

About Vistra Curaçao

Introduction

The Kingdom of the Netherlands consists of the Netherlands and six islands in the Caribbean. They are known as the Leeward Islands and the Windward Islands. Aruba, Bonaire and Curaçao are the Leeward Islands, which are located approximately 30 miles north of the coast of Venezuela, while the Windward Islands, St Maarten, Saba and St Eustatius, are situated 100 miles east of Puerto Rico. As Bonaire, St Eustatius and Saba are special municipalities of the Netherlands, Curaçao, Aruba and St Maarten have the status of autonomous country within the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

For them, defence and foreign affairs are tasks assigned to the government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. It goes without saying that all the islands enjoy a favourable status within the European Economic Community because of their relationship with an EEC member state, the Netherlands.

Curaçao

Of the islands, Curaçao is the biggest and most well-known for its well-developed finance industry. Democratic elections are held every four years and the island has a civil law system, with the Supreme Court of the Netherlands in The Hague functioning as the Supreme Court of Curaçao. In addition, Curaçao has a well-developed financial business infrastructure, and large international banks have offices in Curaçao, as have most international tax consulting and accounting firms.

Curaçao enjoys a substantial professional presence, and excellent airline connections and port facilities. A high-speed telecommunications infrastructure provides reliable state-of-the-art global communications. The population is well-educated, multicultural and multilingual, with English, Dutch, Spanish and Papiamentu all main languages. Last but not least, Curaçao's financial services industry is supervised and regulated by the Central Bank of Curaçao and St Maarten, in close cooperation with the Dutch Central Bank, guaranteeing the reputation of Curaçao as one of the world's leading offshore centres and offering unparalleled financial security and stability.

In short: Curaçao's infrastructure is one of the best in the entire Caribbean region. As part of the Dutch Kingdom, known for its stable political and legal climate, and with a legal system based on civil law similar to that of the Netherlands, Curaçao offers a unique stable environment for setting up business. Over more than 80 years, Curaçao has developed itself as an established, secure, reliable and responsible international financial centre. A variety of international companies are managed in Curaçao, including investment companies, finance companies, holding companies, mutual funds, offshore banking institutions, intellectual property holding companies, private foundations, hedge funds, e-zone companies and many others.

Services

Regulatory, fiscal and financial issues are constantly changing. Working in close cooperation with our clients' legal advisors and tax consultants we set up their corporate structures and ensure that they remain in compliance with the latest requirements.

In addition to assisting our clients and their advisors with tax planning, and the corporate and financial structuring of their group, Vistra offers a full range of corporate services in Curaçao, including:

- Incorporation of companies
- Management and domiciliation of companies
- Fulfilment of all administrative formalities, bookkeeping and the preparation of financial statements
- Drafting and reviewing of corporate documents and agreements
- Active coordination between various involved parties and professionals, such as (tax) lawyers, notaries, banks and relevant governmental departments
- Preparing and executing board and member resolutions
- Maintenance of all corporate records
- Management of corporate correspondence
- Providing nominee shareholders
- Managing bank accounts

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- Office services

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