

## Vistra Advisory Services: Winding Down Operations Abroad

There are many good reasons for a business to expand internationally, from testing a new market to serving important customers. The financial and administrative burdens of establishing and maintaining a compliant legal presence in another country, however, can be significant, even when the presence is in a dormant state. A business operating abroad or considering international expansion must understand that there are many situations where terminating a legal presence abroad may be advantageous.

An organization that undergoes fast growth, for example, may simply want to pare back the number of entities it has to promote efficiencies. A business that acquires another company in a country where it has existing operations may take on a new, and ultimately redundant, legal entity. Another company may find that market conditions have changed and it no longer needs a presence in a particular country.

Those are just some examples of why companies wind down a legal presence in another country. Whatever the reasons, understanding what's involved in terminating activities in another country is critical to setting realistic expectations and budgets. From a risk perspective, understanding the costs and obligations of winding down is every bit as critical as understanding the costs and time to set up operations.

### Vistra's Solution

Each country has its own unique requirements, costs and timelines associated with winding down a legal entity. Failure to understand and follow these requirements can lead to costly delays, penalties and other negative consequences, such as hampering your ability to conduct business in that country in the future.

Vistra has deep experience in winding down operations in dozens of countries, and we can help you navigate the legal and tax-entity termination rules of virtually any jurisdiction. If you're considering winding down, Vistra can:

- Conduct a legal-entity rationalization to determine if all your legal entities are necessary and to promote efficiencies in your corporate legal structure
- Provide information and advice related to your wind-down options based on entity types and countries involved
- Manage the tax clearance application and tax deregistration processes
- Manage the entity wind-down application process
- Repatriate your offshore profits and assets in a tax-efficient way, including conducting an intra-group balance rationalization

## Key Benefits

Vistra's advisors ensure that your entities are wound down in a cost efficient and timely manner that's consistent with local law. Vistra will provide you with a dedicated, experienced project manager who will oversee all aspects of your wind-down process, giving you peace of mind that it's being done right.

We will ensure that you:

- Avoid delays in deregistration and possible additional compliance obligations that can come from unfamiliarity with local laws and practices
- Achieve a clean balance sheet before you wind down and unlock previously trapped cash and assets while reducing tax leakage
- Obtain an optimal corporate structure to reduce your compliance and maintenance costs

## About Vistra

Ranked among the top three corporate service providers globally, Vistra is a versatile group of professionals, providing a uniquely broad range of services and solutions. Our capabilities span across international incorporations to trust, fiduciary, private client services, and fund administration. We employ over 4,000 professionals across 46 jurisdictions throughout the Americas, Europe, Middle East, and Asia Pacific.

As a leading global player with expert industry knowledge and location specialists, Vistra has a deep understanding of the professional worlds of our clients, and a proven track record of offering highly versatile solutions, providing the people, processes, and products that help our clients get the most from their international business.

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