

Legal Forms of Companies

English

a joint stock company
 a private limited company - Ltd
 a public limited company - PLC
 a public utility
 a subsidiary (ies)
 an affiliated company/affiliate
 a branch

German

Kapitalgesellschaft
 Gesellschaft mit beschränkter Haftung
 Aktiengesellschaft
 Versorgungsunternehmen
 Tochterunternehmen
 verbundenes Unternehmen
 Filiale

The Company Itself

English

a business unit
 a division
 a department
 a works council
 a supervisory board
 an executive board, a management board
 a merger
 an acquisition
 a joint venture

German

Geschäftseinheit
 Bereich/Sparte
 Abteilung
 Betriebsrat
 Aufsichtsrat
 Vorstand, Geschäftsleitung
 Fusion
 Übernahme
 Gemeinschaftsunternehmen

*Note

The term "board of directors" cannot be translated into German as there is no equivalent in the German corporate world.

This is an important point, because it reveals the basic difference between the "Rhineland" style of corporate governance in Germany which includes a two-tier board system and the Anglo-Saxon approach which includes executive and non-executive members on one board.