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Speaker profiles

Guest speaker



James Maylam

Head of Tax Asia-Pacific
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James Maylam is a tax professional with 15 years' experience working in the investment management and real estate sectors, including more than 11 years in Big 4 accounting firms as an adviser to traditional and alternative asset managers based in Europe, the US and Asia.

James' work covers all areas of taxation but he has spent much of his career advising on the structuring and operation of investment funds. He has also worked on a large number of private equity-backed M&A transactions, advising clients on the acquisition and disposal of assets in various industries and jurisdictions.

James relocated to Singapore in January 2013 and joined Schroders in February 2017 as 'Head of Tax, Asia-Pacific' – he is also involved in corporate development / M&A matters and overseeing product development for Schroders' "Private Assets" business in the region. James is a Chartered Tax Adviser (CTA) in the United Kingdom and a graduate of the University of Exeter (LLB, Law; MSc, International Business)."

Speaker profiles

Guest speaker (cont.)



Catherine Hou
Blackstone, Tax

Catherine Hou is a Vice President at Blackstone and she leads the tax function in Australia and China for Blackstone's Real Estate Business.

Before joining Blackstone, Catherine was the Head of Tax at China Mobile International Limited and was responsible for international tax affairs on operations and acquisitions.

Catherine is a Chartered Accountant with the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Australia and New Zealand. Catherine is fluent in English, Mandarin and Cantonese.

Speaker profiles

Guest speaker (cont.)



Nadia Alfonsi

Acting Assistant Commissioner – Public Groups & International
Australian Taxation Office

Nadia Alfonsi is an Acting Assistant Commissioner in the Public Groups and International (PG&I) business line of the ATO.

As part of her role, Nadia has responsibility for the Investment Industry Strategy, which includes assuring that insurance companies and large APRA regulated superannuation funds are paying the right amount of income tax.

Nadia is also responsible for PG&I Engagement and Assurance teams in Parramatta and Newcastle managing a range of taxpayer engagement activities including tax assurance reviews of Top 100 and Top 1000 taxpayers.

Nadia has previously held a number of roles across the ATO including Superannuation & Employer Obligations, Tax Counsel Network and the Treasury.

Speaker profiles

Guest speaker (cont.)



Blake Sly

Director – Public Groups & International
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Blake Sly is a director in the Public Groups and International (PG&I) business line of the ATO.

As part of his role, Blake leads the PG&I Investment Industry Strategy team, which includes assuring that insurance companies and large APRA regulated superannuation funds are paying the right amount of income tax.

Blake has previously held a number of roles across the ATO including Director roles in PG&I Infrastructure and Business Fragmentation Strategy and PGI Assurance and Engagement Newcastle and Paramatta.

Speaker profiles

Guest speaker (cont.)



Aaron Bennett

Director – Investment Industry Strategy
Australian Taxation Office

Aaron Bennett is currently a Director in the Investment Industry Strategy team and has responsibility for managed investment trusts, including the roll out of the Top 1000 Assurance program for MITs.

Aaron's previous roles include an audit role in the ATO's Public Groups and International Business Line and as a Senior Technical Adviser in the ATO's Tax Counsel Network.

Prior to joining the ATO in 2012, Aaron worked in Revenue Group in Treasury, where he worked on trusts, small business, tax administration and international tax issues.

Australia



Speaker profiles

Australia



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Siew-Kee is a partner and leads the Asia-Pacific Tax & Legal Investment Management practice.

Siew-Kee is recognised as a leading tax adviser in Investment Management. Siew-Kee has over 24 years' experience providing tax advisory services to financial services, real estate, private equity and infrastructure clients and advising throughout the entire deal life cycle, including domestic and cross-border structuring of mergers and acquisitions, due diligence, tax governance and compliance and divestments. He delivers a combination of practical and commercial expertise to clients, drawing from his previous role as the Head of Tax of an Australian listed group.

Siew-Kee is a regular global speaker and has been heavily involved in the tax reform design and consultation for Management Investment Trusts and Financial Services.

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Australia (cont.)



Nari Kye

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Nari is a tax partner and is an adviser to clients in the investment management, private equity, infrastructure and real estate sectors.

