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A c h a n g i n g w o r l d

Tax planning and the avoidance or reduction of tax risks are essential to ensuring the successful financial outcome of transactions, structuring and individual planning. This calls for tailor-made solutions, based on experience and dedication.

International and European legislation is increasingly focused on modifying corporate taxation in a restrictive manner and this has set new boundaries regarding the acceptance of tax structuring. These international rules have been introduced into Belgian law, seriously impacting the freedom and opposability of tax structuring. This new fiscal landscape not only affects the traditional economic sectors, but also has an impact on the «new» economic sectors, such as IT, data management and blockchain operations.

Any tax planning without a solid economic foundation or without a significant business motive has become a «high risk» adventure.

We can help you to navigate these treacherous waters.

An experienced team

We have a large team of lawyers and tax advisors at our disposal, which allows us to offer a swift and effective response to our clients' requests and needs.

Our legal and tax practice is by nature transactional. We focus on the tax and legal aspects of key moments in the life of a company or a private individual. Thanks to a well-established network of foreign colleagues and trusted contacts, we are able to assist our clients on an international level with optimum quality.

What we offer

M&A AND PRIVATE EQUITY

We advise our clients on the tax and legal aspects of M&A transactions, business restructurings and (de)merger operations, on the international transfer of companies and on transfer pricing. We offer liability evaluation and tax risk assessment. We develop various tax and legal models for transaction structuring. We often focus on carve-outs, fiscal unity structuring, the transfer of activities and on post-closing structuring. We have substantial experience in private equity transactions and in management buy-out operations.

CORPORATE REAL ESTATE

We help our clients with the optimal structuring of their real estate, be it through share deals, through asset deals or as a result of an acquisition or a disposal. We advise on REITs, on partnerships and on investment companies. We review real estate structures in order to avoid or reduce tax costs or dividend leakage. We regularly assist on carve-out operations of real estate companies or we assess the tax risks which may result from the transfer of such companies.

PRIVATE CLIENTS & CORPORATE EXECUTIVES

We advise corporate executives, managers and investors on the legal and tax organisation of their corporate and private assets. We advise on the transfer of their company to family members, to the company's management, or to third parties. We advise on next-generation planning and key inheritance aspects. We review the possibilities for profit distribution to shareholders. We often operate in close collaboration with our clients' bankers, notaries or financial advisors.

INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY AND TAX

We advise on Belgian and foreign investment structures, legal entities and partnerships. We assist our clients on topics related to international mobility, immigration or emigration of companies or individuals. We have substantial experience in advising on foreign real estate and on foreign real estate companies and structures. We perform due diligence on residence issues and risks.

DISPUTE RESOLUTION & LITIGATION

We offer a comprehensive range of tax dispute services, such as the applying for rulings, the development of tax audit strategy and controversy support. When tax litigation becomes inevitable, we defend our clients towards the tax authorities or before the courts.

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