



# Finding Information on Overseas Companies Subject Advice

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You can also access Library resources via the Library website [www.bournemouth.ac.uk/library](http://www.bournemouth.ac.uk/library). This guide refers to links on the myBU Library tab. If you require help with navigating the Library website, just contact us.

## Subject Advice Services:

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- Ask for help at the Subject Advice Desk.
- Use the online Chat Enquiry Service for a one-to-one discussion with our Library staff.
- Phone our dedicated help line +44 (0) 1202 965959.

- Follow our blogs: Library and Learning Support News, Research Support, Subject Librarians' Blogs. All available via the myBU Library tab.
- E-mail your Library Support Team to make an appointment, at [bslibteam@bournemouth.ac.uk](mailto:bslibteam@bournemouth.ac.uk).

## Resources for your subject:

### Off campus access

You will require your University login details to access our online databases when you are off campus.

### Books

The Library Catalogue contains details of our print collection and provides access to electronic books. Select the 'Look for book or journal' link on the myBU Library tab. Search the Catalogue for authors, titles or using subject terms. Results indicate the campus location of printed books and a shelf mark (found on the spine label).

To find a specific title, ensure you have the complete shelf mark including letters after the numbers. If QR or F&S precede the shelf mark, it is part of our reference collection which must remain in the Library and cannot be loaned.

## Index of Company Abbreviations

The first step in seeking information about a business enterprise can be to identify its country of origin. The following table lists the principal abbreviations used in company designations worldwide, and, denotes the countries in which they may be registered. Additional information can be found at <http://www.corporateinformation.com/home.aspx>

Abbreviations are on the following page.

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<b>AS</b>	Czech Republic	<b>Mij</b>	Netherlands
<b>A/S</b>	Denmark, Estonia, Norway, Slovakia, Turkey	<b>NV</b>	Belgium, Netherlands
<b>ASA</b>	Norway	<b>Ocd</b>	Bulgaria
<b>Bhd</b>	Brunei, Malaysia	<b>OE</b>	Greece
<b>Bt</b>	Hungary	<b>OHG, oHG</b>	Austria, Germany
<b>BV</b>	Belgium, Netherlands	<b>OÜ</b>	Estonia
<b>BVBA</b>	Belgium	<b>OY, oy</b>	Finland
<b>CA</b>	Ecuador	<b>PC Ltd</b>	Australia
<b>Co</b>	Taiwan, USA	<b>PLC, Plc, plc</b>	Cyprus, Ireland, UK
<b>Co Ltd</b>	China, Gibraltar, Hong Kong, Ireland, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand	<b>PT</b>	Indonesia
<b>Corp</b>	Japan (occasional), Taiwan, USA	<b>PTe Ltd</b>	Singapore
<b>CV</b>	Belgium, Netherlands	<b>Pty Ltd</b>	Australia, Hong Kong, South Africa
<b>CVA</b>	Belgium	<b>RAS</b>	Estonia
<b>DD, dd</b>	Slovenia	<b>Rt</b>	Hungary
<b>DOO, doo</b>	Serbia, Slovenia	<b>SA</b>	Andorra, Belgium, France, Greece, Italy, Latin America, Luxembourg, Mexico, Monaco, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Switzerland
<b>EPE</b>	Greece	<b>SAICA</b>	Venezuela
<b>EURL</b>	France	<b>Sarl</b>	France
<b>eV</b>	Germany	<b>SAS</b>	Italy
<b>GCV</b>	Belgium	<b>SC</b>	Belgium, Spain
<b>GesmbH</b>	Austria	<b>SCA</b>	Belgium, France, Luxembourg, Romania
<b>GIE</b>	France	<b>SCS</b>	Belgium, France, Luxembourg, Romania
<b>GmbH</b>	Germany, Liechtenstein, Switzerland	<b>SENC</b>	Luxembourg
<b>HAB</b>	Sweden	<b>SF, sf</b>	Iceland
<b>HB</b>	Sweden	<b>SK</b>	Poland
<b>HF, hf</b>	Iceland	<b>SL</b>	Andorra, Spain
<b>Inc</b>	Canada, Japan, Philippines, USA	<b>SNC</b>	Belgium, France, Italy, Luxembourg, Monaco, Romania, Switzerland
<b>I/S</b>	Denmark	<b>Sp</b>	France
<b>Kb</b>	Finland, Swede	<b>SpA</b>	Italy, San Marino
<b>KD, KDA, kdd</b>	Bulgaria, Slovenia	<b>SPRL</b>	Belgium
<b>Kft</b>	Hungary	<b>Sp zoo</b>	Poland
<b>KG</b>	Austria, Germany, Liechtenstein, Switzerland	<b>Spol</b>	Czech Republic
<b>KGaA</b>	Germany	<b>SRC</b>	Spain
<b>KK</b>	Japan	<b>SRL</b>	Chile, Italy, Mexico, Romania, Spain, Switzerland
<b>Ks</b>	Czech Republic	<b>TLS</b>	Turkey
<b>K/S</b>	Denmark, Norway	<b>VOF</b>	Netherlands
<b>KV</b>	Hungary	<b>VOS</b>	Czech Republic
<b>KY, ky</b>	Finland		
<b>Lda</b>	Portugal		
<b>LLC</b>	USA		
<b>LLP</b>	USA		
<b>Ltd</b>	Canada, China, Gibraltar, Hong Kong, Ireland, Malta, New Zealand, Singapore, South Korea, USA (occasional)		
<b>Ltda</b>	Brazil, Portugal		

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### Sources

Where a website or shelf mark is not given, databases are available via the myBU Library tab.