Nari has extensive experience in providing tax compliance and consulting services for large managed funds clients, including portfolios of equity and property funds. Nari has also advised clients on complex fund structures, including on establishment and internal reorganisations involving domestic and cross border issues. Nari has also recently worked on several high profile infrastructure privatisations, providing both tax due diligence and structuring advice as well as assisting on dealings with the Australian Taxation Office and the Foreign Investment Review Board.

Nari holds a Bachelor of Commerce and a Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of New South Wales and a Master of Laws degree from the University of Sydney. Nari is a committee member of the Property Council of Australia, a Chartered Tax Adviser and legal practitioner of the Supreme Court of New South Wales.

Speaker profiles

Australia (cont.)



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Manu is a Partner in the Corporate and International Tax Group with over 18 years experience advising sovereign wealth funds, multinational groups, private equity and investment funds on the international tax aspects of inbound and outbound investment in Australia.

Manu's expertise lies in the international tax aspects of investment vehicles, financing and profit repatriation, sovereign immunity, withholding taxes, application of tax treaties, cross-border leasing, cross-border intellectual property licensing and Australia's controlled foreign company rules. In recent times, Manu has focussed on advising clients on the ongoing reforms under the OECD's Base Erosion and Profit Shifting initiative.

Speaker profiles

Australia (cont.)



Alison Noble

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Alison leads the delivery of tax compliance and advisory services to clients in the financial services industry, particularly the banking and securities sectors, as well as treasury functions of corporate clients.

Alison's areas of interest and expertise include imputation, debt/equity, taxation of financial arrangements (TOFA), securities lending, the U.S. Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA), the OECD common reporting standard (CRS) and the U.S. qualified intermediary (QI) regime.

Alison co-leads the Global Information Reporting (GIR) team for Deloitte in Australia and is a member of Deloitte's Asia Pacific and global GIR teams. She has a particular focus on FATCA and CRS including entity and product classification; registration; onboarding and due diligence procedures and documentation review; policy, procedure and governance reviews; reporting utilising Deloitte's managed reporting service; remediation; and technical advisory support. Alison also has experience with the U.S. QI regime, assisting Australian financial institutions with QI applications, implementation, gap assessments, reporting and QI periodic reviews for Australian entities.

Alison has experience providing advice to clients on the taxation of various financial instruments and arrangements, including advice on TOFA and debt/equity provisions and preparing taxation opinions, comments for inclusion in prospectuses and product disclosure statements and ruling requests.

Alison has also provided taxation services in respect of a number of merger, acquisition and divestment transactions for clients. She is the Tax specialist partner on a number of audit engagements for clients in the banking and securities sectors.

Speaker profiles

Australia (cont.)



Terence Tan

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Terence has substantial experience in the banking, funds and custodial services industry. In particular, Terence specialises in the Global Information Reporting regimes of FATCA, the Common Reporting Standard (CRS) and Enhanced Third Party Reporting (including Annual Investment Income Reporting).

Terence has led multiple FATCA and CRS engagements for a wide range of financial services organisations including major Australian banks, large multinational investment managers, and registry providers. Examples of engagements performed on FATCA and CRS include FATCA/CRS legal entity classifications, design and review of policy/procedural documentation, reportable investor classifications, due diligence, ATO remediation and preparation/lodgement of FATCA/CRS reports.

Terence also has substantial experience in advising financial services organisations on a range of other tax matters, especially on operational taxes including the application of the different withholding tax regimes.

Terence was one of the stream leaders in the drafting and development (in the early stages of FATCA) of an industry standard FATCA obligations register for the Australian banking industry through the Australian Banking Association.

Terence was an active member of the standing tax working group of the Australian Custodial Services Association and was involved in the consultation on the development of the Enhanced Third Party Reporting regime.

Terence has also been heavily involved with the consultation process on FATCA and CRS through various industry bodies including the Property Council of Australia. Terence contributed to the review of the industry standard self-certification forms for FATCA/CRS released by the Financial Services Council and the Financial Planning Association.

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Australia (cont.)



