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A one-stop-shop solution for the management,
control and visibility of VAT registrations
across multiple jurisdictions.

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Confronting international VAT complexity and risk

In today's global market, the necessity to ensure VAT compliance across multiple jurisdictions in a constantly changing and complex legislative landscape is one of the biggest challenges facing in-house VAT professionals.

Now more than ever, tax and finance teams need to rely on effective solutions to help them manage the preparation, accuracy and timely submission of all VAT declarations in a manner that is fully compliant with prevailing national legislation.

Meridian's *Platinum* service is that solution. By using world-class technical VAT expertise, Meridian's Platinum provides a fully managed VAT registration and return filing service, together with a sophisticated on-demand and online management reporting tool.

Platinum consists of three supporting service components:

- Comprehensive VAT registration and return filing service
- International VAT consultancy
- Online management reporting portal

“By using world-class technical VAT expertise together with sophisticated online and on-demand VAT compliance and management reporting tools, Meridian's *Platinum* service delivers the world's leading VAT compliance platform.”

Comprehensive VAT Registration and Return Filing Service

Multi-jurisdictional VAT compliance includes registration and ongoing submission of VAT returns, Intrastats and EC Sales Lists.

Based in our Dublin Global Services Center, Meridian's multi-lingual team of international experts continues to build on 20 years compliance experience, providing our clients with VAT registration and return filing services.

Whether you have one or multiple VAT registrations across your organization, Meridian can help ensure that your VAT declarations are submitted accurately, on time and in full compliance with all legal formalities. Features include:

- Multi-jurisdictional VAT compliance
- VAT registration and de-registration
- Preparation and submission of all VAT declarations:
 - VAT returns
 - Intrastats
 - EC Sales Lists
 - Other country-specific declarations
- Fiscal representation where required
- Full relationship management with VAT administrations

International VAT Consultancy

We understand that your business demands the highest levels of professional service when dealing with complex cross-border VAT compliance issues.

Meridian's *Platinum* solution is delivered by a world-class team of international VAT experts, led by consultants who make it their job to understand your business. You can leverage the experience of this team at any time to provide you with international VAT advice through one point-of-contact, who speaks to you in practical terms designed to deliver tangible results. Meridian's consultants oversee the management and implementation of all our service components:

- International VAT advice and support through one point-of-contact who understands your business
- Assistance with routine compliance issues through to complex VAT advice
- Practical support delivered in your local language

Online Management Reporting Portal

A unique feature of *Platinum* is a web-based 'portal' that provides full visibility and control over VAT compliance activities across your whole organization. Think of the Platinum portal as your gateway to a full range of real-time information that lets you manage your VAT compliance in a way that no other system will allow. This on-demand real-time portal facilitates the management of reporting deadlines and information workflows, and provides full visibility of all historical VAT returns, forms and correspondence. The portal features include:

- Executive dashboard view of overall VAT compliance
- Live calendar to monitor workflow and manage deadlines
- Access to historic VAT return workings, forms and correspondence
- Statement of account tracking reflecting amounts owing to or due from VAT authorities
- Analytics engine providing sophisticated trend analysis

Dashboard

The opening 'Dashboard' view presents an instant snapshot of what VAT declarations are due for submission and the status of each declaration. Status alerts direct your attention to returns that are due within five days or perhaps overdue. The *Platinum* portal makes it easy for you to focus quickly on important data by selecting from a range of dynamic parameters that instantly filter the results.

Live Calendar

A highly sophisticated live calendar displays the submission dates for all VAT declarations according to the latest rules and regulations for each jurisdiction. You can access the live calendar to track the progress of each VAT declaration from start to completion. This feature helps manage workflow priorities, and ensures that every return is filed on time, every time.

