# wts global

# Locally rooted - Globally connected

We are the **leading independent non-audit tax practice** worldwide with representation in **more than 100 countries.** 

# It started with a global vision

Founded by WTS Germany in 2003, pioneering the first-ever global tax-only network.

With a groundbreaking vision, we set out to transform the tax landscape by refraining from annual audits to avoid conflicts of interest. Our aim? To become the long-term trusted advisor for our international clients.

From the early days, it was clear that we can be only successful in a global set-up.

We are the challengers in the market.



# We focus on three key areas

Tax Advisory



Tax Compliance



Tax Digital

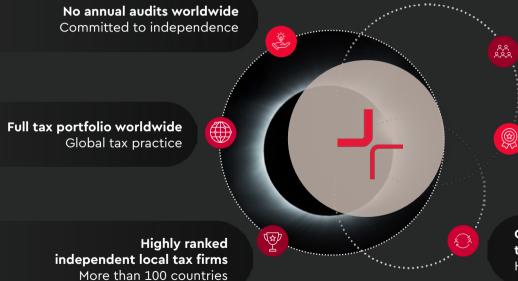


# For our clients

Exceptional and excellent in our performance: from complex advice in national and international tax law to in-house services, we offer this through our business partnering model and Al in tax.

Clients of WTS Global include multinational companies, international mid-size companies as well as private clients and family offices.

# Our Unique Selling Propositions (USPs)



Fully dedicated Global Executive team Central management

Stringent quality criteria and strong governance Regular quality reviews of members

Closely interconnected global teams and service lines High partner involvement

# Full global coverage

We are represented in more than 100 countries. Our member firms are highly reputed, independent tax firms covering the full tax portfolio and refrain from conducting annual audits. Many of our member firms are spin-offs from big consulting firms. Our members are deeply rooted in their own local markets but at the same time are closely connected at the international level.

Despite their different cultures and backgrounds, our partners share the same values and 'chemistry'.

We can consult in each and every country worldwide.

# The countries we cover

Sevchelles

Sierra Leone

South Africa

Tanzania

Toao

Tunisia

Uganda

7ambia

7imbabwe

Algeria Angola Benin Burkina Faso Cameroon Cape Verde Chad Congo Brazzaville Ivory Coast Democratic Rep. of Congo (DRC) Egypt

North America Canada USA

Australia Banaladesh Cambodia China Hona Kona India

Argentina Bolivia Brazil Chile Colombia Costa Rica Mexico

Equatorial

Guinea

Gabon

Gambia

Ghana

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Guinea-Bissau

Madagascar

Indonesia Japan Korea Lao Macau

Latin America Dominican Republic Fcuador El Salvador Guatemala Honduras

Mali

Mauritania

Mauritius

Morocco

Niger

Nigeria

Rwanda

Senegal

Malaysia

Mongolia

Myanmar

New Zealand

Philippines

São Tomé

and Príncipe

Mozambique

Panama Paraduav Peru Uruquav Venezuela

> Singapore Sri Lanka Taiwan Thailand Vietnam

Bahrain Irad Israel Pakistan Saudi Arabia United Arab **F**mirates

Estonia Albania Armenia Georgia Bosnia & Hungary Herzegovina Bulgaria Croatia Latvia Cyprus Lithuania Czech Moldova Republic

Poland Serbia Kazakhstan Kyrgyzstan

#### Romania Slovakia Slovenia Turkey Ukraine Uzbekistan

Norway

Portugal

Sweden

Spain

Austria Belgium Denmark Finland France Germany Gibraltar

Greece Iceland Ireland Italy Luxemboura Malta Netherlands

Switzerland United Kinadom



# We operate through Global Service Lines & Competence Centres

#### **GLOBAL SERVICE LINES (GSLs)**

International Corporate Tax
 Mergers & Acquisitions
 Transfer Pricing & Valuation Services
 (TP GSL)
 Indirect Tax & Customs

### **COMPETENCE CENTRES**

- › Pillar Two
- > Tax Digital
- > ESG/Climate Protection,
- Green Taxation & Energy
- > Tax Certainty and Controversy (sub-
- group of TP GSL)
- > ProSports
- > WHT Reclaims

- > Private Clients & Family Office Services
- > Global Mobility
- Financial Services (FS)

- > European Tax Law Centre
- › US Hub
- › Private Equity
- >FS & Treasury -
  - Intercompany Financing (subgroup of TP GSL)
- > Real Estate
- > ViDA

# Ranked as a leading network by Chambers & Partners since 2012.



# Visionary Leadership

CEO Wim Wuyts joined WTS Global in 2017, with the aim of building a truly internationallyminded, business-centric, and sustainable tax practice. In 2023, Magdalena Saja joined as Managing Director (Business Development) to further grow the business globally across all sectors and to facilitate the international roll-out of the AI plAIground.

