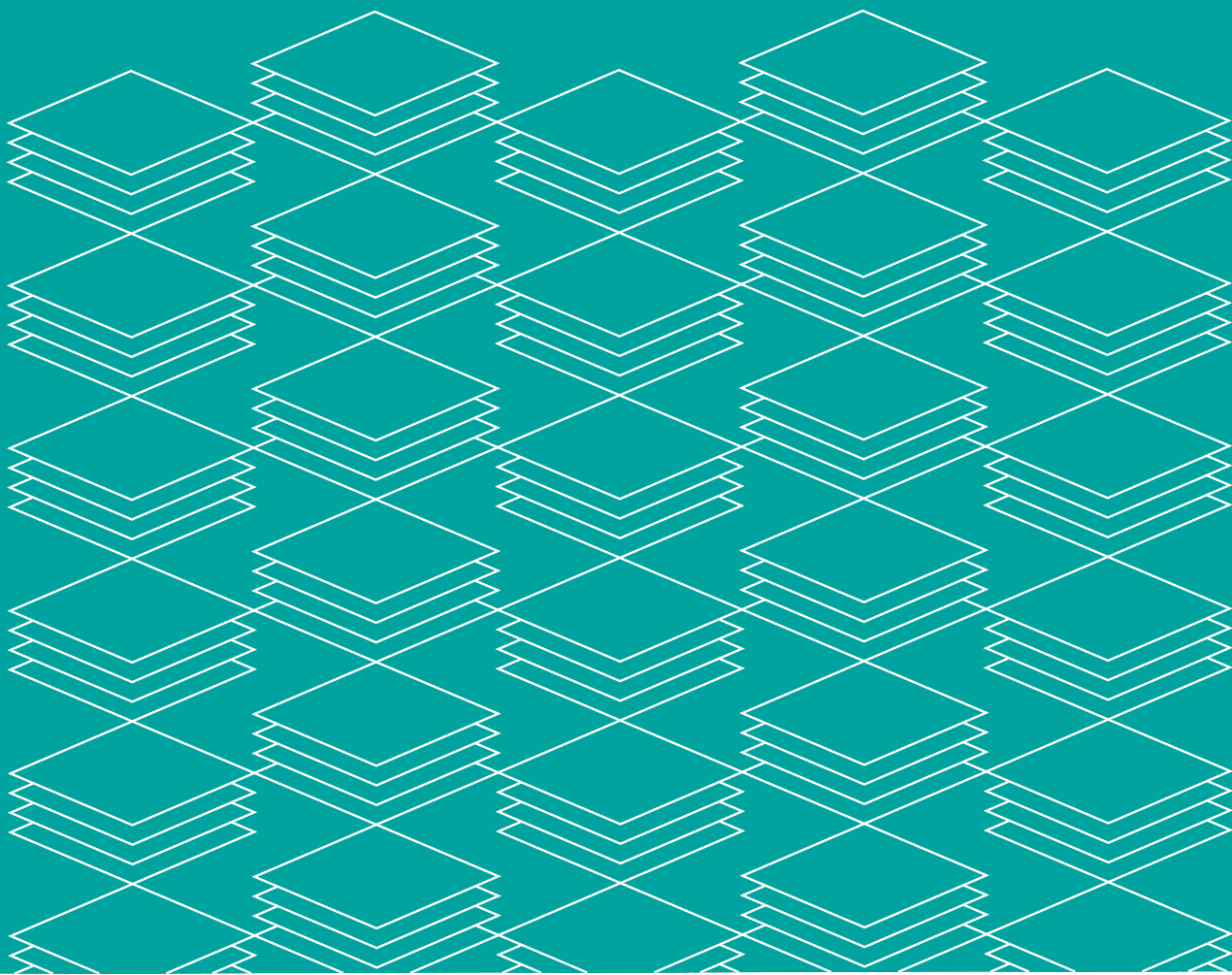


AQUITAS

SETTING UP AND REGISTRATION
OF LEGAL ENTITIES, BRANCHES
AND REPRESENTATIVE OFFICES



setting up and registration of legal entities, branches and representative offices

AEQUITAS has been providing services to support the establishment of businesses in Kazakhstan since the time of adoption of its first legislative acts on commercial legal entities, the firm's lawyers thus being versed in all statutory and current practice subtleties. The firm provided legal support to launch the first joint ventures, representative offices of foreign banks and subsidiaries of major industrial and energy corporations in Kazakhstan.

