Tracking Tax Runaways

More large U.S. companies are effectively renouncing their U.S. citizenship by adopting a legal address abroad. They're being driven away by the highest corporate income tax in the developed world, and helped by a tax code so porous that they can choose from several means of escape. The most popular move, known as an "inversion," allows a company to change its country of incorporation without a change in majority ownership, management, or headquarters.

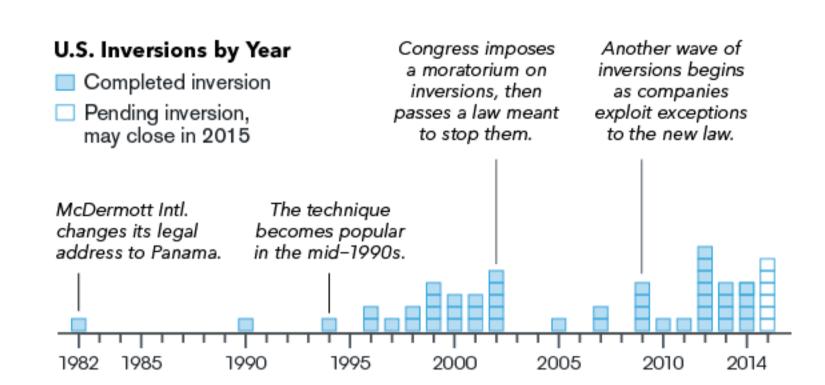
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After a Lull, **Inversions Surge Again**

A wave of inversions stopped abruptly in 2002, when U.S. legislators pledged action to prevent them. Not long after the anti-inversion bill passed Congress in 2004, a new wave of inversions began, making use of exceptions to the law.

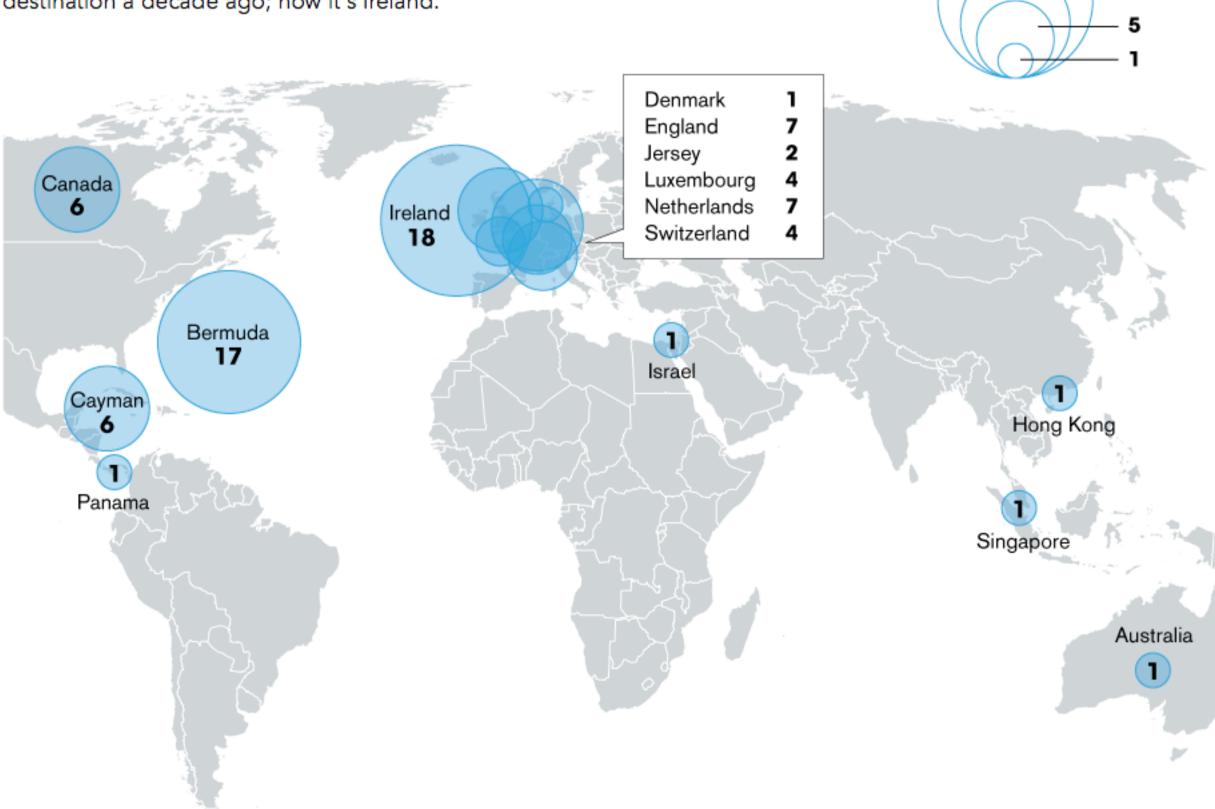


Where Corporate Expatriates Have Gone

U.S. companies that shift their place of incorporation to another country tend to pick ones with low or no corporate income taxes. Bermuda was the most popular destination a decade ago; now it's Ireland.



Incorporations (1982–2014)



Corporate Expatriates: See the Data

The roster of corporate expats includes inverted companies and former divisions that they spun off as independent entities, as well as U.S. firms that got a foreign address through a leveraged buyout or other ownership change.

Types of Expatriations

- Inversion A U.S. company shifts its place of incorporation to another country without undergoing a change in majority ownership.
- Spinoff— A division of a previously inverted U.S. company becomes independent.
- Other A U.S. company gets a foreign address through other means, such as a sale to a leveraged-buyout firm.