Nicholas Clifton

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Nicholas is the Melbourne State Taxes Partner for Deloitte and brings significant experience in advising on Victorian and National State taxes. Nicholas has 20 years Australian stamp duty and state tax experience. He has been the lead stamp duty advisor on a wide range of stamp duty transactions in the property, funds, M&A, infrastructure, finance and other industries.

Nicholas has advised a wide range of property industry clients including funds managers, overseas investors into Australia real estate, private equity and Australian listed entities.

Nicholas is the immediate past chairman of the Taxation Institute's Victoria State Taxes Committee and a member of the Victorian State Revenue Office State Taxes Consultative Committee and has been a member of the Property Council of Australia Victorian state tax reform committee.

Nicholas has advised the South Australian, Queensland and Commonwealth governments on State taxes, State tax reform and the interaction with economic and governmental outcomes.

Nicholas has acted for various State and Federal governments and/or public owned entities on the divestment or commercialisation of government assets.

Nicholas has provided assistance to State treasury departments on the drafting of stamp duty and other State tax legislation and required policy changes on behalf of a wide range of industry bodies.

Prior to joining Deloitte, Nicholas worked at top-tier law firms providing stamp duty, GST and other indirect tax advice.

Nicholas's strengths include mergers and acquisition, infrastructure industry, public private partnerships, liquidations, internal corporate reconstructions and business purchases.

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Australia (cont.)



Sasha Smith

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Sasha is an Account Director in Sydney's Indirect Tax team. Specialising in GST, Sasha advises on a wide variety of technical matters, including M&A activity, cross-border transactions and other projects. More specifically, Sasha provides advice to top tier local and multi-national clients, with an emphasis on the consumer, government & public sector and financial services industries.

In addition, Sasha assists clients with identifying areas of GST risk and opportunity, with implementing processes and controls to manage and minimise GST compliance risk and liabilities, and supports clients subject to Australian Taxation Office GST risk reviews and audits.

Technologies and skills

- Indirect Tax – GST, consulting and compliance; GST risk and governance matters

Industries and summaries

- Consumer – GST; Public Sector – GST; Financial services – GST

Education

- Bachelor of Laws, The University of Wollongong; Bachelor of Commerce, The University of Wollongong; Master of Laws, The University of Sydney

Memberships & professional training

- Admitted as a Solicitor to the Supreme Court of New South Wales; Member of the Law Society of New South Wales; The University of Sydney Indirect Tax Memorial Prize, 2009 and 2010; 2009 Deloitte Business Woman of the Year – NSW Finalist

Speaker profiles

Australia (cont.)



Meghan Speers

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Fields of special competence

- All aspects of annual tax compliance
- Tax risk management for superannuation funds
- International tax investment advice

Demonstrated ability to address clients specific risks

- Over 19 years' experience advising superannuation funds on their tax risk management, tax investment issues and tax compliance.

Qualifications

- Bachelor of Laws/Bachelor of Commerce (Accounting and Commercial Law Majors) - University of Tasmania
- Admitted as a Legal Practitioner of the Supreme Court of the Australian Capital Territory and Victoria -
- Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice
- Chartered Accountant of Australia & New Zealand
- Diploma in Financial Services (Superannuation) (PS/RG 146)

China



Speaker profiles

China (cont.)



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Natalie Yu is a tax partner in China and she is leading the tax services group for the financial service industry in China.

In her over 20 years of professional experience, she has been dedicated in advising financial institutions including commercial banks, investment banks, financial leasing companies, PE funds, insurance companies and asset management companies on all areas of taxes.

Natalie has provided tax structuring advisory for both offshore funds and RMB funds in their investment structure, investment vehicle selection, operation model and exit strategies. She also has a wealth of experiences advising merger and acquisitions and cross-border investment and providing tax due diligence and structuring services.

Natalie actively participated in the industry tax issue discussions and frequently speaks in various industry tax events. She was awarded as “Women in Tax Leaders” by International Tax Review in 2017, 2018 and 2019.

Natalie worked at a multinational commercial bank and an investment bank in Singapore and Hong Kong respectively. She was seconded to work at Deloitte London office.