#### Building the tax firm of the future.

# Our thought leadership

The fast pace at which international taxation is developing calls for rapid action from advisors to address the changing global economic landscape. To assist our clients through this complexity, we place special emphasis on emerging key topics through "leadership campaigns".

Topics that WTS Global focuses on include: Pillar Two, Digital Tax Solutions, International Business Partnering and Global Compliance, ViDA, and the bridge between ESG/ Sustainability and Tax.

# Current focus topics

**Pillar Two** New world tax order

**ViDA** VAT in the Digital Age

**Digitalization** Digitalization of the tax function and AI solutions

**Sustainability** ESG for the tax and finance sector

# Current focus topic: Pillar Two

Pillar Two is the new world tax order. We support you with the necessary implementation.

### **Pillar Two**

- Proven German Pillar
  Two competence group
- > WTS Germany efficiently resolves your foreign Pillar Two issues from a single source with a unique team of 50 Pillar Two country experts
- Networking through our global tax practice in more than 100 countries

### **Know-how**

- > Pillar Two impact assessment
- Pillar Two process know-how in Tax & Finance
- > Project management
- Analysis of data chains relevant for Pillar Two
- IFRS accounting & tax accounting know-how

### **Digital solutions**

#### › Pillar Two @ SAP PaPM

- High-performance solution with Fiori interface and WTS Pillar Two use-case
- Simulation and analysis functions even for the most complex structures

#### > Pillar Two with SAP SAC

- Complete reporting, easy to customise
- Planning and simulation functionalities

#### > AMANA GTC BEPS module

- > Integrated, generic solution
- > Extended WTS templates

# Current focus topic: Digitalization of the tax function and Al Solutions

Standardisation and automation of tasks and processes, optimisation and analysis of data flows, including the use of SAP as a basis for fiscal processes and calculations.

### VAT

#### Projects

Implementation of software solutions in the field of VAT analytics and VAT reporting, verification of tax compliance of ERP systems.

#### **VAT** compliance services

Support in the preparation of VAT reports via a local Single Point of Contact. Preparation of other reporting obligations such as Intrastat and OSS. Use of state-of-the-art software solutions.

### Control

#### SAP for transfer prices

Use of SAP solutions from setting up the data structure in S/4 HANA to visualisations and complex OTP calculations (such as with SAC, Fiori, PaPM).

#### Data & analytics

Analysis, optimisation, automation and visualisation of transfer pricing processes (such as with Alteryx and PowerBI).

#### AI / machine learning

Use of machine learning for data analysis and simulation as well as automation of repetitive processes.

### **Income taxes**

#### Our approach & solutions

We think about income taxes holistically. Our experts implement all income taxrelevant processes transparently in state-of-the-art digital solutions.

Among other things, we rely on the market leader AMANA and solutions in SAP.

# **AI Solutions**

The **use of AI** assistance systems promises **significant increases** in **productivity** and **quality** for tax functions. Together with you, we develop **customised** and **varied solutions** to enhance your efficiency **with AI**.

#### **AI READINESS**



We support your process within the company towards a sustainable AI infrastructure.

> Discovery Workshops
 > Creation of AI strategy
 > Data governance

#### **AI IMPLEMENTATION**



We support you in **implementing your use cases** from the proof of concept to the final product.

- > Evaluation of use cases
- > Consultation on infrastructure
- > Implementation of AI

#### AI ECOSYSTEM



We prepare you for **efficient use of AI** in your tax, finance and legal function.

- > Change management
- > Training

# IMPLEMENTING EVERYDAY TASKS FROM THE TAX DEPARTMENT **MORE EFFICIENTLY**...

...

...with access to the best large language models on the market:

- > Chat with your documents
- > Statement summaries
- > Tax assistants
- > Creating reports

- > Website summariser
- Prompt assistants
- Information extraction

In **a secure environment**, in accordance with European data protection standards, with our



# Current focus topic: ViDA

ViDA is the largest reform of European VAT, requiring the digitalization of invoicing and reporting processes and enables the reduction of VAT registrations in Europe.

