

EXPAND IN THE UK

ABOUT US

As an award winning, full service UK law firm with international headquarters in the City of London and multiple offices across England and Wales, we provide the full range of services to organisations, business leaders and individuals. Our sector experts provide specialist advice and are leaders in their field, recognised with many industry awards and nominations and for their contributions to national conferences.

THE BENEFITS OF DOING BUSINESS IN THE UK



A GATEWAY TO EUROPE

For companies based in the Americas, Asia and the Middle East, the UK proves an attractive location, providing geographical proximity to mainland Europe while being an English-speaking country.



EASE OF DOING BUSINESS

Ranked as one of the World Bank's Top 10 countries with the highest ease of doing business, the UK prides itself on having relatively low restrictions on setting up and operating a business.



TRANSPARENT TAX SYSTEM

The UK operates a transparent and uncomplicated tax regime in comparison to most other jurisdictions. Corporation tax is set at 25% and most goods and services are subject to VAT at 20%. The UK also has double taxation agreements with other major trade partners which waive certain taxes – further incentivising businesses to set up.



WORLD-CLASS SUPPORT SYSTEM

The UK is home to one of the world's most stable financial markets and hosts some of the most reliable and reputed private equity houses, corporate finance firms, accountancy practices, auditors, law firms, banks and consultancies - creating the perfect ecosystem to help you grow your business further.



ENTERPRISE ZONES

The UK consists of 48 enterprise zones, which are designated areas where businesses can benefit from tax advantages such as business rate discounts of up to 100% or Enhanced Capital Allowances on purchases of plant and machinery as well as planning concessions.



ACCESS TO SKILLED EMPLOYEES

The UK hosts a vast pool of skilled workers at competitive labour costs. Employment regulations are straightforward, enabling easier compliance and reducing the likelihood of disputes.



STRONG INFRASTRUCTURE

With current world-class utilities, transportation, waste management and technology infrastructure and a focus on future sustainability, the UK allows businesses to benefit from these efficiencies, eliminating an unnecessary waste of time and costs.



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Establishment

A branch or establishment is an extension of a non-UK registered company and is not a separate legal entity. The non-UK company will enter into contracts but the branch cannot enter into contracts in its own right.

Requirements for non-UK registered companies operating in UK

If a non-UK registered company is carrying out business in the UK, it does not automatically trigger the requirement to register with the UK Registrar of Companies. Only non-UK registered companies that have a physical presence in the UK need register.

Subsidiaries

A UK subsidiary is a separate legal entity where the only shareholder is the non-UK registered parent company. The UK subsidiary will enter into contracts in its own right and can be incorporated quickly and easily.

Ongoing requirements

Once set up, a UK registered company only has to file an annual confirmation statement (a statement confirming that the company information on Companies House is accurate or confirming changes if inaccurate) and, in most circumstances, annual accounts unless exempt.

HCR provides same-day incorporation, registered office fixed-price packages for start-ups and company secretarial support, so you can spend less time worrying about the paperwork and get on with what you do best.



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INVEST IN THE UK

PRIVATE CLIENT

When you've worked hard to grow your personal wealth, it's important to have advisors that can help you protect and manage it, and ensure it is dealt with as decided by you. Our experts can help you get the most from your assets, now and in the future.

Our solicitors can provide legal advice on all aspects including:

- Trusts
- Succession planning and passing on wealth
- Corporate structures for family offices, family businesses and family investment companies
- Philanthropy
- Residency and domicile status.

PROPERTY

The UK represents one of the most stable property markets in the world, showcasing strong demand and growth over the years. Investing in UK properties through limited companies can provide better protection to potential investors.

Our solicitors can provide legal advice on all aspects including:

- Corporate structures for property investment companies
- Contracts and completion searches
- Funding and financing
- Property development consents
- Contentious property matters

CORPORATE

UK businesses are some of the fastest growing and resilient businesses in the world and are at the forefront of technology and innovation. Investing in UK start-ups and blue chip businesses can prove a low-risk high-reward way of diversifying your investment portfolio.

Our solicitors can provide legal advice on all aspects including:

- Company formations
- Corporate governance and company secretarial support
- Corporate structures for investment companies
- Venture capital
- Drafting and negotiating agreements

IMMIGRATION

The ever-changing laws around immigration can prove daunting. We will help you or your company through the minefield, keeping your time, stress, and costs to a minimum.

To ensure a successful outcome, we will gain a thorough understanding of your needs right from the start, helping you to explore all options and choose the best route for your business.

- Compliance with Home Office rules
- Training and auditing
- Overseas student support
- Visa application support

HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?

From start-ups, restructuring and investments to personal wealth and immigration, our team of lawyers take the stress out of it with straightforward and helpful services.

We have strong working relationships with leading accountants, consultants, tax advisers, banks, financial advisors, corporate finance firms and private equity houses that we can leverage to help you achieve your needs.

OUR OTHER SERVICES

- Commercial • Banking & Finance • Intellectual Property (IP) • Import & Export
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