Natalie holds a MBA of University of Chicago and is a member of CICPA.

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Johnny is a Tax Partner of Deloitte Shanghai office with more than 25 years professional experience in China Tax. Johnny has been advising multinational corporations (in particular financial institutions) on China tax and investment, restructuring of overall China investments to achieve tax efficiency, providing business consultations, value-added tax and other turnover tax consulting.

Johnny's area of specialty is in Chinese corporate tax planning with a particular focus on financial services. Johnny has extensive experiences in banking, asset management, insurance, and manufacturing industries.

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China (cont.)



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Candy is a tax partner of Deloitte based in Shanghai, China.

With over 18 years of indirect tax working knowledge, Candy has extensive experience in advising companies on indirect tax management ranging from optimized compliance and consulting. Candy is particularly well versed in VAT supply chain structuring, market entry strategies into China, solutions implementation, export VAT refund reviews and designing VAT internal controls. Candy is particularly experienced in managing VAT Controversy cases via negotiations with the tax authorities, especially, for the successful executions of VAT exemptions under the Reform as well as application of export VAT refund. In the past few years, Candy has worked as a domestic expert with the Chinese Government on the VAT Reform and Legislation.

Candy has worked with clients in a wide variety of industries, including high-tech, retail, fast moving consumption industry, logistics, manufacturing, construction, real estate, etc.

Candy is a frequent contributor to articles and publications with the International Tax Review, Taxation and the CCH China Tax Guide. She speaks as a guest lecturer at Fudan University and Shanghai University of Finance and Economics. Candy is also quoted by International Tax Review ("ITR") as a global leading indirect tax advisor from 2015 through 2019.

Candy is a PRC Certified Public Accountant and PRC Certified Tax Agent.

France



Speaker profiles

France



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H el ene is a tax partner based in Paris in the Financial Services tax practice.

H el ene specialises in asset management. She assists her clients with a number of fund related topics (structuring, mergers etc) and in particular with corporate tax and operational taxes issues (withholding taxes, transfer taxes and financial transaction tax).

H el ene is a member of several working groups with professional associations such as the French asset managers association (AFG) and the French Financial Market Association (AMAFI).

Professional experience

- Specialist in Asset Management taxation
- Advises management companies, depositaries and French and foreign investors (including sovereign funds and international organisations)
- Advises on fund reorganisation and fund structuring of investments
- H el ene is a member of the Bar in France so also assists her clients with tax litigation



Hong Kong

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Hong Kong (cont.)



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Roy is a tax director based in Hong Kong. He has more than 14 years of experience providing Hong Kong, China and international tax consulting, as well as Hong Kong tax compliance services extensively for financial services clients (including banking and securities groups, insurance companies, investment funds and asset managers) and MNC clients.

Roy is specialized in advising private equity funds and hedge funds on their Hong Kong and China tax issues at fund formation, in particular the applicability of the fund exemption regime in Hong Kong and the potential issue in China on indirect transfer in equity. He is also experienced in providing advice on the tax efficient structures for funds from profit repatriation and future exit perspectives. Roy has resolved disputes with the Hong Kong Inland Revenue Department on various industry issues for MNC and financial services clients (including source of interest income, deductibility of interest expense).

Roy led various regional tax projects on group restructuring, cross-broader transactions, merger and acquisition deals for PE funds, banks and insurance companies, which involves diverse jurisdictions such as Thailand, Philippines, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan, Korea, etc.

Professional affiliations and certifications

- Member of Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants

Education

- Bachelor, Chinese University of Hong Kong

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Hong Kong (cont.)



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Jonathan is a Financial Services Tax Partner with a Tax Advisory focus. He is a Hong Kong and International Tax specialist, with significant APAC experience. Jonathan began his career in London where he specialized in complex tax planning. He covers banking and insurance clients on a regional basis. He has worked as an advisor for the majority of his career, but has spent time “in-house” at Macquarie where he was responsible for the APAC securities and structured solutions businesses.

Jonathan has experience with full outsourcing projects and previously spent 10 months on the initial outsource (including staff transfer) of the private equity tax team of a large US investment bank.

