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Agenda May 8 2019

8.00 Registration and breakfast

8.40 Chair's opening remarks

Anjana Haines, managing editor, *International Tax Review*

9.00 Hot topics in Asia Pacific taxation: regional developments

- Country and regional tax updates: major changes and reforms
- MLI implementation in the region and their impact
- OECD action plan implementation in Asia and increased attention to BEP Anti-Treaty Shopping Measures
- Tax changes to be aware of that are affecting tax directors

Eric Roose, partner, head of international tax, *Withers* (moderator)

Sue Ann Khoo, director, *Greenwoods & Herbert Smith Freehills*

Mark Gao, partner, *Zhong Lun*

Jay Shim, partner, *Lee & Ko*

Peter De Ridder, tax partner, *Mayer Brown*

Amit Gupta, director of tax, *Dell*

Morrie Cheng, vice president and head of tax, Asia, *MetLife*

10.20 Taxing the digital economy: navigating the developments

- Jurisdiction comparisons – which countries are taking unilateral actions and how to comply
- Dealing with disputes over the lack of a physical presence
- Preparing tax rules for new economies and technological revolutions
- Impact on the tax function

Badri Narayanan, partner, *Lakshmikumaran & Sridharan* (moderator)

Vaibhav Sanghvi, senior director, international and APJ tax, *Symantec*

Cecilia Ku, deputy global head of tax, *Delta Electronics*

Sameer Kamath, CFO, *Aventus*

Raymond Yee, VP customs & regulatory affairs, *DHL Express*

11.10 Networking and coffee break

11.30 India tax insights

- Practical aspects to consider for India tax assessment and controversy
- Indian tax nuances on structuring and M&A
- An update on the India tax environment

Dinesh Kanabar, CEO, *Dhruva Advisors* (moderator)

Poonam Sidhu, principal commissioner-2, Chandigarh, *India Revenue Service*

Subhankar Sinha, India tax head, *Siemens*

Amit Bansal, India tax head, *Uber*

Chang Yew Kwan, global head of tax, *DBS*

Vishal Gada, partner, *Dhruva Advisors*

12.20 PRESENTATION: Disruption caused by digitalised economy and OECD proposals

- Disruption caused by digitalisation on the global economy
- OECD action path so far and its proposals to tax digitalised economy (Feb 2019) – Are the solutions specific to digitalised economy?
- MNE's outlook on the OECD proposals

Rakesh Nangia, managing partner, *Nangia Advisors (Andersen Global)*

12.45 Networking lunch

1.45 Tax reimagined – a look at the in-house tax function of the future

This session will showcase technology tools, with interactive hands-on demonstrations.

- Compliance
- Tax data & analytics
- Tax insight tools

3.00 Leading Asia: Australia

- What we can learn from Australia's advancement in tax
- How Australia's actions on multinational tax avoidance is spreading across Asia
- Tax considerations for operating in Australia and New Zealand
- Rethinking the margins for APAs

Eddie Ahn, partner, *DLA Piper*

Peter Ow, regional tax manager, *Menarini Asia-Pacific*

Annie Pan, tax director, group tax APAC, *RELX*

Abhishek Shah, global tax, Asia Pacific – Indirect Taxes, *Caterpillar*

3.50 Networking and coffee break

4.10 Tax audit practices

- Effective benchmarking to defend pricing decisions
- E-audits – the rise of real-time data gathering and global cooperation
- Evidence demands from tax authorities – managing the requirements
- Jurisdiction rankings: which countries are the best and worst for tax audits, why, and how to deal with them
- Achieving settlements

Han Jun Chon, chartered accountant, *Kim & Chang* (moderator)

Yuwadee Tan, regional tax manager, *Chemours*

Ferdian Mariosa, tax director Asia Pacific, *Coty*

Shirley Shao, tax director, *Flowserve*

Vikas Aggarwal, head of taxes, APAC, *Nokia*

Sean Kahng, attorney, *Kim & Chang*

5.00 Developments in China

- BEPS in China
- Structuring inbound investments to China
- Challenges from a fast growing economy: staying ahead of the rapid changing environment
- The benefits and challenges of the Belt and Road Initiative

5.30 Chair's summary of day 1

Anjana Haines, managing editor, *International Tax Review*

5.35 Cocktail reception

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8.40 Chair's opening remarks

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9.00 US implications for Asia

