4th Annual IBA Tax Conference: 
Current International Tax Issues in Cross-Border Corporate Finance and Capital Markets

9–10 February 2015 Holborn Bars, London, England

A conference presented by the IBA Taxation Section, supported by the IBA European Regional Forum

Topics include:

- Overview of recent developments
- Common reporting standard
- Financing acquisitions Post BEPS
- Cross-border financial leases
- Transfer pricing
- Cash pooling arrangements
- Hybrid entities and hybrid instruments
- Current issues for financial institutions
- FATCA
- Infrastructure, project finance and securitisations
- Digital economy
- Tax administration
- Funds – current issues
- Sharia compliant finance: what every tax practitioner should understand

Who should attend?
Tax, corporate, finance and banking lawyers, accountants, bankers and economists.

*As per the Solicitors Regulation Authority of England and Wales. The number of CPD points/hours available may vary for other bar associations and law societies depending on their criteria.
Monday 9 February

0830 – 0900  Registration

0900 – 1045  Overview of recent developments
  • BEPS update
    – Consultation on interest deductibility
    – Hybrids
    – Treaty shopping
    – Anti-avoidance
    – Beneficial ownership
  • Inversions and the financial industry
  • Reputational damage – reliaency
  • Global trends anti-avoidance
  • Abuse and harmful tax competition (eg, IP tax boxes will they survive?)
  • Bitcoins

Session Chair
Jonathan Schwarz  Temple Tax Chambers, London

Speakers
Olivier Dauchez  Gide Loyrette Nouel, Paris
Stephen Edge  Slaughter and May, London
Reto Heuberger  Homburger, Zurich; Membership Officer, IBA Taxes Committee
Raquel Cristina Ribeiro Novais  Machado Meyer Sendacz e Opice, São Paulo
Edward Osterberg  Mayer Brown, Houston
Barbara Worndl  Aird & Berlis, Toronto

1045 – 1100  Coffee/tea break

1100 – 1215  Common reporting standard
  • OECD global standard exchange of information commentary for implementation by financial institutions
  • Standards for harmonised technical information
  • AIFM Directive
  • Bank Secrecy after tax information exchange agreement
  • Managing foreign currency

Session Chair
Sandy Bhogal  Mayer Brown, London

1215 – 1300  Lunch

1300 – 1400  Financing acquisitions post BEPS
New trends in cross-border financing.
  • Hybrid entities and checking the box
  • Debt pushdowns and the debt/equity divide
  • Treaty avoidance – TAAR and limitation of benefits
  • General anti-avoidance and anti-abuse rules
  • Substance

Session Chair
Jonathan Cooklin  Davis Polk & Wardwell, London

Speakers
Lou Berger  Jones Day, Amsterdam
Pascal Hinny  Lenz & Staehelin, Zurich
Michael Lebovitz  White & Case, Los Angeles

1400 – 1445  Cross-border financial leases
Current developments in asset backed financings and cross-border finance leasing.
  • Recent securitisations and debt issuances
  • Considerations around the use of conduit structures and the abuse of tax treaties
  • The use of ‘section 110’ companies in aircraft finance
  • Issues for equity investors in asset finance structures including PE and hedge funds
  • Recent domestic case law related to abusive transactions

Session Chair
Peter Maher  A&L Goodbody, Dublin

Speakers
Raul-Angelo Papotti  Chiomenti Studio Legal, Milan; Committee Liaison Officer, IBA Individual Tax and Private Client Committee
Philip Wagman  Clifford Chance, New York
Monday  
continued

1445 – 1515 Coffee/tea break

1515 – 1630

Transfer pricing
- Interest rates and guarantee fees: implicit support taking root?
- Update on BEPS impact on transfer pricing
- Dispute avoidance and resolution: APA, MAP, arbitration, mediation
- State aid challenge as an alternative weapon against transfer pricing?