#### 1. Company Reports

Use Thomson Analytics (item 6) or the Library's Company & Industry Information Subject Resources Websites page (item 23) to locate downloadable copies. US company annual and quarterly reports, in the form of 10-K and 10-Q documents respectively, can also be viewed via Edgar [www.sec.gov/edgar/searchedgar/webusers.htm](http://www.sec.gov/edgar/searchedgar/webusers.htm), the US Securities & Exchange Commission Internet site.

#### 2. BVD Search Suite

<http://suite.bvdep.com/cgi/template.dll?product=3&user=anonymous>  
Free directory to companies in Europe (incl UK), USA and rest of the world as covered by Bureau van Dijk databases, including AMADEUS (item 6).

#### 3. Hoover's Online

Profiles of all quoted US companies, plus profiles of many other US and international companies. Subscription service only available on campus.

#### 4. Thomson Analytics

Database of accounting and investment data on companies worldwide, additional to its UK coverage. It includes share price history (in graphical format), news highlights, key performance ratios.

#### 5. Kompass [www.kompass.com](http://www.kompass.com)

Basic name and address information via free registration access to database covering international countries. Search using product/service keywords; full product and company name.

#### 6. AMADEUS <http://amadeus.bvdep.com/athens>

A financial database covering over 500,000 companies in EU. You can search by company name and industry code for example.

#### 7. JapanCompany.Info

[www.JapanCompany.info](http://www.JapanCompany.info)  
Downloadable [Excel format] financial data on 2900+ companies quoted on Tokyo Stock Exchange and JASDAQ.

#### 8. SEDAR [www.sedar.com/homepage\\_en.htm](http://www.sedar.com/homepage_en.htm)

Searchable archive of disclosure documents (including annual and interim reports) and profiles of public companies and mutual funds across Canada.

#### 9. Edgar

[www.sec.gov/edgar/searchedgar/webusers.htm](http://www.sec.gov/edgar/searchedgar/webusers.htm)  
Searchable archive of US Securities and Exchange Commission filings (10Ks, 10Qs, etc).

#### 10. Zack's Investment Research

[www.zacks.com](http://www.zacks.com)  
5 years' historical data including annual income statements and balance sheets, plus consensus future earnings forecast, for US-quoted companies.

#### 11. Thomas Register [www.thomasnet.com](http://www.thomasnet.com)

Searchable database of 155,000 US and Canadian manufacturers classified under more than 57,000 product and service headings.

#### 12. Almanac of Business & Industrial Financial Ratios (Annual)

Shelf mark: F&S 338.0021 TRO  
Financial performance ratios for 179 industry categories derived from accounts for 3.7 million US companies; 10 years' trend data.

#### 13. European Marketing Pocket Book (Annual)

Shelf mark: F&S 658.80021 EUR  
Pocket compendium of marketing and media data; includes national rankings of top 20 companies, major advertisers, etc.

#### 14. Americas Marketing Pocket Book 2005

Shelf mark: F&S 658.80097 AME  
Pocket compendium of marketing and media data drawn from official and nonofficial sources; includes national rankings of top 20 companies, major advertisers, etc.

#### 15. Asia Pacific Marketing Pocket Book

2005. Shelf mark: F&S 658.80095 ASI  
Pocket compendium of marketing and media data drawn from official and nonofficial sources; includes national rankings of top 20 companies, major advertisers, etc.

### 16. Factiva

News from British, US and European business and trade journals and newspapers.

### 17. Global Marketing Information Database (GMID)

Database of Euromonitor's portfolio of statistical and full text analysis and other company and product data sources.

### 18. International Directory of Company Histories

Potted histories of international companies which are "leading influences in their industries or geographic locations."

### 19. Financial Times Newspapers

Available via Factiva and on microfilm from 1979.

### 20. Business Source Complete

Business and management research database, Includes full text of Harvard Business Review.

### 21. International Directory of Company Histories

Potted histories of international companies which are "leading influences in their industries or geographic locations."

### 22. Global Marketing Information Database

Database of Euromonitor's portfolio of statistical and full text market analysis and other company and product data sources.

### 23. Company & Industry Information Subject Resources

[www.bournemouth.ac.uk/library/resources/resource\\_s\\_comp\\_ind\\_info.html](http://www.bournemouth.ac.uk/library/resources/resource_s_comp_ind_info.html)

Includes links to free and subscription websites covering company data (e.g. Kompass, Companies House), government and industry data, business trend statistics and Yellow Pages.

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