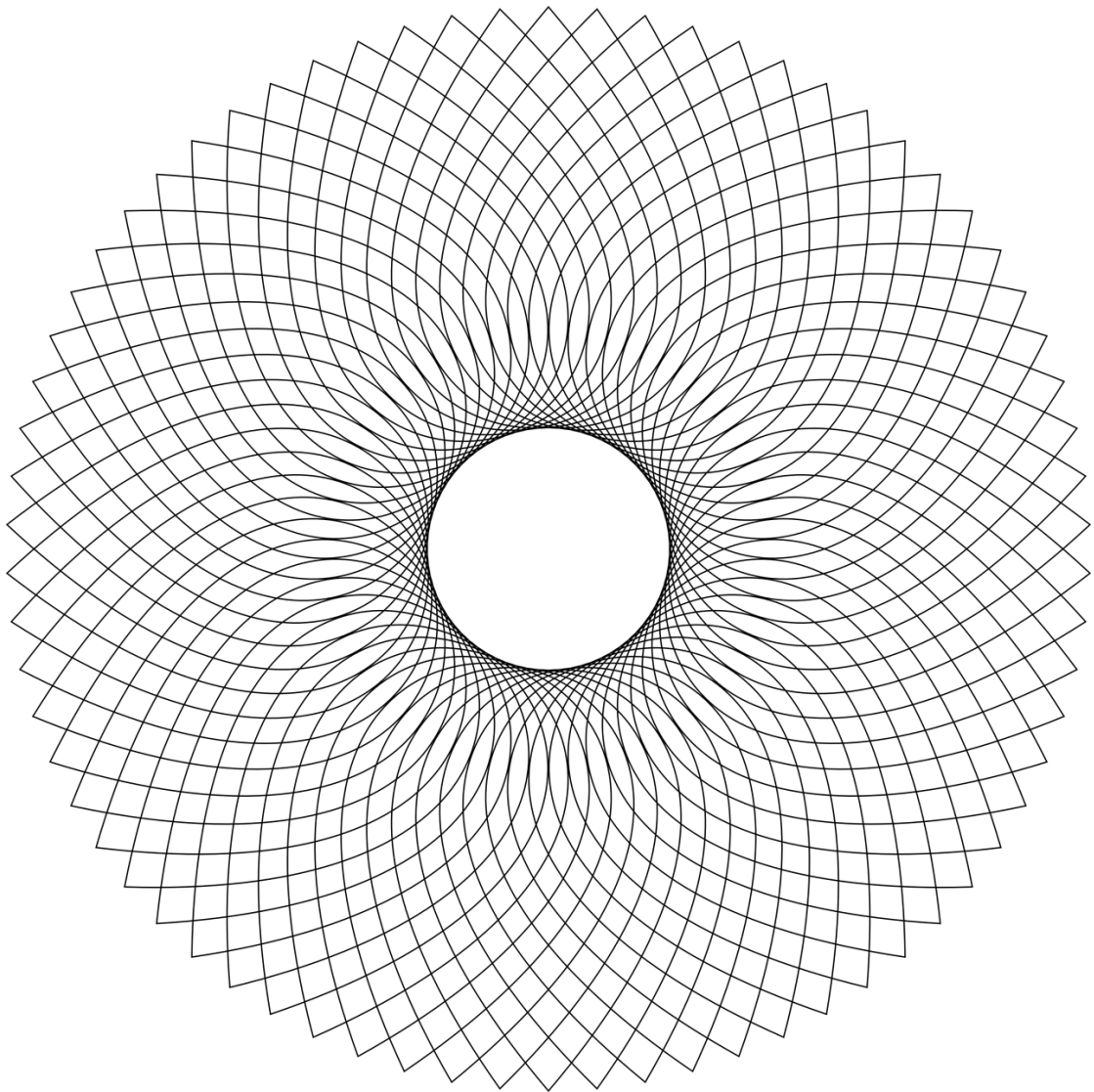


# Asset Protection and Inheritance Planning



### **Asset Protection**

Asset protection is a type of planning the protection of assets against any creditors' claims. Asset protection is commonly used by individuals and businesses to protect their most valuable assets from creditors' access.

The protection of assets must be planned and executed *before* the occurrence of any claim or liability, since any action taken to protect the assets after such events, is too late.

Methods for protecting the assets are the following:

- By transferring the ownership of assets to a trust. The trust is operated within the terms and conditions of the trust deed agreed.
- By transferring the assets on an insurance policy contract with an insurance company (Insurance wrapper-Life insurance).
- By setting up a structure and transfer the assets on the ownership of holding companies.

### **Inheritance Planning**

Putting plans now for the distribution of assets and securing a source of income for the people, who matter in a person's life, can make sure that they do not come across with a high tax bill in the future.

Setting up a Cyprus International Trust is an ideal tax planning tool for inheritance purposes. International Trust can help to avoid any high tax bills for the heirs, due to its preferential taxation and advantages offer.