Session Chair
Murray Clayson Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer, London

Speakers
Peter Blessing KPMG, Stamford, Connecticut
Klaus Sieker Flick Gocke Schaumburg, Frankfurt am Main
Richard J Wuermli Tax Expert International, Zurich

1630 – 1730
Cash pooling arrangements
- Impact on intercompany loans
- Interest deductibility
- Guarantees
- Characterisation of interest
- Tax issues in multi-jurisdictional credit agreements
- Consolidated treasury function in multinationals
- Repatriation of profits; upstream loans; return of capital; dividends
- IRS efforts to curb abusive repatriation

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Sam Kaywood Alston & Bird, Atlanta

Speakers
Pano Pliotis GE Capital, London
Alain Ranger Fasken Martineau DuMoulin, Montreal; Vice-Chair, IBA Taxes Committee
Ewout van Asbeck Van Doorne, Amsterdam; Senior Vice-Chair, IBA Taxes Committee

1730 – 1845 Drinks reception
Holborn Bars

1900 Conference dinner
The Crypt
14 Ely Place, London EC1N 8SJ
Ticket price: £85

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Tuesday  
10 February

0800 – 0915

Hybrid entities and hybrid instruments
- BEPS update on hybrid instruments
- Impact on interest deductibility
- Tax arbitrages
- Domestic and EU rules
- Proposed amendment to EU parent-subsidiary directive to deal with hybrid loans
- UK Consultation on OECD proposals

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Scott Newman K&L Gates, New York

Speakers
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Claudio Giordano Macchi di Cellere Gangemi, Rome
Werner Heysaert Jones Day, Brussels
Tom Scott McDermott Will & Emery, London

0915 – 1030

Current issues for financial institutions
- Financing banks – update on loans, capitalisation
- CMBS and CLO deals
- European financial transactions tax
- Increased regulatory tax requirements

Session Chair
Michael Nordin Schellenberg Wittmer, Zurich

Speakers
Bernadette Accili Paul Hastings, Milan; Treasurer, IBA Taxes Committee
Robert Culbertson Covington & Burling, Washington DC
Michael Lukacs GE Capital, Fairfield Connecticut
Yash Rupal Linklaters, London

1030 – 1045 Coffee/tea break

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1045 – 1130  
**FATCA**  
- Reconciling IGA, US regulations and local implementation  
- FATCA type legislation in EU  
- Practical implementation issues for countries which signed agreements  
- Consequences of FATCA enforcement (eg, restructure client trusts)  

**Session Chair**  
Paul Carman  
Chapman and Cutler, Chicago  

**Speakers**  
Harold (Hal) Adrion  
EisnerAmper, New York  
Andrew Solomon  
Sullivan & Cromwell, New York

1130 – 1230  
**Infrastructure, project finance and securitisations**  
- Tax treatment of concessions, permits and licences  
- Taxation of non-resident investors in and financers of infrastructure  
- Local uses of securitization vehicles such as REITS  
- Local limitations on depreciation and other deductions  
- Local incentives for infrastructure investment  
- Special problems involving indirect taxes; GST, VAT, stamp duty  

**Session Chair**  
Kim Blanchard  
Weil Gotshal & Manges, New York  

**Speakers**  
Carlos Ferrer  
Cuatrecasas Goncalves Pereira, Madrid  
Trudy Perie  
Loyens & Loeff, Amsterdam  
William Thompson  
Minter Ellison, Brisbane

1230 – 1315  
**Lunch**

1315 – 1415  
**Digital economy**  
Financing issues including:  
- Crowd funding, peer-to-peer lending, payday lending  
- Impact on financial industry  
- Potential impact of BEPs, PEs, Transfer pricing, IT/IP structures  

**Session Chair**  
Peter Flipsen  
Simmons & Simmons, Rotterdam  

**Speakers**  
Stuart Chessman  
Vivendi, New York  
Conor Hurley  
Arthur Cox, Dublin  
Ashley King-Christopher  
Charles Russell Speechlys, London  
Peter Utterström  
Hellstrom Law, Stockholm, Sweden

