

TRUSTBRIDGE GLOBAL FOUNDATION®

Endowment Fund

International Giving Solution

A Smarter Way to Build Lasting Impact

Establishing an endowment is one of the most effective ways to ensure long-term financial sustainability for a mission. However, creating and maintaining a traditional endowment often involves significant legal complexity, ongoing governance responsibilities, regulatory compliance, investment oversight, and long-term administrative cost.

TrustBridge Global Foundation enables donors and organizations to establish endowment funds through Donor-Advised Funds without the complexity, cost, or risk of creating a separate legal entity. Through TrustBridge, donors and organizations gain confidence that their charitable capital will be stewarded under the Foundation's governance and investment policies, and permanently aligned with the mission and values they care about most.

Summary

What This Is

A Foundation Fund-based endowment solution established within TrustBridge Global Foundation, using a Donor-Advised Fund structure to support long-term sustainability.

Who This Is For

Mission-driven organizations, donors and advisors seeking a durable, well-governed approach to long-term impact.

Why It Matters

TrustBridge offers a flexible way to build enduring impact by combining endowment permanence, professional governance, and predictable income without the cost, complexity, or risk of creating a separate legal entity.



What Is a TrustBridge Endowment Fund?

A TrustBridge Endowment Fund is a Foundation Fund established within TrustBridge Global Foundation, the world's first Swiss-based Donor-Advised Fund built to be truly global, dedicated to supporting a specific charitable, educational, or mission-related purpose over the long term.

Each endowment:

- Is professionally invested under a long-term investment policy
- Generates reliable annual distributions
- Is legally protected and permanently aligned with its charitable purpose
- Operates under Swiss charitable regulations through TrustBridge's foundation structure

This structure provides donors with the permanence of a traditional endowment while eliminating the administrative burden typically associated with standalone foundations or trusts.

Who Is This Ideal For?

A TrustBridge Endowment Fund is particularly well-suited when:

- An organization wants predictable, long-term income to support its mission
- Boards seek permanence without assuming governance and regulatory burden
- Donors want to establish a lasting legacy with strong safeguards
- International charitable organizations facing legal or administrative complexity



Case Study

George Whitefield College: Building Long-Term Financial Stability

George Whitefield College (South Africa) partnered with TrustBridge to address reliance on annual donations, currency volatility, and challenges in enabling international donor support. Through TrustBridge, George Whitefield College opened a Donor-Advised Fund and the Ark Endowment. Held in Switzerland, the endowment enabled assets to be invested in stable currencies and provided predictable annual distributions, improving financial planning and supporting the college's mission for the future.

Traditional Endowments vs TrustBridge Endowment Funds

	Traditional Endowment (New Entity)	TrustBridge Endowment Fund
Legal Structure	Requires creation of a new foundation, trust, or legal entity	Established within TrustBridge Global Foundation
Setup Time & Cost	Significant legal, accounting, and administrative costs	Faster setup with lower upfront and ongoing costs
Swiss-based Structure	Varies by jurisdiction and local governance standards	Based in Switzerland, providing long-term stability and international confidence
Governance	Independent board required; ongoing governance obligations	Professional governance provided by TrustBridge
Regulatory Compliance	Separate audits, filings, and regulatory oversight required	Managed centrally under Swiss charitable law
Investment Management	Organization responsible for selecting and overseeing investments	Institutional-level investment oversight with diversified portfolio management
Distributions	Determined internally; may vary by governance capacity	Predictable annual distributions (typically ~5%)*
Flexibility	Structural changes can be complex and costly	Defined flexibility for extraordinary distributions
Mission & Donor Intent Protection	Depends on internal governance continuity	Permanently designated purpose with donor intent and safeguards if circumstances change
Administrative Burden	High—ongoing administration, reporting, and compliance	Minimal—administration, handled by TrustBridge

*subject to market conditions and liquidity

Endowment Fund Assessments

TrustBridge applies a transparent annual assessment* to support administration and governance of endowment funds. Assessments are tiered based on fund size:

Endowment Fund Size	Annual Assessment
First SFr 5 million	0.70% per annum
Next SFr 5 million	0.55% per annum
Next SFr 5 million	0.40% per annum
Above SFr 15 million	0.25% per annum

**charged monthly as 1/12th of the annual assessment based on the average daily balance*

Investment Approach

Endowment assets are invested under a long-term strategy aligned with the Fund's objectives and risk profile. Asset allocation and expected returns vary based on market conditions and agreed risk parameters, with the goal of supporting sustainable distributions over time.

A Foundation Fund-Based Endowment, Built for the Long Term

By establishing an endowment within TrustBridge, organizations gain permanence and professional stewardship without the complexity of a separate legal structure. To explore alignment and next steps, get in touch with us at info@trustbridgeglobal.com.

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