Returns History

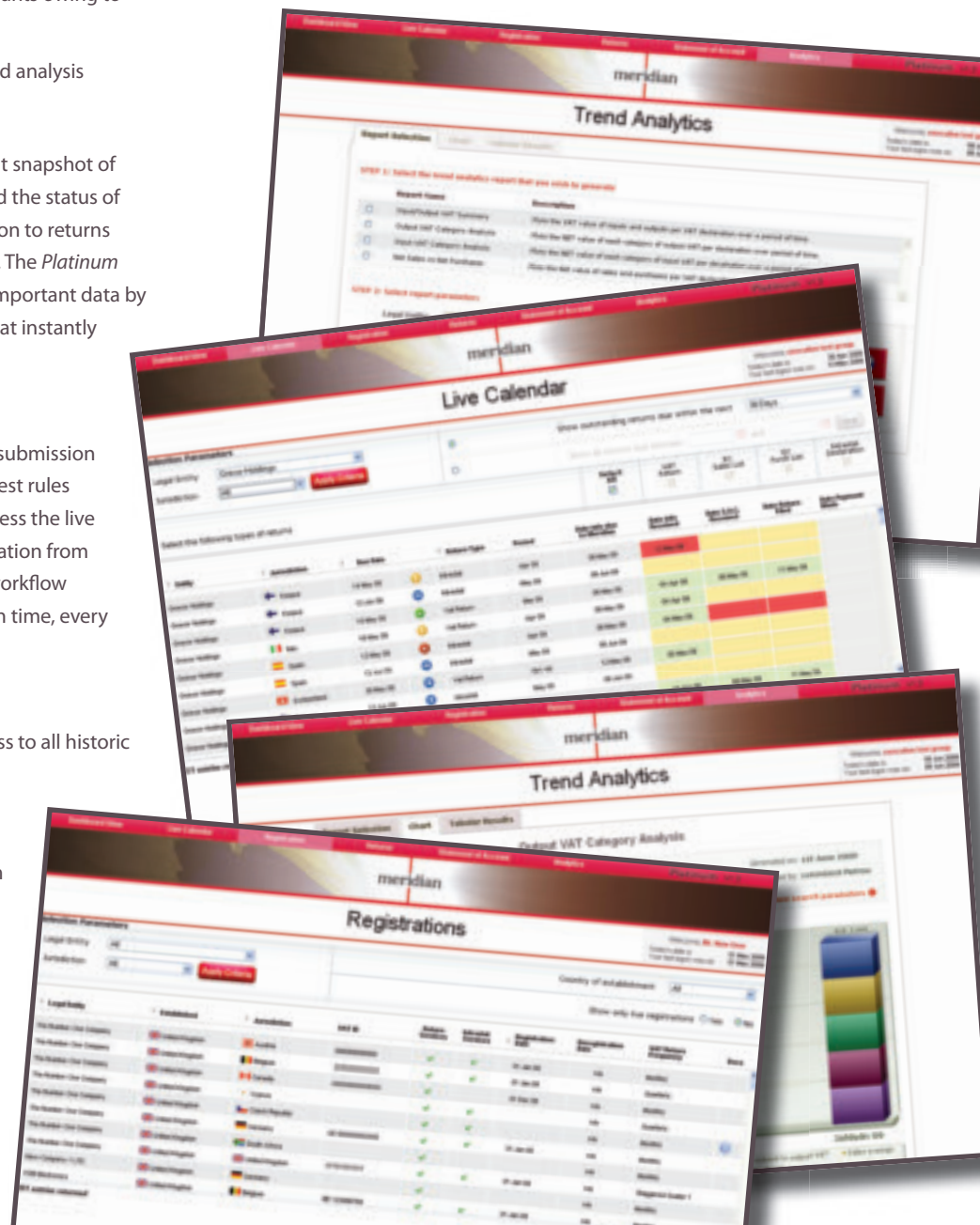
The Returns History screen provides instant access to all historic VAT declarations at a click of a button. You can use this view for a quick snapshot of inputs and outputs, or to 'drill-down' and view detailed workings behind an individual return. The Return Workings provide a standardized template to view VAT return calculations, irrespective of the jurisdiction concerned. This presents you with a clear and simple explanation of your VAT return without having to factor in the many country-specific variations..

Statement of Account

The Statement of Account screen is a powerful tool that helps you track the amount owing to or due from each tax administration. This provides visibility to your treasury or finance teams on payments and receivables due. You can also use this information to compare balances across entities and jurisdictions to assist with both VAT and cash flow planning activities.

Analytics

Another feature to our Platinum online portal is the analytics engine, which allows you to generate visual trend analysis reports. Select from a wide range of pre-defined reports that plot VAT return trends across different sales and purchase activities, jurisdictions and entities. Use this information to help identify potential errors before they are reported and to demonstrate to your local tax administration that you are actively managing VAT compliance risk.



Benefits of Implementing *Platinum*

Improved VAT compliance

- Full compliance assistance
- One-stop-shop for multinational issues
- International cross-border knowledge
- On time, every time
- Quality control by world leader

Simple implementation

- One point-of-contact who understands your business
- Scalable – grows with your business
- On-demand portal solution – no software to install

Reduction in compliance costs

- End-to-end outsourced service
- Consistent, reliable processes
- Business continuity without worry

Global visibility and control

- Online real time management reporting information
- Dashboard view at corporate level
- All paperwork available at touch of button



About Meridian

Meridian has been offering international VAT compliance and consulting solutions as part of its package of services for over 20 years. We have built up one of the largest service centers of this type in the world based out of our Global Service Center (GSC) in Dublin, Ireland. Meridian provides VAT compliance services to many large blue-chip multinationals that have entrusted us with managing multiple registrations covering a range of their international VAT returns. Meridian currently provides various VAT related services to over 16,000 clients worldwide, including over 50% of the Fortune 500 Companies.

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