

MOORE STEPHENS

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Business Tax

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Two key principles underline our approach to tax: no tax payer should pay more tax than is due legally, and tax planning should complement rather than lead business strategy.

The tax team at Moore Stephens provides advice and solutions to a range of corporate entities, partnerships and their owners. We are known not only for the technical quality of our advice, but also for the long-term relationships we build with our clients. By acquiring a deep understanding of their issues and requirements, we are able to offer bespoke solutions which meet the tax and commercial objectives of the business, its owners and their families, and the shareholders.

We pride ourselves on taking a comprehensive approach to minimising our clients' tax exposure, providing corporate, international, VAT and personal tax advice as appropriate. With tax legislation regularly changing, our specialist team also helps clients stay abreast of the latest opportunities, as well as any potential pitfalls.

What makes us different

Relationships

Providing bespoke solutions and advising on key decisions requires an understanding of your corporate and personal objectives. Building enduring client relationships forms the basis of our services, and provides us with the understanding we need to meet your particular needs. Our partners are always ready to discuss your tax issues to ensure you get the advice you need, when you need it.

Bespoke solutions

We understand that each client is unique, both in terms of their requirements and circumstances, so we focus on tailored advice and solutions rather than adopting a 'one size fits all' approach. We are able to offer specialist tax advice, depending on the sector and individual situation.

Integrated advice

Our partner-led client teams incorporate specialists covering corporate and personal tax, employment tax solutions, wealth management and trust and estate planning. This means that we are able to offer an integrated service, ensuring that all information is used to increase the value you receive from us.

Continuity

Fundamental to a valuable service is the continuity of the client team we provide to ensure we develop the necessary understanding of your circumstances. We fully appreciate the benefits which accrue to our clients from partner and staff continuity. Put simply, it means that the value you receive from us will increase as time goes by.

Solution-driven approach

Our integrated services are designed to help you grow, realise and protect your wealth. Careful planning at both corporate and personal levels can significantly reduce tax. Our services include:

Dealing with tax compliance obligations

Ever-changing tax laws and harsh penalty regimes have placed a heavy burden on businesses. Ensuring your tax affairs are properly managed and up-to-date is the cornerstone of our service. We offer a complete range of tax compliance services, including the preparation of your tax returns and computations and payment advice, ensuring that you meet your statutory obligations efficiently and with confidence that your returns are technically accurate. But it's more than just compliance – the tax return preparation and review process enables us to identify planning opportunities which we will then discuss with you.

VAT solutions and advice

VAT is a complex tax which affects most businesses and organisations – and getting it wrong can be costly. With our collective experience and expertise in VAT compliance, consultancy and planning, our VAT team provides cost-effective advice and assistance and helps businesses to avoid the many pitfalls presented by VAT and the other indirect taxes administered by HM Revenue & Customs.

Tax structuring and planning

We consider it vital to determine the tax consequences of any business development strategy. We are experienced in advising on the corporation tax, VAT and personal tax aspects of a wide range of business



transactions, from group reorganisations to passing on the business to the next generation, or planning an exit. By working closely with you, our commercial approach to tax planning ensures that the tax consequences are fully addressed and that every sensible effort is made to minimise tax burdens and prevent problems before they occur. Our international network enables us to advise on the tax implications of cross-border transactions, providing a truly global tax structuring service.

Employment and remuneration issues, planning and advice

Our Employer Support team can help you to keep your reward and remuneration strategy under review. In response to the ever-increasing burden of red tape and regulation on employers, our team can provide a seamless payroll service and ensure you continue to comply with all PAYE, NIC and other employment regulatory requirements.

Remuneration strategies

Equity and remuneration planning strategies are recognised as essential tools in growing today's successful businesses. Over the last year alone, the team has advised on the structuring and implementation of numerous share plans, thus maximising tax-efficiency for both the company and employee. We listen to the needs of your business and work with you to design and implement the most effective remuneration strategy. We can guide you through the often complex process of setting up share award arrangements for employees, from the choice of scheme through to obtaining the necessary approval from HM Revenue & Customs. We also offer a share valuation service.

International solutions

As a firm with a significant international client base, advising on multi-jurisdictional assignments is a key element of our offering. The scope of our services to clients with international interests extends, therefore, beyond the delivery of compliance services to advising on international business structures and tax issues and finding solutions for cross-border transactions.

Protecting and maximising your individual wealth

Tax legislation is complex and changes frequently, making it all the more important that your affairs are reviewed regularly to

ensure that you are not paying more tax than necessary. Our private client specialists will help you identify tax planning opportunities and avoid potential pitfalls. They can recommend ways to reduce your liability to income, capital gains and inheritance tax and, where appropriate, help you establish structures to safeguard, maintain and increase your wealth.

Our private client team also offers a comprehensive and efficient tax return preparation service for individuals and trusts and will guide you through all aspects of the self assessment process, including advice on settling your tax liability each year.

Help with a tax investigation

HM Revenue & Customs is targeting an increasing number of businesses and individuals for enquiries. The demands for detailed explanations and the volume of documentation required can be daunting. Our team is able to handle all aspects of enquiries, from compliance checks to more comprehensive investigations. As well as ensuring you comply fully with the statutory obligations, we can also provide you with the strongest possible defence and, if necessary, negotiate settlements with HMRC.

Moore Stephens in the UK

Moore Stephens is the UK's 9th largest independent accounting and consulting network, comprising over 1,500 partners and staff in 35 locations.

Our objective is simple: to be viewed by clients as the first point-of-contact for all their financial, advisory and compliance needs. We achieve this by providing sensible advice and tailored solutions to help clients achieve their commercial and personal goals.

Clients have access to a range of core and specialist services including audit and tax compliance, business and personal tax, trust and estate planning, wealth management, IT consultancy, governance and risk, business support and outsourcing, corporate finance, corporate recovery and forensic accounting.

Our success stems from our industry focus, which enables us to provide an innovative and personal service to our clients in our niche markets. Specialist sectors include charities & not-for-profit, education, energy & mining, family offices, financial services, healthcare, hotels & leisure, insurance, pensions, professional practices, public sector, real estate, shipping, social housing, sports and technology & media.

Moore Stephens globally

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With fees of US\$2.7 billion and offices in 105 countries, you can be confident that we have access to the resources and capabilities to meet your needs. Moore Stephens International independent member firms share common values: integrity, personal service, quality, knowledge and a global view.

By combining local expertise and experience with the breadth of our UK and worldwide networks, clients can be confident that, whatever their requirement, Moore Stephens will provide the right solution to their local, national and international needs.

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