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Asia Pacific Regional Tax Conference

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Bangkok, Thailand
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In today's rapidly evolving business landscape, tax has transformed from merely a compliance obligation to a strategic tool that significantly influences financial performance, risk management, and shareholder value.

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Join us for the **Taxand Asia Pacific Regional Tax Conference** on **20 November 2025, in Bangkok, Thailand.**

This full-day event will gather leading tax experts from various countries, including Thailand, Vietnam, Singapore, India, Mauritius, the Philippines, Indonesia, China, and the United States, to share invaluable insights and effective strategies.

Key topics to be discussed include:

-  Planning for mergers and acquisitions (M&A) in Asia
-  Transfer pricing strategies for multinational companies
-  Tax-efficient structuring for cross-border investments
-  Navigating U.S. tariffs
-  Individual tax planning in Asia
-  Compliance with the OECD's global minimum tax

This conference offers a fantastic opportunity to gain strategic insights, engage with industry leaders, and network with peers in a professional environment.

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8:30 am – 9:00 am

Registration & Morning Coffee

Start the day with coffee and an opportunity to connect with peers.

9:00 am – 9:15 am

Welcome and Opening of Conference

9:15 am – 10:00 am

Mergers & Acquisitions (M&A): Tax Planning for M&A in Asia

An expert panel will discuss recent developments affecting share and acquisition deals in Asia. Participants will leave with actionable strategies to enhance their tax planning in M&A, ensuring compliance while maximizing value. This session provides an opportunity to learn from industry experts about the relationship between M&A and tax planning in Thailand, Indonesia, Vietnam, Singapore, and other countries in the Asia-Pacific region.

10:00 am – 10:40 am

Emerging Trends for Tax-Efficient Structuring for Cross-Border Investments

An expert panel will review recent tax developments impacting cross-border investments in Asia. Learn strategies to minimize withholding taxes and leverage double taxation treaties, along with recent cases and rulings. The session will also focus on structuring investments through jurisdictions such as Thailand, Singapore, Hong Kong, and Mauritius, comparing Thailand with other regions as potential holding company hubs.

10:40 am – 11:00 am

Coffee & Networking Break

11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Navigating US Tariffs and Indirect Taxes: Mitigating Costs and Optimizing Supply Chains for Asian Businesses

This session will explore how Asian businesses can navigate the impact of U.S. tariffs, particularly those implemented in 2025 under the "America First Trade Policy," which has had a significant effect on the economies of Asia. Key discussion points include:

- *Understanding Tariff Impacts:* Analyze the effects of the U.S. tariffs on Asian exporters.
- *Tax Optimization Strategies:* Explore tax-efficient restructuring of supply chains, such as relocating production to countries with lower tariffs or leveraging free trade zones in Asia to reduce duty impacts.
- *Leveraging Regional Trade Agreements:* Examine opportunities to mitigate tariff impacts by utilizing ASEAN's upgraded Trade in Goods Agreements or RCEP to enhance intra-regional trade and reduce reliance on the U.S. market.
- *Managing Retaliatory Tariff Risks:* Provide strategies for anticipating and mitigating the impact of retaliatory tariffs from Asian countries, including diversifying markets to Southeast Asia.

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Lunch

1:00 pm – 1:50 pm

Transfer Pricing Strategies for Multinationals in Asia

This session will focus on best practices for aligning transfer pricing policies with OECD guidelines and local regulations. It will emphasize the importance of ensuring that your transfer pricing models reflect your business reality. Drawing on regional insights, this session will highlight:

- Regulatory trends across Asia, including Thailand, India, Indonesia, Vietnam, the Philippines, and Singapore.
- Strategic transfer pricing models that align with business and economic realities.
- Practical approaches to mitigate disputes, optimize cash and tax positions, and future-proof against regulatory changes.

Through real-world case studies and regional comparisons, participants will gain a clear understanding of how transfer pricing can be leveraged not only to maintain compliance but also to support strategic growth, enhance operational efficiency, and manage risks effectively.

1:50 pm – 2:15 pm

Coffee and Networking Break

2:15 pm – 3:15 pm

Mitigating Risks in Global Minimum Tax Compliance (Pillar Two)

In this session, we will explore the ongoing implementation of the global minimum tax in Asian countries. We will discuss strategies for multinational enterprises to comply with the OECD's Pillar Two rules, including safe harbor provisions and managing top-up tax liabilities across various jurisdictions within Asia.

3:15 pm – 4:30 pm

Individual Tax Planning: Navigating Asia's Evolving Tax Regimes

This session will focus on tax planning strategies for individuals, covering topics such as trusts, offshore accounts, and residency programs in Asia. We will compare the tax frameworks of Thailand and Singapore, alongside other regional countries, and discuss recent developments in Thai taxation relevant to residents, expatriates, and mobile executives.

04:30 pm – 05:00 pm

Q&A

AGENDA