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The 14th Asia Tax Forum, the premier event in the region for taxpayers, officials and practitioners, will be held in Singapore on May 8th and 9th 2019.

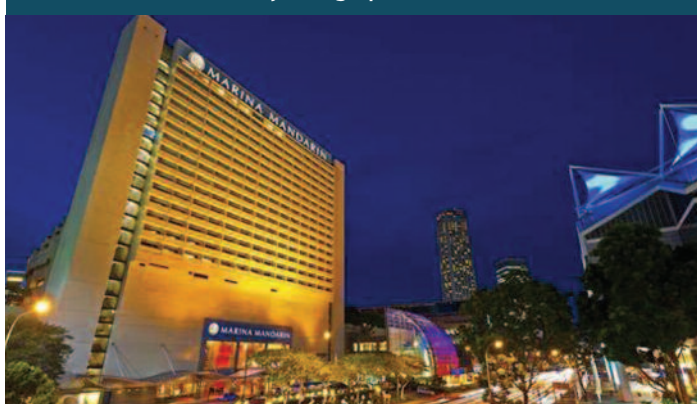
This year has seen significant change for international tax. With changes across the globe affecting businesses and tax environment in the Asia-Pacific Region, it is vital for tax professions to get ahead of the cross-border implications. Advancements on BEPs continue and implementation has started. The Asia Tax Forum looks ahead into the year whilst tax professionals advise on best practices.

Moreover, technology has a huge impact on modern day. The digital economy has taken flight in recent years and discussions on taxing the digital economy is raising debate.

The evolving tax environment makes it essential that tax executives in Asia and globally keep themselves informed of what might affect how they manage their company's tax obligations. The Asia Tax Forum has become the best opportunity for tax leaders to meet and share experiences of dealing with tax issues.



Marina Mandarin, Singapore



Marina Mandarin Singapore enjoys an excellent location in the heart of Singapore's Central Business District. 575 well-appointed guestrooms and suites are housed in a majestic 21-storey atrium, and all rooms offer breathtaking views of the surrounding cityscape.

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Who you will meet

Delegates will meet and make connections with tax authority officials, tax payers and professionals from across the Asia Pacific region.

Last year's attendees included:

Tax Director, Asia Pacific – **BP Singapore**

Tax Manager – **Cisco**

Head of Tax – **DBS Bank**

Tax Director – **DHL**

APAC Tax Manager – **Expedia**

Senior Tax Manager APAC – **GE Healthcare**

Head of Tax APAC – **Google**

Regional Tax Manager – **Johnson & Johnson International**

Director / Tax, APAC – **Mastercard**

APAC Head of Tax and Reporting – **Uber**

Tax Director, Finance – **UPS Singapore**

Senior Director, Global tax – **Visa Worldwide**

Testimonials from previous events:

"Excellent forum to interact with such competitive professionals from different jurisdictions."

"The sessions were a good insight on tax challenges in Asia as a whole. It gave good perspective of each tax jurisdiction's view."

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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**

Pieter de Ridder, tax partner, **Mayer Brown**

Amit Gupta, director of tax, **Dell**

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

10.20 Networking and coffee break

10.40 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)

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

Sameer Kamath, CFO, **Avendus**

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

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)

Amit Bansal, head of tax – India and South Asia, **Uber**

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

Vishal Gada, partner, **Dhruva Advisors**

12.20 Networking lunch

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

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

- Tax compliance
- Tax data & analytics
- Tax insight tools
- Tax governance, risk management and control framework

Lachlan Wolfers, head of indirect tax, regional leader, Asia Pacific indirect taxes, head of tax technology, **KPMG China**

Catherine Light, director, tax technology, **KPMG Singapore**

Harvey Koenig, partner, tax technology & innovation, **KPMG Singapore**

Grace Lee, regional tax automation lead, **KPMG**

2.35 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** (moderator)

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

Annie Pan, membership committee lead, **TEI Asia Chapter**

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

3.25 Networking and coffee break

3.45 Tax audit practices

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

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

Yuwadae Tan, regional tax manager, **Chemours**

Ferdian Mariosa, tax director Asia Pacific, **Coty**

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

Sean Kahng, attorney, **Kim & Chang**

4.35 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)**

5.05 Chair's summary of day 1

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

5.10 Cocktail reception

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To book a place please contact **Jamil Ahad** – jamil.ahad@euromoneyplc.com.

Agenda May 9 2019

8.00 Registration and breakfast

8.40 Chair's opening remarks

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

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)

Sunil Kumar Dhareshwar, senior vice president, finance, **Infosys** (moderator)

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

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

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** (moderator)

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

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

Deborah Tay, global director, group tax, **DKSH Management**

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

10.40 Coffee break and networking

11.00 Transparency in practice: a balancing act

- Dealing with increased levels of compliance due to transparency driven additional reporting requirements
- Balancing a strategic grip and control over the various submissions to the tax authorities throughout the world versus timely and (cost) efficient execution
- Trends seen for dealing with tax authorities: an open conversation or simply submit the bare minimum
- Do the further transparency and reporting requirements imposed or to be imposed on tax advisors influence the choice of advisor?

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

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

Annie Pan, membership committee lead, **TEI Asia Chapter**

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

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

11.50 PRESENTATION: Vision of the Future: Twin Impact of Fintech and Blockchain

- Convergence of Financial services and IT (Fintech)
- What it means to the future of transfer pricing
- Leveraging the characteristics of Blockchain in taxation
- Opportunities in compliance, audits and controversy

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

12.15 Lunch

1.15 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, senior advisor, **Vienna University Institute for Austria and**

International Tax Law, practice council member, **New York University**

School of Law

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

Eeling Low, regional tax director, **Infineon**

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

2.05 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** (moderator)

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**

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**

3.55 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

Ng Say Guat, head of tax, **Sime Darby Plantation Berhad**

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

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

Alok Pareek, senior manager, tax – India, **Red Hat (India)**

4.45 Chair's closing remarks

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

4.50 Close of conference

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