Jonathan is a regular adviser of the Capital Markets Tax Committee of Asia and assists them in providing technical feedback to the Hong Kong Inland Revenue Department and OECD.

Jonathan specializes in the following areas:

- Private Equity & Principal Acquisitions
- Funding and Financial Instruments
- Capital Markets, Booking Methodologies and Transfer Pricing
- Group Restructurings and Profit Repatriation
- Tax Efficiency and Optimization

Professional qualifications, affiliations, accomplishments

- BSc (Warwick University)
- Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland

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Hong Kong



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Anthony Lau is a partner in our International and M&A Tax Services Group based in Hong Kong. He is also the Hong Kong Investment Management Sector Leader at Deloitte China. He specializes in Hong Kong, the PRC and international tax planning.

Anthony regularly advises investment funds on their formation issues, encompassing areas such as top side and downstream tax structuring, fund-raising, acquisitions, investment exits and due diligence. He has specific expertise in the area of HK fund exemption regimes, and has advised numerous funds on its practical application. At the fund formation stage, Anthony has experience in advising fund managers on their remuneration basis from a transfer pricing perspective. He also has deep experience in reviewing and providing practical tax advice on fund formation and constitutional documentation. Other matters advised include the formulation of tax efficient carried interest or remuneration plans for investment professionals.

Anthony was heavily involved in lobbying the Hong Kong Government to clarify the profits tax exemption for non-resident private equity funds in July 2015, and also on the introduction of the unified Hong Kong tax exemption regime for all funds in 2019.

Anthony was named one of the Top 40 Young Business Leaders Under 40 for 2013 by INTHEBLACK, CPA Australia's flagship publication.

Qualifications

2020 President of CPA Australia Greater China Division, Co-chairperson of the Taxation Committee of CPA Australia Greater China Division, Member of Technical Committee of Hong Kong Venture Capital and Private Equity Association, Member of Corporate Treasury Development Working Group of Hong Kong Treasury Markets Association, Member of Hong Kong Academy of Finance, Fellow of Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Fellow of The Taxation Institute of Hong Kong, Certified Tax Adviser of The Taxation Institute of Hong Kong



India

Speaker profiles

India



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Rajesh is a Partner in the Tax practice with over 23 years of experience in diversified sectors specially Financial Services, Technology, Media and Telecommunications (TMT) and Consumer Business.

Rajesh has more than 22 years of experience in domestic and international tax and exchange control regulations advising clients on various tax issues including domestic and international tax planning, inbound and outbound investment structuring, contracts with foreign enterprises, taxation of foreign enterprises in India, as well as exchange control regulations. He has also represented clients in audit and appellate proceedings before various tax authorities and assisted clients in obtaining regulatory approvals from the Government and Reserve Bank of India in relation to exchange control issues.

Rajesh is a member of a high-powered working group constituted by SEBI to simplify and rationalize the FPI regulations. He is regularly quoted in the India's leading financial newspapers for his views on tax and regulatory developments.

Rajesh also leads the India US Corridor efforts for Deloitte India.

He has returned from the US in December 2012 after a three year secondment. While in the US, he led the India desk in the International Core of Excellence program for Deloitte Tax LLP, New York.

He is a Chartered Accountant and a Commerce graduate from the University of Mumbai. He has secured 41st rank in the final examination of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India.

Rajesh is a part of the Financial Services and TMT groups within Deloitte.

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India (cont.)



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Vishal has deep expertise in advising clients in financial services, IT, infrastructure, real estate sectors, including tax, exchange control and FDI considerations.

He has worked closely with Indian financial services organizations advising them on their business roll out strategy for India, product structuring and strategies for efficient capital utilization from a tax and regulatory perspective. Within the Funds space, he has assisted offshore and onshore funds establish their Indian structures and operating arrangements to mitigate potential permanent establishment risks.

Vishal has worked extensively with large multinationals and Indian promoter groups to facilitate and negotiate tax and regulatory matters in proposed transactions, cross border and locally.

Vishal has been advising clients in group reorganizations, structuring investment holding strategies both outbound and inbound, identifying profit extraction strategies and entry strategy formulation, financial product reviews from a tax and regulatory perspective, transaction structuring and due diligences.

