

# Tax

Tax is money. Whether for your business, for your employees, for your shareholders or for you our Tax Team understand that managing the tax position is of critical importance. Inevitably it is an area riddled with complexity and requires advisers with the highest technical abilities.

However just as important is the commercial awareness of the context in which such complex issues are to be considered. It is this balance of the technical skills with commercial awareness which sets our Tax Team apart.

*“wins praise from all corners for its tax practice – responsive, proactive and user-friendly.”* – Chambers



## HOW WE CAN HELP

### Transactional efficiencies

We work with our clients to achieve exceptional results. We are able to consider all the aspects of a proposed transaction and identify the potential pitfalls that the tax system can create for the non specialist. We advise on M&As, private equity transactions, IPOs, incorporation, corporate and partnership structures, debt instruments and property taxation.

*“Good at tactics and strategy”* – Chambers

### Value creation

We are on top of the ever-changing tax system and we’re always vigilant for new opportunities to reduce unnecessary tax burdens in a measured way. We’re quick to adopt new ideas, including both government-promoted schemes and also bespoke creative arrangements.

### Supports business goals

We’re able to advise as to the optimum structures for businesses and investments, including advising on investments under the EIS/VCT regimes, and share incentive arrangements including EMI, CSOP, all-employee plans, and a variety of bespoke growth share and cash-bonus arrangements. We have experience across many companies of different sizes with differing incentivisation requirements.

### Achieving results

We have not only successfully defended clients under HMRC investigation, but we have also claimed back overpaid taxes of many millions of pounds for our clients following review by us of previous dealings.



## AREAS OF EXPERTISE

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|--------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|
| - CGT planning           | - Leasing                  | - SDLT         |
| - Employee share schemes | - M&A tax planning         | - Tax disputes |
| - Internal structures    | - Real estate tax planning | - VAT          |

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*“A distinctive law firm valued by its clients for consistently delivering excellent results.”*

We offer our clients a full service commercial law firm focused on providing a wide range of clients, nationally and internationally, with partner led high quality advice. The national centre of excellence in Leeds that we have built offers significant advantages in terms of developing a strong team-based culture within the Firm, with the inherent value and cost effectiveness that a Leeds base brings.

The success of our model is reflected by our clients, which are drawn from a broad range of sectors. We are recognised for our strong multi-disciplinary teamwork and straight forward advice. Both the Firm and our lawyers are recognised as leaders in their fields with 96 per cent of our partners recommended in either Chambers or Legal 500 for their expertise

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