Current name/ expatriation type	Previous U.S. headquarters	New incorporation 1	Year completed	Top execs based in U.S.
Wright Medical Group Inc.	Tennessee	Netherlands	Pending	Ø
Steris Corp.	Ohio	England	Pending	Ø
Civeo Corp.	Texas	Canada	Pending	Ø
Mylan Inc.	Pennsylvania	Netherlands	Pending	Ø
Nabors' hydraulic fracturing business	_	Bermuda	Pending	Ø
Medtronic Inc.	Minnesota	Ireland	Pending	Ø
Applied Materials Inc.	California	Netherlands	Pending	8
Burger King Worldwide Inc.	Florida	Canada	2014	8
Horizon Pharma Inc.	Illinois	Ireland	2014	Ø
Theravance Biopharma Inc.	California	Cayman	2014	Ø
Paragon Offshore Plc	_	England	2014	Ø
Endo International Plc	Pennsylvania	Ireland	2014	Ø
Tower Group International Ltd.	New York	Bermuda	2013	Ø
Axalta Coating Systems Ltd.	_	Bermuda	2013	Ø
Liberty Global Plc	Colorado	England	2013	Ø
Perrigo Co. Plc	Michigan	Ireland	2013	Ø
Actavis Plc	New Jersey	Ireland	2013	Ø
Mallinckrodt Plc	_	Ireland	2013	Ø
Allegion Plc	_	Ireland	2013	Ø
Tronox Ltd.	Oklahoma	Australia	2012	Ø
Rowan Cos. Plc	Texas	England	2012	Ø
Aon Plc	Illinois	England	2012	8
Eaton Corp. Plc	Ohio	Ireland	2012	Ø
Pentair Ltd.	_	Ireland	2012	Ø
Jazz Pharmaceuticals Plc	California	Ireland	2012	Ø
Stratasys Ltd.	Minnesota	Israel	2012	8
D E Master Blenders 1753 NV	_	Netherlands	2012	8
Alkermes Plc	Massachusetts	Ireland	2011	Ø
Trinseo SA	_	Luxembourg	2011	Ø
Valeant Pharmaceuticals Intl. Inc.	California	Canada	2010	Ø
Altisource Portfolio Solutions	_	Luxembourg	2009	8
Tim Hortons Inc.	Canada	Canada	2009	8
Invitel Holdings A/S	Washington	Denmark	2009	8
Ensco Plc	Texas	England	2009	8
Delphi Automotive Plc	Michigan	Jersey	2009	Ø
Samsonite SA	Massachusetts	Luxembourg	2009	8

Altisource Portfolio Solutions SA	_	Luxembourg	2009	8
Convatec Healthcare B S.a.r.l.	_	Luxembourg	2008	Ø
James River Group	North Carolina	Bermuda	2007	Ø
Argo Group International Holdings Ltd.	Texas	Bermuda	2007	8
Western Goldfields Inc.	Canada	Canada	2007	8
Covidien Plc	_	Ireland	2007	Ø
TE Connectivity Ltd.	_	Switzerland	2007	Ø
Freescale Semiconductor Ltd.	Texas	Bermuda	2006	Ø
Travelport Worldwide Ltd.	_	Bermuda	2006	Ø
Sensata Technologies Holding NV	_	Netherlands	2006	Ø
Lazard Ltd.	New York	Bermuda	2005	
Global Indemnity Plc	Pennsylvania	Ireland	2003	
Michael Kors Ltd.	New York	Hong Kong	2003	Ø
Nabors Industris Ltd.	Texas	Bermuda	2002	Ø
Herbalife Ltd.	California	Cayman	2002	Ø
Noble Corp. Plc	Texas	England	2002	⊗
Weatherford International Ltd.	Texas	Ireland	2002	⊗
Cooper Industries Plc	Texas	Ireland	2002	
■ VistaPrint NV	Massachusetts	Netherlands	2002	⊗
GlobalSantaFe Corp.	Texas	Cayman	2001	Ø
Ingersoll-Rand Plc	New Jersey	Ireland	2001	Ø
Accenture Plc	Illinois	Ireland	2001	⊗
Foster Wheeler AG	New Jersey	Switzerland	2001	8
Tycom Ltd.	_	Bermuda	2000	Ø
APW Ltd.	_	Bermuda	2000	Ø
Everest Re Group Ltd.	New Jersey	Bermuda	2000	Ø
Arch Capital Group Ltd.	Connecticut	Bermuda	2000	8
Seagate Technology Plc	California	Ireland	2000	Ø
PXRE Group Ltd.	New Jersey	Bermuda	1999	Ø
White Mountains Insurance Group Ltd.	Vermont	Bermuda	1999	Ø
Fruit of the Loom Ltd.	Kentucky	Cayman	1999	Ø
Transocean Ltd.	Texas	Switzerland	1999	8
XOMA Ltd.	California	Bermuda 2	1998	Ø
Gold Reserve Inc.	Washington	Canada	1998	Ø
Chicago Bridge & Iron Co. NV	Illinois	Netherlands	1997	Ø
Tyco International Plc	New Hampshire	Ireland	1997	Ø
Loral Space & Communications Ltd.	New York	Bermuda	1996	Ø
Triton Energy Ltd.	Texas	Cayman	1996	Ø
Helen of Troy Ltd.	Texas	Bermuda	1994	Ø
Core Laboratories NV	Texas	Netherlands	1994	Ø
Flextronics International Ltd.	California	Singapore	1990	Ø
McDermott International Inc.	Louisiana	Panama	1982	\bigcirc

 ^{1 –} For companies that have changed incorporation more than once, indicates latest place of incorporation.
2 – Xoma reincorporated from Bermuda to the United States in 2011.