



Transfer Pricing

With the continuing globalization of our economy, as well as the resulting increase in cross-border transactions and the complexity of domestic and international laws and regulations, multinational companies increasingly recognize the importance of proactively managing transfer pricing to limit related tax risks and take advantage of planning opportunities. Get it right and the benefits can be substantial; get it wrong and the consequences can be devastating.

Our transfer pricing team is a global operation with professionals—including lawyers, economists and certified tax advisors—who have experience in some of the most sophisticated areas of international tax and transfer pricing. Members of our Transfer Pricing team are located throughout the Americas, Europe and Asia Pacific. We are well positioned to help companies address their transfer pricing challenges and opportunities, both locally and globally.

Our global approach to project management enables you to work with one transfer pricing advisor worldwide, giving you the following benefits:

- Consistent advice in developing and implementing a practical global transfer pricing policy, as well as supporting and defending the policy in any jurisdiction
- Reduction in time needed to learn about your business, gather pertinent information, draft intercompany agreements and produce reports
- A global project management methodology that enables one project partner to manage communication, deliverables and invoicing on a completely integrated basis

The Transfer Pricing team of DLA Piper has also direct access to our global network of business lawyers, including corporate lawyers, intellectual property lawyers and litigators who are ready to add their perspective when required. In many countries, the confidentiality provided by attorney-client privilege is an additional advantage of working with us.

CAPABILITIES

The transfer pricing group of DLA Piper supports clients with the full range of transfer pricing services:

- Design, documentation and implementation of transfer pricing policies, compliant with the local legislation and efficient from a management and tax point of view
- Valuation of intangibles and other assets for tax and legal purposes
- Dispute resolution, including tax audit defence, Advance Pricing Agreements, Mutual Agreement Procedures and other forms of dispute resolution like mediation

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- Tax and transfer pricing litigation, including expert witness support

EXPERIENCE

- Preparation of annual contemporaneous documentation reports for a US high technology multinational, including 40 separate country compliant reports under the OECD framework
- Numerous valuations of IP Migration transactions, under both the pre-2009 and the new 2009 “Platform Contribution Transaction” framework of Treasury Regulation Section 1.482-7
- Analysis and support for arm’s length interest rates on long term loans between affiliates of various countries, using specialized databases of credit ratings
- Valuation of trademark portfolios in the automotive industry for tax purposes. International and local tax advice related to the transfer of those trademarks across jurisdictions. Trademark registrations and related intellectual property law advice
- Valuation of assets for a company in bankruptcy proceedings. The valuation was used by the trustee and the court to negotiate minimum prices with potential buyers and to expedite winding up the company
- Represented a leading networking infrastructure company in its global restructuring involving nearly every European jurisdiction and including a Dutch Advanced Pricing Agreement (APA) that achieved unprecedented results
- Valuation of several refineries and gas stations for one of the largest oil and gas companies in the world for real estate tax purposes. International and local tax advice related to the transaction
- Represented a global health sciences company in the negotiation of the first bilateral Advanced Pricing Agreement (APA) negotiated between the US and Ireland
- Valuation of shares required for tax purposes as a result of the reorganisation of a Japanese conglomerate
- Tax and transfer pricing planning advice to a US multinational during the acquisition of a European target, including all related legal advice such as corporate law, civil law and labour law
- Advice on the design, documentation and implementation of the transfer pricing policy of an international player in the renewable energy sector
- APA for several US technology companies
- Transfer pricing documentation for several companies in the pharmaceutical and medical equipment industries
- Tax and transfer pricing planning advice for Russian investors starting up businesses in Europe, including VAT and legal advice
- Tax litigation and transfer pricing expert witness support for several Fortune 500 companies in different countries. The subjects of the disputes included: intercompany pricing of loans, valuation of intangibles and commissionaire structures

INSIGHTS

Publications

HMRC showing no IIR effects from the pandemic: What the latest transfer pricing statistics reveal

3 May 2022

A summary of key messages from HMRC’s transfer pricing and diverted profits tax statistics released for the period April 2020 to March 2021 (2020/2021).

OECD releases commentary on the Pillar Two GloBE Rules – observations on selected topics

17 March 2022

A look at six topics found in the commentary which have particular relevance for multinational companies and other stakeholders.

UAE introduces federal corporate income tax from June 2023

31 January 2022

Details of the contours of the UAE's regime.

Global Tax Alert

1 December 2021

HMRC has announced new requirements for master file (MF) and local file (LF) documentation, in line with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) standardised approach.

OECD announces global deal on international tax reform with its Two-Pillar solution

11 October 2021

In addition, the OECD sets out a detailed implementation timeline aiming to have parts of the plan ratified in 2022 and effective as early as 2023.

House tax proposal: significant statutory changes include raising corporate rate, overhauling international taxation system

21 September 2021

While the Senate is likely to cut back on some of the proposals, tax increases for business and individuals are expected to be enacted by Thanksgiving.

LatAm: Tax authorities address negative effects of the pandemic on national coffers

12 August 2021

The tax authorities' revenue-generating approaches vary from incentives to additional taxation.

Mexico: Understanding SAT's "benchmark" disclosure of effective income tax rates

14 July 2021

The effective tax rates are not binding, but it is expected that the SAT will use the rates as a reference to identify taxpayers for audits.

Biden's FY 2022 budget and Treasury Green Book – additional details on international tax proposals

2 June 2021

Fleshing out revenue proposals in the White House's American Jobs Plan and American Families Plan.

Canadian international tax update: New interest deductibility restrictions and anti-hybrid rules

3 May 2020

The Canadian federal budget tabled on April 19, 2021 proposes significant new interest deductibility restrictions and anti-hybrid mismatch arrangement rules.

Noteworthy rule changes impacting transfer pricing documentation requirements for fiscal year 2020 and beyond

10 March 2021

A highlight of key transfer pricing documentation updates from various countries that are effective for fiscal year beginning on or after January 1, 2020.

The Netherlands initiates public consultation procedure addressing transfer pricing mismatches

9 March 2021

Aiming to avoid non-taxation due to international transfer pricing mismatches.

Country-specific guidance on the transfer pricing implications of the COVID-19 pandemic

4 March 2021

Businesses may wish to consider the guidance from several countries on the appropriate transfer pricing treatment for governmental subsidies related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Qualified Maquiladora Approach Agreement has been renewed: Implications for multinationals' transfer pricing

26 January 2021

US-based multinationals using the maquiladora structure to manufacture goods in Mexico are taking note.

Understanding the OECD's guidance on the transfer pricing implications of the COVID-19 pandemic

5 January 2021

A practical look at the new OECD guidance.

UAE overhauls Economic Substance Regulations

3 September 2020

The first ESR Report filing deadline is December 31, 2020.

Supply chain planning in the post-BEPS era: five questions for MNEs

22 JUL 2015

After BEPS actions are incorporated into OECD documents and local legislation, tax planning opportunities will still exist, but realizing the benefits of tax planning will require a greater emphasis on economic substance. One often-overlooked area of opportunity is tax-efficient supply chain planning.