When rendering legal support to set up and register legal entities, branches and representative offices, **AEQUITAS** provides "turnkey" services, from the drafting of

foundation documents to opening of bank accounts and obtainment of corporate seal. The client does not have to be present in Kazakhstan until it comes to the state registration of its legal entity or structural subdivision.

AEQUITAS lawyers help the clients register businesses not only in Almaty and Astana where the firm's offices are located, but in the entire territory of Kazakhstan.

services

Development of project concept and advice in choosing the best form of incorporation for businesses in Kazakhstan.

Development of corporate governance structure and adaptation of governance structures used in foreign jurisdictions subject to local legislation requirements.

Development of employment agreements (both model and custom-tailored), to ensure the maximum protection of employer when hiring different categories of employees, including executive officers, and drafting of HR documents and job descriptions.

Development and preparation of draft foundation documents subject to corporate regulations and policies applicable in foreign jurisdictions and local legislation requirements.

Notarization of documents, signing of documents and notarization of signatures.

Translation of documents into the Kazakh, Russian and English languages.

Notarization of translations.

Registration with justice authorities; taxpayer registration with tax authorities.

Payment of legal entity state registration fee.

Obtaining of seal.

Opening of bank account.

Legal support of re-registration and liquidation of legal entities, branches and representative offices.



most representative projects

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Provision of the full spectrum of legal services for the **Midea group** of companies from registration up to post-registration services. Midea Group was founded in 1968 and is now the leading international highly technological company, which is among the world's largest corporations, ranked 245th by Fortune Global 500. The initial investments to the Kazakhstan economy made USD 1,000,000.

Advising **Turkish Aerospace Industries, Inc.** regarding entry to the Kazakhstan market in order to set up a joint venture, including development of a comprehensive project roadmap: analysis of applicable legislation of Kazakhstan, selection of the optimum structure and model of the joint venture, evaluation of regulatory requirements, drafting of non-standard constituent and corporate documents (including agreement among the participants), tax structuring and formation of stage-by-stage project implementation plan subject to mitigation of legal and regulatory risks

Provision of the full spectrum of legal services on registration in the jurisdiction of the AIFC to a company that is a member of one of the largest state corporations of China. The work embraced support of registration procedures, drafting of the required corporate documents, and interaction with the AIFC authorities. In the course of further cooperation, AEQUITAS team provided post-registration support, including introduction of changes into corporate data relating to increase in the charter capital, change of CEO, and other types of post-registration services.

Comprehensive advice to one of the world's largest producers of primary aluminum, **United Company RUSAL**, on the issues of redomiciliation to the AIFC and client support at all stages of the process and after its closing. When working on the project, AEQUITAS lawyers provided advice on legal and regulatory aspects of redomiciliation, supported the procedure of transfer to the AIFC jurisdiction, and ensured adaptation of constituent documents of the company to requirements of the legal regime of the AIFC.

Registration of **General Electric LLP**, a subsidiary of General Electric, an American corporation.

Registration of **Caterpillar Central Asia LLP** belonging to the Caterpillar group of companies, one of the world's largest manufacturer of construction and mining machinery, with the assets of more than USD 78 billion.

Provision of the full spectrum of legal services for the **Li Auto group** of companies, one of the leading Chinese manufacturers of hybrid and electric cars, in the course of setting up and registration of a subsidiary enterprise in Kazakhstan. Thanks to comprehensive support that involved corporate structuring, drafting of the full set of constituent and internal documents, and support of registration procedures, the subsidiary enterprise was successfully set up and brought into full compliance with requirements of the Kazakhstan legislation, which ensured its readiness to carry out operating activities. To date, the firm has been providing post-registration support, including support of the process of opening bank accounts, introduction of changes into corporate data (including change of address and CEO), and advice on the issues of day-to-day activities.

Registration of **METRO Cash & Carry LLP** (a company of the METRO Cash & Carry worldwide chain).

Advising a holding company exercising control over telecommunications assets in the CIS countries (**VEON Ltd.**) on the issues of creation of a holding structure in the AIFC. When working on the project, AEQUITAS team advised on selection of the optimal corporate structure, requirements of the legal regime of the AIFC, and other key legal and regulatory aspects of setting up a holding company.

