# **Corporate Trustee Solutions** – Comparison Chart

The corporate trustee platform created by Morgan Stanley is "open architecture," meaning that we provide you with access and ability to select an appropriate third-party corporate trustee for your trust account. We currently have 13 corporate trustee partners who have different skill sets, capabilities, locations, jurisdictions, pricing and trust service specialties.

	CORPORATE TRUSTEE PARTNER	ACCOUNT MINIMUM	TRUSTEE OF DISCRETIONARY TRUSTS	TRUSTEE OF DIRECTED TRUSTS	DIRECTED TRUST JURISDICTION	INSTITUTIONAL TRUSTEE SERVICES
Core Partners	Arden Trust Company	\$1,000,000	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	Delaware	
	City National Bank, N.A.*	\$3,000,000	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$		
	Comerica Bank & Trust, N.A.	\$1,000,000	$\checkmark$	✓	Delaware**	
	Fiduciary Trust of New England	\$2,000,000	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	New Hampshire	
	First State Trust Company	\$1,000,000	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	Delaware	$\checkmark$
	Midwest Trust Company	\$500,000	$\checkmark$			
	Peak Trust Company	\$1,000,000	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	Alaska, Nevada, Delaware**	
	RBC Trust Company*	\$3,000,000	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	Delaware	
	Nevada First Trust Company***	\$1,000,000	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	Nevada	$\checkmark$
Niche Partners	BMO Trust & Custody	\$50,000,000				$\checkmark$
	Broadridge/Matrix	\$1,000,000				$\checkmark$
	Premier Trust Company of Nevada	\$1,000,000		$\checkmark$	Nevada	
	South Dakota Trust Company	Minimum fee		$\checkmark$	South Dakota	

# **Definitions and Notes**

### **Discretionary Trusts**

- A Discretionary Trust is one where the trustee has full investment authority and distribution authority. It retains full responsibility and liability over the administration and operation of the trust.
- Common types of discretionary trusts are most irrevocable trusts, Charitable Trusts, Testamentary Trusts, Special Needs Trusts and Credit Shelter / QTIP Trusts.

#### **Directed Trusts**

- A Directed Trust is one where there is a bifurcation of duties. Typically, within the trust document, there is an Investment Direction Adviser (to control investments) and a Distribution Direction Adviser (to control distributions). The trustee usually does not hold either of these responsibilities.
- Certain states allow for the directed trust structure. Among the most popular include Delaware, South Dakota, Nevada, Alaska and New Hampshire.
- Common types of directed trusts include Dynasty Trusts, Asset Protection Trusts and trusts that own a concentrated asset that the grantor wants retained in the trust.

#### Institutional Trusts

- An Institutional Trust is a trust created under a corporate retirement plan or pension plan that has a directed trustee.
- Additional services provided by institutional trustee partners include custodial or agency/reporting services for companies, municipalities, government agencies, non-profits and insurance plans. Some institutional trustee partners can also serve as Escrow Agent.

#### **Corporate Trustee Partner Notes**

- \* RBC Trust Company and City National Bank, N.A. are sister trust companies owned by the RBC.
- \*\* Comerica Bank & Trust, N.A. has an administrative office in Delaware but not a Delaware state charter.
- \*\*\* Nevada First Trust Company is affiliated with First State Trust Company

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