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Introduction

One of the first choices a foreign investor coming to China faces is what type of entity to set up – or indeed, whether to set one up at all. Foreign investment into China can be made via one of several types of foreign-invested entities (FIEs). Choosing the appropriate investment structure for your business depends on a number of factors, including its planned activities, industry, and investment size.

Establishing a Business in China, produced in collaboration with the experts at Dezan Shira & Associates, explores the establishment procedures and related considerations of the Representative Office (RO), and two types of Limited Liability Companies: the Wholly Foreign-owned Enterprise (WFOE) and the Sino-foreign Joint Venture (JV). For information on the tax and HR concerns involved in the establishment process, or on how to access the Chinese market indirectly through an e-commerce platform, readers should refer to our separate guides on these subjects.

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