Comprehensive legal support of projects of the **Mitsubishi group** in Kazakhstan, including registration of a subsidiary of Mitsubishi Corporation and subsequent increase of the charter capital accompanied by introduction of relevant amendments into the constituent documents of MMCKazakhstan LLP up to KZT 1.2 billion and MMC Kaz LLP, a subsidiary of MMC Rus LLC, being a member of the Mitsubishi group, up to KZT 11 billion. Mitsubishi Corporation is one of the largest Japanese trading and investment corporations with global presence and diversified business.

Provision of a full range of legal services for the **Meda group** of companies in connection with its entry to the Kazakhstan market. Thanks to comprehensive support that included corporate structuring, drafting of a full set of constituent and internal documents, and support of registration procedures, a subsidiary has been successfully set up and brought into compliance with requirements of the Kazakhstan legislation, which ensured its readiness to carry out day-to-day activities. To date, the firm further provides post-registration support, including support of the process of opening bank accounts, introduction of amendments into corporate data (including change of address and CEO), and advice on other day-to-day issues of activities.

Comprehensive advice to a large transport holding and other companies of the Central Asian region on the relocation of business to Kazakhstan within the framework of the geopolitical situation in the world, legal risks associated with such process, including on the issues of creation of legal entities on the territory of the Republic of Kazakhstan and their possible organizational and legal forms, the necessary post-registration procedures for launching activities.

Registration of **XCMG XuGong KZ LLP**, a subsidiary of the Chinese company Xuzhou Construction Machinery Group Import&Export Co., Ltd. specializing in the field of construction.

Re-registration of **Siemens Gas and Power LLP** in connection with change of name as a part of the conglomerate's global structural transformation strategy. Development of a step-by-step plan for changing the name, corporate documents necessary for the purposes of changing the participants, including the purchase and sale agreement, project support and receipt of a document confirming re-registration.

Comprehensive legal support of registration of **Playrix Kazakhstan Limited**, one of the largest mobile gaming companies in the world, in the Astana International Financial Centre with the authorized capital of USD 500,000, and subsequent change of shareholders in connection with intra-group restructuring. When working on the project, AEQUITAS ensured drafting of a full set of documents for the company registration in the AIFC, advised on the issues of corporate structuring, and supported the procedure of changing the shareholders subject to requirements of the legal regime of the AIFC.

Comprehensive support of the Kazakhstan market entry by **Hansa Central Asia LLP**, a world known manufacturer of home appliances, that is a subsidiary of Amica S.A. (operates in the CIS under the Hansa brand). When working on the project, AEQUITAS team provided comprehensive advice and drafted labor and corporate documents providing for complicated corporate governance and application of the company's international standards, as well as the company registration within tight timeframes, including opening of a bank account.

Comprehensive legal support of registration of **Bitfury KZ Limited** in the Astana International Financial Centre (AIFC), first company registered by AEQUITAS in this jurisdiction, which became an important milestone in development of the firm's practice within the AIFC. When working on the project, AEQUITAS team also supported subsequent corporate restructuring of Bitfury KZ DC Limited, including changes in the composition of shareholders and directors, change of name to Blockrose DC 2 Limited, and change of legal address in accordance with requirements of the legal regime of the AIFC. Bitfury Group is a multi-business blockchain company, one of the largest industrial miners outside China and a developer of hardware and software for the Bitcoin ecosystem.

Registration of **Mars Kazakhstan LLP**, a subsidiary of Mars Overseas Holdings, Inc., the US largest food corporation.

Provision of services for client associated with registration at the Astana International Financial Center (AIFC), drafting of all necessary corporate documents, discussion of possible organizational and legal form of the company's presence in Kazakhstan for the purposes of carrying out specific types of financial activities, in particular: issuance of structural bonds, opening brokerage accounts for the purchase and sale of financial instruments, entering into transactions under ISDA with commodity, interest rate, currency derivative financial instruments, as well as financing. In addition, AEQUITAS lawyers advise the client on the necessary permits and licenses to carry out the above activities, the procedure and requirements for the client's access to AIX, on applicable taxation, etc.

Comprehensive support of the process of entering the Kazakhstan market by a number of subsidiaries of a Turkish holding **Havas**: HAVAS KAZAKHSTAN LLP, BTA Kazakhstan - Airport Services LLP, ATU Duty Free Kazakhstan LLP, in connection with the holding's acquisition of the international airport of Almaty by the holding in 2020. The companies opened provide the ground servicing, catering, restaurant services, and services of duty-free stores for the airport. When working on the project, AEQUITAS team performed "turnkey" registration, including drafting of all documents and opening of a bank account.

