



*Expansion beyond
Horizon*



We're business lawyers who offer practical, value-driven solutions through outstanding legal knowledge, experience and distinguished reputation.

At STA, we offer bespoke, flexible service delivered by entrepreneurial people. Our team strives for innovative and lateral legal and business solutions to achieve our clients' business objectives.

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OUR EXPERTISE

STA has extensive legal experience in all forms of corporate and commercial matters across the United Arab Emirates. We provide a range of corporate and commercial services and advice, including:

- **ADX, Nasdaq Dubai, ESCA, and DFM**
- **Corporate governance**
- **Capital market and private equity transactions**
- **Due Diligence**
- **Joint ventures and shareholder agreements**
- **Mergers and acquisitions - including reverse and hostile takeovers, compulsory acquisitions and divestments**
- **Private equity and venture capital raising**
- **Trust structures**

We have advised a range of businesses including:

- Financial services
- Construction and infrastructure
- Mining, energy and resources
- Fast moving consumer goods
- Hospitality and tourism
- Transport and aviation

We have earned an outstanding reputation as trusted legal advisors who are closely aligned with our clients, who can add value and who are easy to work with on all corporate and commercial transactions and governance issues

Why STA?

STA has a highly experienced corporate team, providing commercially sound and cost effective legal advice in a wide range of complex corporate as well as commercial transactions. At STA, we strongly believe 'Good is not good enough'; we aim to set high standards in the legal profession.

GLOBAL COMPANY FORMATION

At STA, we're not just commercially-minded; we're entrepreneurial, clear and also result oriented. At STA, we render legal advice that is timely, practical and individually tailored to meet specific requirements of our clients.

We don't simply form companies. We pay careful attention to varied aspects of formation. We deploy our senior associates and associates to carefully understand clients' requirements. We brainstorm and discuss the right structure, the right entity type or the legal form, tax implications, and shareholder structuring. We draft necessary business plans, forms, and contracts including shareholders' agreement, management contracts and other necessary documents to ensure that contentious shareholder disputes are best avoided. That is why we call 'expansion beyond horizon...'

DISCLAIMER

Although STA makes every effort to ensure that the information supplied herein is true and correct, please be advised that information supplied herein does not constitute legal or financial advice. You must under every circumstances obtain necessary legal counsel and financial advice.

Company Formation in Malaysia

Sr. No.	Particulars	Private Limited Company (SDN)	Public Limited Company (BHD)	Partnership	Sole Proprietorship	Branches
1	Domestic law governing the entities	Governed by the Malaysian Companies Act of 1965. Must be registered with the Companies Commission of Malaysia (SSM).	Governed by the Malaysian Companies Act of 1965. Must be registered with the Companies Commission of Malaysia (SSM).	Governed by the Malaysian Companies Act of 1965. Must be registered with the Companies Commission of Malaysia (SSM).	Governed by the Malaysian Companies Act of 1965. Must be registered with the Companies Commission of Malaysia (SSM).	Governed by the Malaysian Companies Act of 1965. Must be registered with the Companies Commission of Malaysia (SSM).
2	Minimum share capital requirement	RM 500,000 (USD 124,027)	RM 500,000 (USD 124,027)	RM 350,000 (USD 86,891)	No prescribed minimum share capital	No prescribed minimum share capital
3	Minimum number of shareholders	Minimum 2 shareholders	Minimum 2 shareholders	Minimum 2 shareholders	Minimum 1 shareholder (the trader themselves)	N/A
4	Requirement of shareholder who is a citizen	No requirement of shareholder who is a citizen.	No requirement of shareholder who is a citizen.	No requirement of shareholder who is a citizen.	No requirement of shareholder who is a citizen.	No requirement of shareholder who is a citizen.
5	Liability of the shareholders or partners	Jointly and severally limited	Jointly and severally limited	Jointly and severally limited	Same as head office	Same as head office
6	Minimum number of directors (only natural persons)	Minimum 2 directors	Minimum 2 directors	Minimum 2 directors	N/A	Minimum 1 director
7	Requirement of a resident director, manager or secretary	2 directors must be residents in Malaysia	2 directors must be residents in Malaysia	No requirement of a director, manager or secretary who is a resident.	N/A	No requirement of a director, manager or secretary who is a resident.
8	Auditing requirements	Accounts must be audited annually.	Accounts must be audited annually.	No mandatory audit requirements.	Accounts must be audited annually.	Accounts must be audited annually.
9	Company registration fees	Approximately RM 5,000 (USD 1,240)	Approximately RM 5,000 (USD 1,240)	Approximately RM 5,000 (USD 1,240)	Approximately RM 5,000 (USD 1,240)	N/A
10	License fees	Approximately RM 2,000 (USD 500)	Approximately RM 2,000 (USD 500)	Approximately RM 2,000 (USD 500)	N/A	Approximately RM 2,000 (USD 500)

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Particulars	Private Limited Company (SDN)	Public Limited Company (BHD)	Partnership	Sole Proprietorship	Branches
Annual license renewal fee	Approximately RM 100 (USD 24)	Approximately RM 100 (USD 24)	Approximately RM 100 (USD 24)	Approximately RM 100 (USD 24)	Approximately RM 100 (USD 24)
Tax liability	Corporate tax at a rate of 25%	Corporate tax at a rate of 25%	Corporate tax at a rate of 25%	Corporate tax at a rate of 25%	Corporate tax at a rate of 25%
Are 'shelf companies' allowed?	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed	Not allowed	Not allowed
Approximate time period for company incorporation	6-8 weeks	6-8 weeks	6-8 weeks	6-8 weeks	6-8 weeks