- How do new rules impact your operations in the US?
- US tax reform considerations for calculating your tax liability
- How to apply and mitigate the amount of incoming tariffs
- Reconsidering the supply chain: tax considerations based on location
- The potential trading risks of the USMCA (United States-Mexico-Canada-Agreement)

David Knott, head of tax Asia, **AIG**

Morrie Cheng, vice president and head of tax, Asia, **MetLife**

Sunil Kumar Dhareshwar, senior vice president, finance, **Infosys**

9.50 Southeast Asia: a comparison

- Overview of recent international tax developments in SEA
- Recent transfer pricing developments in SEA
- Obtaining tax certainty in SEA – some practical pointers.
- Key tax incentive regimes in SEA – how to make it work in your favour
- Where to locate your regional headquarters and holding companies: benefits of Singapore in an era of increasing tax protectionism

Sivakumar Saravan, senior partner, head of tax, **Crowe Singapore**

Ivan Budiawan, chief group tax, **PT Astra International**

Bipin Balakrishna, director – tax and customs, **General Motors**

Sowmya Varadharajan, director, transfer pricing, **Crowe Singapore**

10.40 Coffee break and networking

11.00 Transparency in the tax world

- Understanding the meaning behind tax transparency – is it really creating 'fair' tax?
- Dealing with sensitive information and finding the fine line of when to share information
- Transparency initiatives: CbCR and worldwide reporting
- Tax structuring – what to be aware of

Barbara Voskamp, partner ASEAN, **Loyens & Loeff** (moderator)

Craig Silverwood, partner, international tax and transfer pricing, **MinterEllison**

Annie Pan, tax director, group tax APAC, **RELX**

Andrea Santini, manager, corporate taxation, **CVC Capital Partners**

Simon Poh, professor, **National University of Singapore**

11.50 Managing an in-house tax department

- Adapting to data dominance and electronic and real-time compliance
- Choosing between outsourcing or in-house tax management
- Best practices in defining success
- Emerging roles: Teaching a data scientist about tax

Ruth Woolmer, senior vice president, head of tax, **GIC**

Terence Yuen, regional head of tax Asia-Pacific, **BP**

Joshua Colman, head of tax & treasury – Asia-Pacific Group, **Digicel Singapore**

Senthu Saba, head of tax, Asia, **Louis Dreyfus Company**

12.40 Lunch

1.40 Transfer pricing controversy issues and opportunities

- Rules, regulations and other developments that have driven transfer pricing controversy
- Transfer pricing audits: common focus areas
- Mutual Agreement Procedures: use of MAP to resolve transfer pricing disputes – pros and cons and case experiences
- Advance Pricing Arrangements: Available tools to mitigate transfer pricing risk
- Upcoming areas: Arbitration, joint audits ?

Luis Coronado, Asia-Pacific transfer pricing leader, **EY** (moderator)

Sam Sim, practice council member, **New York University School of Law**

Akos Rigo, associate director, transfer pricing, **AIG**

Sui Fun Chai, international tax services, partner, **EY**

2.30 Blockchain opportunities

- The use of blockchain technology in improving the tax system
- When will we see regulatory approval?
- Cost cutting and adding value – benefiting from blockchain technology
- Transparency of transactions: accessing the data collected

Sam Sim, practice council member, **New York University School of Law**

2.55 Coffee and networking break

3.05 BEPS implementation

- Working towards global consistency – managing the compliance demands
- Implementation comparison of jurisdictions around the Asia-Pacific region
- 2019 and beyond: ratification of the MLI

Florida Liew, tax controller, **Baker Hughes**

Kari Pahlman, vice president global tax, **Techtronics Industries**

James Maylam, head of tax APAC, **Schroders**

3.50 Indirect tax: debating Malaysia and India

Malaysia:

- The challenges and opportunities of the new SST regime
- Dealing with the costs of SST
- A comparison to the GST and pre-2015 SST

India:

- Challenges and opportunities of the GST
- A successful implementation of the GST?
- GST settling down : The way forward

Yvonne Khoo, head, group tax, **Astro**

Umang Dhingra, head of tax (India), **Discovery Communications India**

4.35 EU and Brexit

- Mitigating the financial and tax risks of Brexit
- Business location analyses – the tax considerations
- Considering customs and trade
- CFC considerations
- Explaining uncertainties to the Board

5.10 Chair's closing remarks

Anjana Haines, managing editor, **International Tax Review**

5.15 Close of conference

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