# MALTA TRADING COMPANY

**Trading Companies** 

APPLICABLE LAW Malta Companies Act

CAPITAL DUTY None

CAPITAL GAINS EXEMPTION On certain transfer of shares & immovable property

DOUBLE TAX TREATY Extensive double tax treaty network



TAX SYSTEM EU Approved

CURRENCY Euro €

TIMEZONE Central European Time Zone(UTC+01:00)

NO WITHOLDING TAX On outbound dividends, interest or royalties





### MALTA

Malta enjoys a stable political climate and a bi-partisan political scene that is largely convergent on issues of national and economic importance. The country is considered to be one of the best performing Eurozone economies, with a steady economic growth and low unemployment rate.

Malta Trading Companies are excellently poised to provide international entrepreneurs with the ideal platform for the establishment of international trading activities. A Malta Trading Company may be utilised for numerous trading activities such as but not limited to, information technology & telecommunications, e-commerce, market research, i-gaming, financial services, pharma, shipping and aviation, as well as, oil and gas.

### LEGAL BASIS

Malta Companies Act, which is the principal piece of Malta Trading Companies are incorporated in terms of the Maltese Companies Act, which is the principal piece of corporate law in Malta. The Act is predominantly based on common law principles, and is also in line with EU Directives.

Malta Trading Companies are onshore entities setup as partnerships or limited liability companies - the latter being the most popular corporate entity, due to its flexibility and tax efficiency.



#### BENEFITS





5% effective tax rate



Easy same day incorporation



Relatively low establishment & operating costs



No notary/court process required



### **KEY REQUIREMENTS**

Malta Trading Companies require a minimum of one shareholder, who may either be; a Malta-resident or non-resident individual, as well as, a corporation.

#### MINIMUM SHARE CAPITAL

The minimum share capital for the formation of a Malta Trading Company is of  $\in$ 1,250, with 20% paid up or the equivalent in any other currency such as but not limited to: US\$, GBP, and SEK.

#### **APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR & COSEC**

A Malta Company requires the appointment of a local director and company secretary. The Director shall be responsible for the day to day management of the company, whilst the company secretary is responsible of the administrative duties including the keeping of minutes in general meetings and filing of applications when necessary.

#### COMPANY FORMATION DOCUMENTS

The documents required for the incorporation of a Malta Trading Company are the Memorandum & Articles of Association, standard due diligence documents and a bank slip confirming payment of initial share capital.

#### **APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS**

The appointed auditor of a Malta Holding Company must be a Malta registered auditor.



#### **KEY REQUIREMENTS**



Minimum initial share capital paid up: €250



Appointment of 1 Malta director & company secretary



Minimum number of shareholders: 1



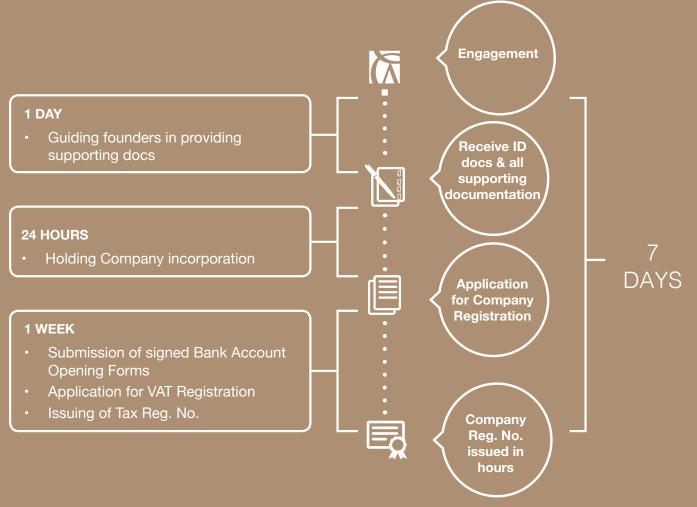
Company formation documents



Appointment of an auditor

## MALTA TRADING COMPANIES

### **Incorporation Timeline**



### WHY WORK WITH US?



TAX

Multi-Disciplinary: Legal, Tax & Corpora



We're lawyers: Lawyer-client privilege



Ily Aware, I



Malta-Cyprus Lawyers, Tax advisors, Fiduciary staff: 100+



Our Ethos: Big firm expertise, Small firm personal



Malta Cyprus London Zürich Hong Kong



Dr Priscilla Mifsud-Parker Tax, Trusts, Estates Partner pmp@cclex.com

The materials contained in this document are provided for general information purposes only and are not intended to provide legal or other professional advice. We accept no responsibility for any direct, indirect or consequential loss or damage which may arise from reliance on information ontained in this document. Readers are advised to seek confirmation of statements made herein before acting upon them; specialist advice should also be sought on your particular cases. Please feel free to convenience.