

## Tax

Today's business world is teeming with pressures. The need for innovation and growth to stay competitive. Increased cross border activity. Heightened regulation. Not to mention the challenging tax environment. Complex tax rules. More tax transparency. Authorities acting on mandates to protect the tax base. A backdrop of media attention.

You need clear, pragmatic tax advice to navigate this world. You need measured advice, combining invention and prudence appropriately. You need advisers who are one step ahead. You need the Hogan Lovells Tax Team.

We are one team, no borders. A team with an enviable global reach, covering five global regions and with true strength on both sides of the Atlantic.

And we're different — a combination of lawyers, accountants, and economists gives us a team with the breadth and depth of knowledge you need in dealing with tax. From tax consulting to transactional tax advice, from tax optimization to tax valuations, from legislative guidance to tax audits and disputes. You can trust us to get it right. By being involved at all stages — planning, implementation, and review — we help eliminate risk.

We pride ourselves on our industry knowledge with practical experience in a wide range of sectors. We understand your business levers. We also draw on the skills of other members of our top-class sector teams so that you have the complete advice you need, when you need it. We build tax strategies that work for the business as a whole.

## Key contacts

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## Areas of focus

Business Restructuring and  
Tax

Capital Markets and Tax  
FinTech

International Tax Planning  
Investment Funds and Tax  
M&A and Tax

Real Estate Tax and REITs  
Sovereign Investors

Stamp Tax

Tax Audits

Tax Disputes and  
Controversy

Tax Exempt

Tax Legislation and Policy

Tax Valuation

We work hard to be an extension of your team, whether locally or globally. We recognize the importance of being part of the solution. Our approach is hands-on and committed, placing value on long-term relationships. We do not just come in for the big transactions — we want to be part of every aspect of your business lifecycle. We want to be your trusted adviser for all your tax needs.

Value Chain Optimization  
VAT and Indirect Tax

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## Representative experience

Advising 3M on the tax aspects of its US\$1bn acquisition of the Separations Media business of Polypore International, Inc.

Advising Mitsubishi Heavy Industries on a global joint venture between Mitsubishi-Hitachi Metals Machinery, Inc. and Siemens.

Advising Kodak Pension Plan on the US\$650m acquisition of the Rockford and Walden businesses from the Kodak Group.

Advising Euler Hermes (Allianz Group) on its international joint venture with Spain's leading insurance group, Mapfre.

Advising SABMiller on the A\$11.5bn acquisition of Fosters and its US\$1.9bn strategic alliance with Anadolou Efes.

Advised Orbital Sciences Corporation on agreement to combine with Alliant Techsystems Inc.'s Aerospace and Defense (A&D) businesses to create Orbital ATK, Inc.

Advising Liberty Global on the disposal of its international content division, Chellomedia, to AMC Networks Inc. for US\$1bn.

Advising Daimler on their purchase (as part of a consortium alongside Audi and BMW) of Here, Nokia's digital mapping services business, for £2bn.

Advising Twentieth Century Fox Film Corporation in the structuring of its worldwide film, television, and video distribution networks.

Advising GE on the US\$23bn sale of its global real estate equity and debt portfolio business to Blackstone Group and Wells

Fargo & Co.

Advising ExxonMobil on reorganization of the international holdings structure of the ExxonMobil Group, involving Spanish, U.S., and Luxembourg companies with an aggregate market value of €47bn.

Advised Brown-Forman Corporation on the restructuring of their ownership of Finlandia Vodka Worldwide Ltd. following its acquisition from Altia Corporation of Finland.

Advising Chubb on tax issues relating to the redomestication of its European operating company from Belgium to the UK.

Advising Argent and related companies consortium on their successful (and first) bid for a £4bn iconic redevelopment project in the UK – Brent Cross South.

Advising TSB Bank on their acquisition of £3.3bn of former Northern Rock mortgages and loans from Cerberus Capital Management group.

## Awards and rankings

- European Joint Venture Tax Deal of the Year, *International Tax Review*, 2015
- European Joint Venture Tax Deal of the Year, *International Tax Review*, 2014
- European M and A Tax Deal of the Year, *International Tax Review*, 2015

## Latest thinking and events

### Press Releases

Hogan Lovells represents Novartis in Collaboration and Exclusive Option Agreement with IFM Therapeutics

### Sponsorships and Speaking Engagements

FMCG Opportunities Session

### Press Releases

Hogan Lovells advises the banks on the financing of the acquisition of GrandVision by EssilorLuxottica

### Hogan Lovells Publications

IRS renews focus on cryptocurrency-related offenses

### Hogan Lovells Publications

U.S. government investigates a potential threat to U.S. and global e-service providers: France's digital services tax

*International Trade Alert*

### Press Releases

Hogan Lovells advises Bardot Group on the implementation of the first-ever sea water air conditioning at the University Hospital in the south of La Réunion