He has worked extensively on tax and regulatory aspects associated with foreign portfolio investments into India, including the foreign institutional investor regulations, qualified foreign investor regulations and the foreign portfolio investor regulations.

He has advised a wide range of domestic and multinational organisations on tax compliances, tax litigation and representation before the Indian Revenue authorities.

An aerial night photograph of a city, likely Jakarta, Indonesia. The image is dominated by light trails from traffic on a multi-lane highway that curves through the scene. In the center-right, a prominent circular building with a dark roof and brightly lit facade stands out. Surrounding it are several tall, modern skyscrapers with lit windows. The overall scene is a vibrant display of urban architecture and transportation at night.

Indonesia

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Indonesia



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Dionisius Damijanto has more than 16 years' experience as a tax consultant. He has advised a significant number of large multinational companies from various industries with a focus on banking and financial service. He also heavily involved on restructuring, financing, M&A and other tax planning projects in Indonesia. His advisory roles have covered a broad range of tax issues in areas ranging from Indonesian domestic to cross border tax issues

He also has extensive experience in assisting clients in tax dispute cases, including representing clients in the Tax Court.

Industries experience and specialisation:

- Banking
- Securities
- Insurance

Qualifications:

- MSc of Economics and Finance from Bristol University, UK
- Member of Indonesian Tax Consultant Association
- Certified Indonesian Tax Consultant
- Registered Tax Court Attorney.

Japan



Speaker profiles

Japan



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Hiroyuki is a Business Tax Services / Financial Services partner with Deloitte Tohmatsu Tax Co. in Tokyo and is specialising in advising fund structure and financial clients.

After working with a Japanese mega bank, Hiroyuki Anan had worked with one of the Big Four firms in Tokyo in 2001 and became a partner in 2015. During the period, he was seconded to Ireland office from 2008 to 2009.

Hiroyuki joined Deloitte's Japan member firm in 2019. Hiroyuki has over 19 years considerable experience in Japanese and international tax advisory on financial transactions and compliance work for financial institutions. Hiroyuki received a Bachelor of Business Administration from Hitotsubashi University and is a member of the Japanese Certified Public Tax Accountants.

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Japan (cont.)



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Samuel Gordon is a transfer pricing/financial services tax partner with Deloitte Tohmatsu Tax Co. in Tokyo Japan. Samuel is the Global Transfer Pricing Leader for the Financial Service Industry. He also serves a regional or global lead transfer pricing advisor for clients across three major financial services hubs Tokyo, Hong Kong, and Singapore.

Samuel is a bilingual (English-Japanese) transfer pricing professional with 20 plus years of advisory and in-house experience.

Samuel focuses on transfer pricing for financial services industry clients and intercompany treasury issues of all types of clients. He brings to bear his prior in-house experience to help clients enhance their transfer pricing and overall tax management.

Samuel regularly speaks at transfer pricing and tax conferences in Tokyo, Hong Kong, Singapore, New York, and London. He is active with several financial services industry associations and he has contributed articles to BNA Transfer Pricing Report and other publications. He is listed in the World Finest Advisers Chosen by Their Peers

Luxembourg



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Luxembourg



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He has over 18 years of experience in international tax planning for multinational corporations (MNCs), funds and assets managers in alternative investments strategies (including Real Estate, Private Equity, Infrastructure and debt, etc.) based in US, Europe and in Asia Pacific.

Yves spent three years in Hong Kong (leader of the Luxembourg AP ICE desk) and is a co-leader in Deloitte Chinese Services Group.

He has advised Asia Pacific companies on performing efficient outbound and inbound cross-border tax planning overseas including M&A acquisitions, assistance with structuring acquisitions, maintenance, repatriation of income planning and tax structuring of alternative investment funds (regulated or not).

Yves is a frequent public speaker promoting the use of Luxembourg platform in international tax planning and as a fund location.

New Zealand



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New Zealand



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Greg is a senior Tax Partner based in our Auckland, New Zealand office. He leads the Deloitte New Zealand Financial Services Industry practice responsible for all of our services to the Banking, Insurance and Wealth Management industries. He also leads our specialist FSI tax team. Greg has specialised in tax for over 30 years assisting a wide range of clients to help them manage their taxation obligations.

