

**KEY FACTS**
**10 FACTS TO KNOW ABOUT VISTA TRUSTS**

1. VISTA is trust legislation enacted by the British Virgin Islands to provide a solution for individuals and families that seek the benefits a trust offers but who do not wish to transfer to trustees day-to-day management of companies owned by the trust.
2. VISTA relieves the trustee of responsibility for management of companies in which the trust holds shares and in which a non-trustee is a director.
3. Trustees can agree to restrictions regarding the number of directors they appoint, who will be the directors, how long they will serve and in what circumstances a director can be removed.
4. The sale by the trustees of a VISTA trust of shares in an underlying company requires the approval of the directors of that company.
5. VISTA limits a family's involvement with a trustee's activities to membership of the board of companies the trust owns by either family members or independent directors.
6. Trustees are not required to maximise the value of the assets held by the trust for the benefit of the beneficiaries.
7. Trustees retain ultimate fiduciary responsibility for the distribution of assets to beneficiaries, preparing the trust's financial accounts and ensuring that a settlor's estate or family planning wishes are carried out.
8. Trustees have authority to intervene in the running of the underlying company when required to do so by the trust deed.
9. A BVI licensed trust company must be the sole trustee.
10. VISTA applies to shares ("designated shares") in a BVI company; the BVI company in turn can hold shares in non-BVI companies but VISTA will not apply to these shares. VISTA also does not apply to shares in non-BVI companies held by the trust.

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