### Vida

#### Introduction of "digital reporting obligations" (DMP) & electronic invoices

- Introduction of e-invoicing and digital reporting obligations in the B2B area for all crossborder transactions
- Invoicing and reporting take place "near-time" after the time of performance

Parallel introduction of electronic invoices from 2025 in many EU member states (including Germany)

#### Single VAT registration

 Reduction of VAT registrations in other EU countries by expanding the reverse charge procedure and the one-stop shop procedure ("OSS")

# Platform operators as fictitious suppliers

 Fictitious supply chains for shortterm rental platforms for accommo dation and mobility services

### Challenges

#### Processes

 > Adjustments to the O2C,
 P2P and R2R processes for ViDA to meet the significantly shortened deadlines for e-invoicing and digital reporting

#### Organisation

- > Identify and involve stakeholders
- Necessary adjustments to the organisation for ViDA

#### Systems

- > Adaptation / expansion of the systems for generating / processing the e-Invoice
- Expansion of the systems for generating and transmitting the digital message

#### Tax determination

- Identification of the transactions affected by the legal changes
- > Adaptation of tax determination

### WTS ViDA Project Approach

#### **Project framework**

 Project framework specifically tailored to ViDA that takes into account the special challenges (processes, organisation, systems and tax determination) and forms the guidelines for your ViDA projects

#### Customisation

 Customisation of the project framework to the client's individual needs

#### We accompany you

- > ViDA analysis
- > ViDA planning
- > ViDA implementation
- > ViDA go-live

# **Current focus topic: Sustainability and ESG**

Environmental, Social, Governance – ESG influences corporate decisions and practices concerning the environmental and social aspects, as well as the nature of corporate governance.

### ESG and taxes

- > GRI 207 Tax reporting
- > EU Public CBCR
- Subsidies
- Green Tax (regulation; EEG; electricity tax)
- Initiatives of the EU and local government (plastic tax/CBAM)
- > EU Green Deal Fit-for-55
- Emissions trading
- Tax Sustainability Index for evaluating the tax sustainability status
- > Tax Policy and Tax Strategy

### ESG strategy

- > Rating/Scoring
- > "Green" financial products
- > ESG due diligence
- › Audit readiness
- > Supply chain act
- Compliance Management
  Systems (CMS)

### CSR reporting & nonfinancial statements

- > Taxonomy
- > CSR reporting 2.0

# **Transfer Pricing**

In the current global economic and political environment, transfer pricing is one of the most challenging and potentially costly tax matters for multinational companies. Therefore, defensive value chain transformation, transfer pricing compliance and dispute resolution are at the forefront of the agenda of taxpayers, the tax authorities and WTS Global.



### **TP** Advisory: Standard Topics

- > Ex-ante advisory
- > TP guidelines
- Intercompany agreements
- Restructuring of business models
- > Adjustment transfer pricing-systems
- Tax planning
- Transfer of functions
- > TP Health Check

### **TP** Benchmarking

- > Preparation benchmarking studies
- > TNMM
- › Cost Plus Mark-Ups
- Licences
- > Financial benchmarks (such as interest rates, guarantee fees)

### **IP** Documentation

- Preparation and filing of Country-by-Country Reporting (CbCR)
- Masterfile
- > Local Files (centralised / localised)

### **TP** Tax Audit

- > Support TP Tax audits
- > Defence documentation
- > Court proceedings
- > Dispute resolutions

# For our people

We focus on diversity and heterogeneity. Our culture and our daily work thrive on the uniqueness of our employees to achieve great things full of passion.

# Growing our people

We take responsibility for our employees and support them through comprehensive training and development programmes for tax experts working in a multicultural environment.

We provide our employees with peer-networking initiatives, role-model presentations and personal development, and technical training.

As a truly global network, diversity and inclusion is inherently embedded in all WTS Global initiatives.

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# **For society**

# greater - together

For us, economic success and socially and ecologically responsible action go hand-in-hand and form the basis of our wide-ranging commitment.

# **Our sustainability**

Our internal sustainability journey is based on five axes:

- Identify, bring together and develop the network's technical expertise in the Tax & Sustainability area;
- Create a new business line on climate protection, green tax and energy tax advisory services with billable projects;
- Create and lead the Tax, Sustainability & Leadership movement of tax directors in Europe;
- Inspire our member firms to become leaders in sustainable tax advice; and
- > Nudge our employees to adopt more sustainable behaviours.

### Our initiatives:





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