Registration of **Schlumberger Central Asia LLP**, a subsidiary of Schlumberger, the world's largest oilfield services company.

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Registration of representative office of **Kingston Technology Company. Inc.** in Kazakhstan. Kingston Technology Company. Inc. is a well-known company in the memory products and technological solutions industry.

Registration of the representative office of **Johnson & Johnson LLC**, a company of the Johnson & Johnson group.

Representation of **CNECC International Engineering Co., Ltd.**, one of the largest Chinese construction corporations, in the course of registration of a branch in Kazakhstan. When working on the project, AEQUITAS team drafted the full set of documents for the branch registration subject to requirements of the Kazakhstan legislation, provided comprehensive support of the registration procedure, including interaction with governmental agencies, and coordinated interaction with the Chinese party, thus, ensuring comfortable communications and effective market entry for the client in compliance with all formal requirements.

Represented **China Mobile International Limited**, a leading international telecommunications company, in the course of registration of its representative office in Kazakhstan, ensuring effective market entry for the client and prompt launch of activities. When working on the project, AEQUITAS lawyers provided comprehensive advice regarding entry to the Kazakhstan market, drafted and agreed the full set of documents for registration of the representative office, ensured support of the registration procedure, including interaction with governmental agencies, and organized opening of a bank account, which allowed the client to start operating activities as soon as possible.

Comprehensive legal support of the Kazakhstan registration of a branch of **Reliance Petrochem Industries (Pvt.) Limited**, a company being a member of the Reliance Industries group, one of the largest private conglomerates of India founded by Dhirubhai Ambani. When working on the project, AEQUITAS team ensured drafting of the full set of documents for registration of the branch, support of the registration procedure, including interaction with governmental agencies, and advice regarding entry to the Kazakhstan market subject to requirements of local legislation.

Registration in Kazakhstan of the representative office of **Promsvyazbank**, one of Russia's largest banks.

Registration of a branch of **Siemens Healthcare**, a structural subdivision of Siemens.

Registration of the branch of **Chevron International Petroleum Company**, one of the world's largest energy corporations.

Registration of the representative office of **Gazpromneft-SM LLC**, a company of the Gazprom Neft group.

LIQUIDATION OF LEGAL ENTITIES,
BRANCHES AND REPRESENTATIVE
OFFICES

Regular advice to **Mitsubishi Corporation** on the issues of corporate governance at subsidiaries in Kazakhstan, including support of day-to-day activities, advice on the issues of competence and interaction between the management bodies, and full legal support of "turnkey" liquidation of one of subsidiaries embracing drafting of corporate resolutions, interaction with registration and tax authorities, completion of all liquidation procedures, and introduction of relevant records into state registers.

Full legal support of the process of liquidating a representative office of **Johnson & Johnson LLC** in Kazakhstan, ensuring completion of all procedures in accordance with the laws of the country. The liquidation process was successfully completed due to professional approach and detailed elaboration of each stage. The team ensured the minimum risks and full compliance with legislation rules, which allowed Johnson & Johnson LLC to close its representative office in Kazakhstan without delays and additional costs.

Liquidation of the Branch of **Hewlett-Packard International Trade B.V.** in Almaty.

Comprehensive support of the process of liquidation of the representative office of **Michelin Russia Tyre Manufacturing Company LLC** in Kazakhstan, member of the Michelin group, one of the world's leading tyre manufacturers. When working on the project, AEQUITAS lawyers drafted a full set of documents for initiation and completion of liquidation, supported cancellation of labor relations in compliance with requirements of the labor legislation, ensured successful accomplishment of a tax inspection and settlement of obligations to governmental authorities, organized closing of a bank account, ensured registration of the liquidation completion, and supported the process of archivation of documents in accordance with the established procedure.

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"Exceptional research and practical background, extremely experienced team. The questions raised were covered in full, the consultants even went outside the scope and the direct questions and considered it as a complex matter, which allowed us to have a more complete opinion".

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"AEQUITAS provides rigorous and professional advice in a short time".

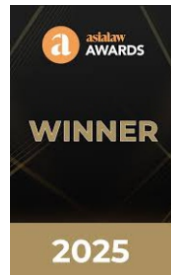
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"AEQUITAS demonstrates a keen understanding of business needs and an ability to provide pragmatic legal advice aligned with commercial objectives".

Chambers 2025

"They are very commercial, have hands-on transactional experience, provide great client service and are generally very pleasant to deal with. The quality of advice is consistent and of very high standard – timely, accurate and commercial".

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