



International Tax Dialogue

Recent US Tax Reforms and Impact for Singapore

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Featuring:



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Synopsis:

“President Joe Biden made some significant announcements in April 2021 on proposed US tax reforms.

In this IFA webinar, we will unpack the key corporate and business tax aspects of the US Treasury Green Book that provides explanations of the Biden Administration’s revenue proposal. Whilst the Biden proposal has not yet made its way through the US legislative system, we will discuss the latest thoughts on the legislative process and how the US proposal works and doesn’t work with OECD Pillar 1 and 2 provisions. We will also share our thoughts on how the Biden proposal will impact Singapore, if at all.”

About the Speakers:

Allen Tan

Allen Tan is the head of the Tax, Trade and Wealth Management practice in Baker McKenzie Wong & Leow. He has extensive experience working on both international and local tax issues, with special focus on regional tax aspects of the transactions he is involved in. Allen's clients include Global Fortune 500 multinational corporations and major Singapore conglomerates. Allen's practice focuses on tax issues arising from corporate and supply chain reorganisations, foreign direct investments, cross-border planning/restructuring, transfer pricing, mergers and acquisitions (M&A), private equity fund structuring, tax controversies (both domestic and cross-border), as well as indirect and transfer taxes. In recent years, Allen has also been actively engaged in tax policy work, both in Singapore and internationally. Allen has previously handled a mixture of commercial and employment work, as well as advised on cross-border M&A.

His diverse experience has proven invaluable in factoring both commercial and practical elements into his tax solutions for his clients. Ranked as a Band 1 lawyer in Chambers Asia Pacific, Allen is also recognised as a leading lawyer for his tax controversy and corporate tax work in many other leading legal and tax directories including International Tax Review and Legal 500. Allen was named 'Asia Tax Practice Leader of the Year 2018' at the International Tax Review's Asia Tax Awards 2018. He was also recognised as one of 'Singapore's 40 most influential lawyers aged 40 and under' in 2015 by Singapore Business Review and in Asian Legal Business (ALB) 40 under 40 List (2015), an inaugural ranking of the brightest young legal minds across Asia Pacific.

Curtis Ottley

Professional and Industry Experience

Curtis is a KPMG tax partner that is currently seconded to Singapore. Curtis has more than 25 years of professional experience in public accounting.

For the past 20 years, Curtis has been focused on serving clients with structuring acquisitions and dispositions, as well as performing due diligence and transaction closing assistance. Earlier in his career, he served in his previous firm's Washington National Tax practice, acting as a resource for practice offices that required assistance in resolving technical issues related to transactions.

Function and Specialization

Prior to moving to Singapore Curtis lead KPMG's West Coast M&A Tax practice. He also lead KPMG's Bay Area private equity practice.

Curtis has extensive experience advising client on tax matters including the following:

- Structuring and implementing cross-border acquisitions and disposition for multinational corporations
- Post-merger integration issues for carve out transactions
- Structuring transactions for private equity and sovereign wealth funds
- Structuring partnership and other pass-through transactions
- Implementing SPAC and UpC structures to maximize value return for tax attributes
- Helping clients navigate bankruptcy and work through other troubled company situations