.

K2 Integrity was engaged by a private client to investigate an investment management business based in the Middle East.

In support of multimillion-dollar legal actions launched by the client, K2 Integrity was asked to trace the assets of the company and its founders. The global investigation uncovered multiple valuable assets in Europe, the South Pacific, South Africa, and Dubai. Our investigation revealed that several investments using the client's money had involved companies featuring close associates of the firm's founders. In addition, K2 Integrity was able to uncover that the firm's main principal had a criminal conviction in Europe relating to fraud, forgery, tax evasion, and the trading of counterfeit goods. While the client's legal case is continuing, K2 Integrity's report

provided crucial evidence submitted by the client to the relevant regulatory authorities to initiate further action against the firm and its principal.

K2 Integrity was retained by a South American private equity firm involved in a multimillion-dollar legal claim against a large family-run conglomerate and its owners.

To satisfy any eventual judgment, the client required a comprehensive understanding of the respondents' assets and also wanted to prove that the UK was a suitable jurisdiction to bring a claim. Through a combination of open-source research and on-the-ground investigating, K2 Integrity was able to identify over GBP 100 million worth of personal and business assets, including valuable residences, and to establish that the family had a property and business office in London. Our report was used as evidence to initiate legal proceedings in the UK. The case continues.

K2 Integrity was engaged by an international law firm on behalf of a CIS bank that had been taken over by the state following an internal fraud.

The subjects of our investigation were former shareholders of the bank who had embezzled over \$500 million from it and who were subject to civil proceedings locally. The subjects subsequently transferred a significant portion of the embezzled funds and fled abroad, rendering the local proceedings futile. The subjects had gone to great lengths to conceal their locations, as well as their assets and current activities. K2 Integrity's team located the individuals in Austria and Cyprus, served them with legal summons, and identified over \$400 million assets in property and shares in publicly listed companies that were subsequently placed under a worldwide freezing order.

Multidisciplinary Teams

K2 Integrity's global team is composed of former law enforcement officials, intelligence experts, forensic accountants, computer forensics and technology consultants, data analytics specialists, former regulators, litigation support professionals, crypto specialists, and experienced investigative experts with deep industry experience. This diversity of backgrounds and approaches means that our efforts are tailored to the needs of the client and adapted to the unique circumstances of each situation.

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