

About Vistra Switzerland

Introduction

Switzerland is ideally located in the centre of the European Union without being a member of it, with an outstanding infrastructure and sophisticated professional expertise in fiduciary, legal, banking and investment services. A highly developed multilingual professional service sector has made the country a preferred location for private and corporate tax planning, wealth structuring and international management activities.

Corporate Services

Vistra Switzerland serves a diversified, worldwide clientele of international companies, entrepreneurs, and families in (co-) developing, providing and operating international structures for owning, developing and capitalising on various asset classes. Vistra specialises in the set-up and management of Swiss legal entities. Moreover, we form and administer legal entities in a variety of jurisdictions on a global basis. In particular our services include:

- Management: acting as managing director or board member, providing managerial, legal and secretarial services;
- Domiciliation: providing a (fully dressed) registered office address;
- Administration: bookkeeping including preparation of annual accounts and interim reporting;
- Tax compliance services (corporate income tax, VAT, withholding tax, etc);
- International corporate and financial structuring.

Wealth and Estate Planning

Being part of the major private banking hub in the world, Vistra Switzerland assists high-net-worth individuals and families on the most optimal structuring of their financial and non-financial assets. The majority of our senior staff are duly qualified trust and estate practitioners. We act as trustees in Switzerland and several other jurisdictions. In addition, we set up and administer private foundations. In conjunction with these services, Vistra provides a variety of specialised services ranging from consolidated wealth reporting to immigration and relocation, as well as family office management.

Offices

Vistra Switzerland offices are located in Geneva, Zug and Zurich. The individual members of our client teams have been working together for many years and are highly qualified, focused and experienced practitioners. Among the languages spoken by our client managers are English, French, German, Italian, Spanish, Russian and Portuguese. Vistra is regulated by ARIF* ('Association Romande des Intermédiaires Financiers') and VQF ('Financial Services Standards Associations').

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