

Comparison between types of enterprise in Vietnam

Criteria Types	Sole proprietorship	Partnership	Single-Member Limited Liability Company	Multi-Member Limited Liability Company	Joint Stock Company
Organizational structure					
Min. number of members (owners)	01 individual	02 individuals (singly referred to as "general partner")	01 individual / organization	02 individuals / organizations	03 individuals / organizations
Max. number of members/shareholders (incl. owner)	01	Unlimited (incl. general partner and limited partners)	01	50	Unlimited
Administration	Sole proprietorship's owner	Board of Members: general partner and limited partners	(i) Chairperson, Director/General Director, Board of Controllers (ii) Board of Members, Director/General Director, Board of Controllers	Board of Members, Chairperson of the Board, Director/General Director, (Board of Controllers)	General Meeting of Shareholders, Board of Directors, Director/General Director, (Board of Controllers)
Source of startup capital/initially registered charter capital	Personal assets of owner	Personal assets of general partner, Investment capital from limited partners	Total capital contributed or promised by the members	Total capital contributed or promised by the members	Total face value of subscribed shares
Legal entity status	✗			✔	
Rights					
Conversion into...	Single-Member LLC, Multi-Member LLC, Joint Stock Company, Partnership	✗	Multi-Member LLC, Joint Stock Company	Joint Stock Company	Single-Member LLC, Multi-Member LLC
Transfer of ownership by...	Leasing out or selling own proprietorship	Transfer of contributed capital amounts by general partner in accordance with the law	Transfer part or all of charter capital	Transfer of contributed capital amounts in accordance with the law	Transfer of shares in accordance with the law
Contribute capital to establish and manage other enterprises, buy shares/stakes	✗			✔	
Issuance of securities	✗	✗	Shares (only in conversion to Joint Stock Company), bonds		Shares, bonds and other kinds of securities
Obligations					
Legal liabilities	Unlimited	General partner: Unlimited Limited partner: Limited		Limited	
Legal representative during civil proceedings	Owner / Authorized person			Legal entity	
Licensing fee			✔		