PKF FRANCIS CLARK
Shared Ambition

Providing specialist tax advice to accountants and lawyers throughout the UK

At PKF Francis Clark our specialist tax advisory team, one of the UK's leading independent tax consultancies, provides tax support services to firms of accountants and lawyers across the UK, from our base in the South West.

Many of our team are from the profession's 'Big 4'. What sets us apart is the breadth of areas we cover and the depth of expertise in our team.

We advise on all major UK taxes and have teams that specialise in VAT and customs duties, PAYE employer compliance, IR35 and employment status, construction industry scheme international corporate and business tax, corporate reconstructions, R&D tax credit claims, tax investigations, equity incentive schemes, capital allowances, stamp duty land tax, non-UK domiciliaries and inheritance tax.

We provide tax support to over 400 firms of accountants across the UK, as well as technical support to one of the largest tax fee protection providers in the country and their clients.

You decide how we support you.

It's your choice.

We can deal directly with your client.

We can attend joint meetings with you and your client.

We can help whilst staying in the background leaving the client contact to you.

Areas of expertise

Corporate transactions and restructuring

We work as part of the corporate finance team, advising on the complex tax aspects of buying or selling companies and businesses. We advise clients on succession planning for their company, corporate group restructurings such as demergers, business incorporations and shareholder changes. We also advise on loss relief and interest restrictions, transfer pricing and cross border operations.

International

We provide joined-up tax advice across the countries our clients operate in. With our PKF colleagues around the world, we can identify the best operating structure, advise on cross-border funding and investment, and help access valuable local tax reliefs. Our specialist teams also advise on the sales tax and customs duty issues arising from international flows of goods and services, provide tax support to employees relocating to another country and advise internationally mobile individuals on residency and domicile issues.

Employer solutions

We help employers comply with payroll (UK and international), global mobility, benefits reporting, national minimum wage and construction industry scheme reporting. We design share-based employee incentives and tax efficient remuneration including salary sacrifice, employee ownership trusts (EOT), long term incentive plans (LTIP) and employee benefit trusts (EBT) alongside specialist tax share valuations to support such schemes. We also have specialists in off-payroll workers including employment status, agencies and IR35 rules for personal service companies.

Family

We work with families that have complex business and private interests who are looking at tax efficient structures particularly, but not exclusively, for succession and inheritance tax purposes. This includes trusts, beneficiaries outside the business, partnerships and limited companies.

To achieve this, our team of experts work closely with our family business and private client teams to provide specialist advice to high net worth individuals and estates.

Property

Property tax issues impact on a wide range of businesses. As a team, we advise on all property taxes including capital gains tax, income tax, inheritance tax, stamp duty land tax (SDLT), VAT, annual tax on enveloped dwellings (ATED). Common planning opportunities for clients include maximising capital allowances, cross border property ownership and the incorporation of property portfolios.

Employer solutions

We specialise in advising and guiding fast growing, innovative businesses through various tax issues. Our main focus is providing research & development (R&D) tax credit and patent box services. However, we also undertake extensive work for tax favoured fundraising (SEIS/EIS) and work closely with our colleagues specialising in share schemes, corporate reconstructions involving intellectual property, international expansion and the sale of the business.

Investigations and disputes

We are a team of ex-HMRC inspectors and chartered tax advisers who can advise on how best to handle an enquiry from HMRC. We can help with all levels of enquiry, from COP 8 and 9 cases of deliberate or fraudulent conduct to how to respond to requests for information or documents for a local compliance investigation.

Our team

Our large team of tax advisers work with clients across the wide breadth of tax.

Here are some of our key team members:

John Endacott
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- *Advising on business property relief entitlement for family businesses*
- *Structuring family investment companies and family property businesses*
- *Family business structuring*

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- *R&D tax credits and patent box*
- *SEIS/EIS related funding*
- *Advising those clients with complex intellectual property ownership structures and those with genuine aspirations for rapid growth*

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- *Corporate tax issues, advising UK businesses expanding and transacting cross-border*
- *Corporate transactions and assisting with deal structuring*
- *Restructuring of existing corporate ownership structures*

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- *VAT treatment of land and property supplies*
- *Property structures for care home groups and other relevant residential use*
- *Advising on input tax recovery under the Capital Goods Scheme*

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- *Planning for individuals leaving or coming to the UK and advice regarding the UK statutory residence test*
- *Domicile reviews and non-UK domicile advice*
- *Advice regarding the UK tax implications of offshore trusts*

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- *Tax investigations*
- *Voluntary disclosures*
- *Handling all aspects of general tax enquiries*

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- *Stamp duty land tax (SDLT)*
- *VAT and property*
- *Tax disputes*

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