1415 – 1530  
**Tax administration**  
- Retroactivity of legislation  
- Tax rulings  
- Non-binding guidance by tax authorities  
- Reporting of tax savings schemes  
- Access of tax authorities to correspondence with outside counsel  
- Deductibility of fines for violating sanctions and other rules (AML, Anti-Trust)  
- Tax reporting under money laundering rules  
- Erosion of rule of law  
- Multinational audits  
- Substance over form, economic substance  
- Tax courts approaches to financing schemes and treaty interpretation  

**Session Chair**  
Heather Gething  
Herbert Smith Freehills, London  

**Speakers**  
Wilhelm Haarmann  
Linklaters, Frankfurt am Main  
Alejandro Torres  
Chevez Ruiz Zamarripa y Ca, Mexico DF  
Reeves Westbrook  
Covington & Burling, Washington DC; Co-Chair, IBA Taxes Committee  
Silvia Zimmerman  
Pestalozzi lachenal Patry, Zurich

1530 – 1545  
**Coffee/tea break**

1545 – 1645  
**Current issues**  
- Impact of European AIFM  
- Shadow banking  
- Investment in distressed debt  
- Participating loans  
- Global private equity funds  
- Use of blocker partnerships  
- Royalty funds  
- Derivatives – swaps with up-front payments (deemed loans), foreign currency options, issues for short sales, basket options  

**Session Chair**  
Rom Watson  
Ropes & Gray, Boston  

**Speakers**  
Albert Collado  
Garrigues, Barcelona  
Stefano Petrecca  
Macchi di Cellere Gangemi, Rome  
Jean Schaffner  
Allen & Overy, Luxembourg

1645 – 1730  
**Sharia compliant finance: what every tax practitioner should understand**  
- Background of the industry  
- Typical transaction structures  
- Tax characterisation issues  
- Responses of tax authorities  
  - United States  
  - United Kingdom  
  - Other jurisdictions  

**Session Chair**  
Jeff Trinklein  
Gibson Dunn & Crutcher, New York  

**Speakers**  
David Saleh  
Clifford Chance, London  
Ayzo Van Eysinga  
Stibbe, Luxembourg

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Information

Date
9–10 February 2015

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Holborn Bars
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London EC1N 2NQ
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Language
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- Conference materials, including any available speakers’ papers submitted to the IBA before 30 January
- Access to the above conference working materials from the IBA website (www.ibanet.org) approximately seven days prior to the conference
- Access to mobile delegate search application
- Lunch on Monday and Tuesday
- Tea and coffee during breaks
- Drinks reception on Monday

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- Drinks reception on Monday

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Members are encouraged to contribute to the committee newsletter which is published two to three times per year and to present papers at committee conferences and seminars. The committee also offers tax executives a forum, in its Tax Executives group, to exchange expertise and skills with their colleagues in industry on topics of special interest.

**IBA European Regional Forum overview**

The European Regional Forum was established in 1989 to provide a focus originally on the work undertaken by the IBA in developing the practice under changing legal systems of lawyers in Eastern and Central Europe. The forum was also intended to act as a channel for IBA communication with the bar associations of these local lawyers.

Since 2004 the forum has been developing and strengthening the existence of the IBA within the whole of Europe by promoting the goals of the IBA to members, non-members and others, disseminating professional know-how, and assisting the committees and other constituencies of the IBA to increase their presence in the different sub-regions of Europe, including parts of North Africa and the Middle East.

The goals of the forum include addressing current and long-term needs of professional organisations and individual members within the geographical reach of the forum, as well as increasing membership and participation in the IBA and integrating them within the organisation. The forum will also facilitate cross-border activity between lawyers and bars in different European countries. The forum has a particular focus on cross-disciplinary activities.

The forum seeks to facilitate relevant networking and information/experience sharing opportunities and encompasses the social and collegial interests of both members and potential members with other regional fora, the Corporate Counsel Forum and the Young Lawyers Committee and all LPD committees in general.

At present the forum has 7,700 members and its numbers continue to increase as it becomes one of the most integrated and dynamic fora of the IBA.

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