Greg has considerable expertise working with clients in the Financial Services industry. He is also actively involved in advising on the development of tax policy in New Zealand. Greg is the current Chair of the Chartered Accountants Australia New Zealand National Tax Advisory Committee which is the leading private sector tax policy advocate in New Zealand. As a result he has regular interaction with Government Ministers, IRD and Treasury Tax Policy Officials.

Greg's experience ranges from assisting clients with compliance obligations, advising on structuring options, tax implications of specific transactions and due diligence, assistance with FATCA/CRS reporting to preparing and delivering submissions to central Government relating to pending tax changes.

Singapore



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Singapore



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Michael Velten is a Financial Services Tax Partner with Deloitte in Singapore and the firm's Asia Pacific Financial Services Tax Leader.

Michael has over 30 years of tax experience; almost 25 years of which have been spent working in Asia having been based in Kuala Lumpur, Hong Kong and Singapore. Prior to joining Deloitte, Michael had held senior tax roles with leading financial institutions and professional firms in Asia Pacific and academic appointments at the University of Melbourne and National University of Singapore.

Michael advises on all areas of Singapore financial services tax (including indirect tax, information reporting and transfer pricing); and is a recognised industry tax expert. Michael works across all sectors including banking and securities, insurance and investment management. Michael acts as global lead and/or regional lead tax partner on a number of major firm accounts and manages the delivery of Asia regional tax services for key global clients.

Michael is qualified as both a Solicitor (Supreme Court of Victoria and High Court of Australia) and a CPA (Australia). He is an Accredited Tax Advisor: Income tax and GST (Singapore), a Certified Tax Adviser (Hong Kong) and a Trust and Estate Practitioner (TEP). Michael is a Fellow of the Taxation Institute of Hong Kong, an Associate of the Chartered Tax Institute of Malaysia and a member of the Singapore Institute of Directors.

Michael holds a Master of Taxation from the University of Melbourne and a Master of Laws from the National University of Singapore.

Michael is a member of the ASIFMA Tax Product Committee and a member of the AIMA Tax Committee in Singapore.

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Singapore (cont.)



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Richard started in the VAT team in Deloitte UK in 1997 before moving to Singapore. He became a Singapore Partner in 2010. He advises many of Deloitte's major clients and is regional LCSP for Unilever and Deloitte South East Asia's Tax and Legal CTO. He heads Innovation for Deloitte South East Asia Firm

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An aerial night photograph of a densely populated city in South Korea. The scene is dominated by a multi-lane highway in the lower-left quadrant, where long-exposure light trails from vehicles create bright, parallel streaks of yellow and white. To the right of the highway, a large, dark green park area is visible, punctuated by streetlights. The rest of the image is filled with a vast expanse of high-rise apartment buildings and commercial structures, their windows and balconies glowing with warm interior lights. In the background, the city extends to the horizon under a dark sky, with distant mountains visible. The overall atmosphere is one of a vibrant, modern urban environment.

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Scott has 14 years tax experience with Deloitte both in the United States and Korea as well as 11 years of industry experience including Vice-President of Global tax for US S&P 500 listed multinational corporation where he oversaw all global taxes and tax policy.

Scott is a graduate of Brigham Young University with a Bachelors degree in accounting and a Masters degree in taxation. He is a Certified Public Accountant in the State of Texas. Scott has led many global tax consulting service projects, global transfer pricing projects, and global M&A related tax projects. He also has experience in assisting clients in tax dispute cases.

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James joined Deloitte in January 2020 and in that time has been involved with multi-jurisdictional advisory projects with respect to securities lending, collateral, derivatives, investment funds, and reputational risk arising from transacting in capital markets securities.

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James is a qualified UK solicitor and most recently was a member of the Goldman Sachs tax team for 16 years, where he had particular responsibility for front office and operational tax issues including withholding tax, beneficial ownership questions and transaction taxes such as stamp duty and FTT. He holds a masters degree in International Tax .

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