



It is a great pleasure to present you with Issue No. 21 of our Asia Pacific Tax Notes.

This issue begins with our lead article on integrated global structuring and tax planning for multinational companies in the 21st century in Asia. The article highlights the importance of having a comprehensive and integrated approach to global and regional tax strategy formulation that is aligned with the group's corporate strategy, planning and operations. It then examines the three key interdependent areas (i.e., profit alignment, attribute management and treasury management) that multinational companies should focus on for an integrated and comprehensive tax plan. Planning in this way is essential to achieving a sustainable reduction in a multinational group's effective tax rate.

We also have the usual round-up of tax developments in the region. These mainly focus on recent budgetary developments and measures and incentives intended to encourage investment and stimulate economic activities in the region. I would like to remind readers to check with their local PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) contacts on the progress in giving statutory effect to these budgetary proposals.

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I would finally like to thank the editorial team and all the PwC firms in the region for their contributions to this edition of Asia Pacific Tax Notes.

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