

Today business is global. For businesses to grow and compete they need to develop internationally. Tax and Revenue authorities around the world are getting more sophisticated; they share information both on taxpayers and in developing tax laws.

Companies with international plans and operations need to be fully informed. They need tax professionals who can provide a combination of local attention and global capabilities. HLB International, through its international network of independent professional member firms, can provide you with the necessary proactive advice and support.

HLB member firms international tax service teams can work together to plan for and provide a wide range of opportunities for both inbound and outbound businesses and corporations. They also offer services to those executives whose careers take them around the world and for individuals who wish to migrate to another tax jurisdiction.

INTERNATIONAL TAX PLANNING TAKES MANY FORMS, INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING:

- **Tax Return Compliance**

The approach includes running a 'tax check up' on the business. The check up involves reviewing the previous years' tax returns with management and is aimed at identifying areas for potential tax savings. This risk management will include looking at the overall tax cost to a company of doing business overseas.

- **Tax Treaty Interpretation**

Many international tax questions require careful analysis of multiple tax treaties. Only professionals well-versed in reading and interpreting tax treaties can provide tax optimization strategies. Countries are now renegotiating treaties more regularly bringing in additional anti avoidance provisions and the potential to connect tax across borders.

- **Transfer Pricing issues**

Transfer pricing is not only a compliance requirement, but proper multinational planning can save world-wide taxes. Most major trading nations have complex documentation requirements and penalties for non-compliance.

- **Export Tax Incentives**

Knowing about and understanding export tax incentives can make exporting even more profitable.

- **Corporate Reorganisation: Holding, Royalty and Financing Structures**

Without proper corporate tax structuring, companies doing business and having subsidiaries in foreign jurisdictions may be structured inefficiently, thereby giving rise to a significant increase in their overall tax burden. HLB's member firms can review existing structures and propose positive changes.

INTERNATIONAL TAX COMMITTEE

HLB has a dedicated International Tax Committee comprising of committed international tax experts representing HLB member firms with the core focus on the development of tax services within the network.

For further information on the ITC visit the HLB International website or contact the HLB Executive Office.

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