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MALTA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANIES: FACT SHEET

2019



1. General information

Applicable law	The Companies Act 1995
Types of Companies	Private Limited Liability Company Public Limited Liability Company
Language of Legislation and Corporate Documents	English, or Maltese
Length of Time to Incorporate	Upon receipt of all required documentation, share capital and fees – 3/4 working days
Government Registration Fee	YES, payable upon incorporation and annually upon submission of Annual Return
Shelf Companies	NO, not available
Exchange Controls	None

2. Corporate Names

Name Restrictions	Names which are identical or similar enough to create confusion, are deemed offensive or otherwise undesirable
Language of Name	Any language using the Latin Alphabet. Name can include Numbers
Endings and Abbreviations Required	'Private Limited Company', or 'Limited' or its abbreviation Ltd 'Public Limited Company' or 'Plc'
Reservation of Names Permitted	YES, for a 3-month period
Length of Time to Verify Name Availability	Generally, within 24 hours

3. Capital

Currency	Any major currency
Minimum Authorised Share Capital	€ 1165 (or equivalent in other currency)
Minimum Issued Share Capital	€ 1165 (or equivalent in other currency) of which at least 20% is to be paid up

4. Shareholders

Minimum Number of Shareholders	ONE in case of a single member company. TWO in other cases
Corporate Shareholders Permitted	YES
Local Shareholders Required	NO
Public Disclosure of Shareholders	YES. Anonymity can be achieved through a licensed Fiduciary
Bearer Shares Permitted	NO
Registered shares required	YES
Fiduciary Shareholders Permitted	YES, through a licensed Fiduciary
Disclosure of Beneficial Owners to Public Registrar?	NO, unless shares are held directly and not through a licensed Fiduciary
Annual General Meeting of Shareholders	YES, notice to be given to each member
Shareholders Meetings to be held in Malta	NO

5. Directors

Minimum Number of Directors	ONE
Local Director Required	NO
Location of Director's Meetings	No restrictions. Meetings should be held in Malta if it is required to have the effective management of the company in Malta.
Corporate Director Permitted	YES
Public Disclosure of Directors	YES

6. Company Secretary

Company Secretary Required by Law	YES
Minimum Number of Company Secretaries	ONE
Local Company Secretary Required	NO, but recommended
Corporate Company Secretary Permitted	YES
Public Disclosure of Company Secretary	YES

7. Local Requirements

Local Registered Office	YES
Local Registered Agent	NO
Filing of Annual Return	YES
Filing of Audited Financial Accounts	YES
Filing of Tax Return	YES

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