Biographies of Chairs and Speakers

Digital Economy

**Stef van Weeghel**, PwC, Netherlands

Stef van Weeghel (1960) is PwC’s Global Tax Policy leader. He is also professor of international tax law at the University of Amsterdam.

Stef’s primary focus is on tax policy and his practice includes strategic tax advice and tax controversy. He regularly renders advice and second opinions on corporate income tax and tax treaty matters and is also consulted by the Dutch government on a regular basis. He acts as expert witness in tax matters before Dutch and foreign courts and in BIT-arbitration.

Stef is chair of the Permanent Scientific Committee of the International Fiscal Association. He also chairs the Board of Trustees of the International Bureau of Fiscal Documentation (IBFD). In 2010 he was the general reporter for Subject 1 (Tax treaties and tax avoidance: application of anti-avoidance provisions) at the IFA Congress in Rome.

In 2009/2010 Stef chaired the Study Group Tax System, a committee that advised the Dutch government on comprehensive tax reform.
**Keynote Speech: Source versus Residence: Where are we heading?**

**Philip Baker QC**, Field Court Tax Chambers, UK

Philip Baker is a barrister and QC practising from Field Court Tax Chambers in Gray’s Inn. He was called to the bar in 1979, began practising in 1987 and took silk in 2002. He specialises in international tax issues, with a particular emphasis on double tax conventions, and on European Union law and taxation.

He has a particular interest in the European Convention on Human Rights and taxation. He is the author of Double Taxation Conventions and International Tax Law and the editor of the International Tax Law Reports.

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**Workshop A: Indirect Taxation Issues in the Digital World**

**Koh Soo How**, Pricewaterhouse Coopers Services LLP, Singapore

Soo How specialises in Goods and Services Tax (GST) and leads the PwC Indirect Taxes network in Asia Pacific.

He has over 20 years of experience in GST, and was a member of the team in the Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore that was responsible for the implementation of the GST system in 1994. His experience has led him to be involved in discussions with policy-makers on indirect tax reforms in countries e.g. China and Malaysia.

Known for his pragmatic approach and sound advice, Soo How has been named as one of the world’s leading indirect tax advisers by International Tax Review. He has also been appointed by the Minister of Finance as a member of the GST Board of Review.

Soo How lectures at the Tax Academy of Singapore and is a regular contributor to media and journals and speaker at indirect tax conferences in Singapore and Malaysia.

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**Workshop B: Territoriality: Developments in Source Taxation and Residence Relief**

**Veerinderjeet Singh**, Taxand Malaysia

Dr Veerinderjeet has served the Malaysian Inland Revenue Department and was Associate Professor in Taxation at the University of Malaya. He was a Tax Partner in two of the then Big 5 international accounting firms in Malaysia. He is Founder/Chairman of TAXAND Malaysia which is a member of the TAXAND Organisation of independent tax firms worldwide. He is a member of the TAXAND Board.

He is Past President of the Chartered Tax Institute of Malaysia, Council Member of the MIA/MICPA, Chairman of IFA’s Malaysia Branch, Trustee of the Malaysian Tax Research Foundation and the IBFD, Professor (Adjunct) at Monash University, Malaysia as well as a member of the Commission on Taxation of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) based in Paris and the current Vice Chair of ICC Malaysia. He has spoken extensively in Malaysia and overseas and has published numerous books and articles in local and overseas journals.
**Workshop C: Indirect Asset Transfers**

**Jan de Goede**, IBFD, Netherlands

Prof. Jan de Goede, Senior Principal, Tax Knowledge Management, reporting to the CEO of IBFD. He held several positions at IBFD including Director of the Knowledge Centre. He is responsible for Tax Knowledge Management at IBFD and performs various academic, teaching and government consultancy activities, and is liaison officer for relations with OECD, UN (member Sub Committee on Taxation of Extractive Industries) and ICC (member Tax Committee).

He is Professor of International and European Tax Law at Lodz University, and visiting professor of the Finance University in Moscow and of the Renmin University of China, teaching also at several other universities. He is member of IFA (supervisor of the IFA researcher), of the European Association of Tax Law Professors and of the Dutch Association for Tax Science. He worked for 19 years at the Dutch Ministry of Finance, heading the Divisions on Company Tax Legislation and Bilateral Tax Treaties.

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**Treaty Abuse and the Substance of Entities**

**Graeme Cooper**, University of Sydney

Graeme Cooper is Professor of Taxation Law in the Faculty of Law, University of Sydney, where he specialises in corporate and international tax. He also teaches at the University of Virginia (USA). He has been a Visiting Professor at New York University Law School, Harvard Law School, Tilburg and KU Leuven. He also works as a consultant to Greenwoods & Herbert Smith Freehills, specialist tax advisers in Sydney.

From 1995-98, he worked in the Fiscal Affairs Division of the OECD in Paris and has worked as a consultant for the IMF, World Bank, several foreign governments and a number of NGOs. In Australia, he has worked as a consultant for the Australian Treasury, the Board of Taxation, the Australian National Audit Office and the Australian Taxation Office.

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**Hot Topics in Asia-Pacific**

**Eric Roose**, Morrison Foerster, Singapore

Eric Roose's practice focuses on international tax planning and general corporate and business advisory tax work, focusing on Asia-Pacific and the United States.

He has thirty years of experience advising multinational and domestic businesses, international investment funds, venture capital funds, private equity funds, hedge funds, high-technology companies, financial institutions and financial service industry companies, government institutions, and global real estate investment funds with respect to all tax aspects of their business and investment activities in the Asia-Pacific Region, particularly with regard to the United States, Japan, China, and Singapore. He has extensive experience advising on the U.S. Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA).

Eric was recently named the Best Lawyers' 2015 Tokyo Tax Law "Lawyer of the Year". He is also a frequent speaker at international tax conferences and serves on the Executive Committee of the Singapore Chapter of the International Fiscal Association.

Eric has been based in Asia for over fifteen years.
Permanent Establishment – A Case of No Change?

**Steve Towers**, Deloitte, Singapore

Steve Towers is the Asia Pacific leader of Deloitte’s international tax practice. He is a senior international tax partner with Deloitte, with 30 years’ experience in international tax planning for MNCs. Steve has worked in the Deloitte offices in Sydney, Melbourne, London, New York, and Singapore.

Steve is a frequent public speaker on international tax issues affecting Asia Pacific. He has been listed in the “The World’s Leading Tax Advisors” (Euromoney) since 1997. Steve is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia. He is also a member of the board of directors of the Tax Academy of Singapore. He is currently an Adjunct Professor with NTU. He is a former Chairman of the IFA (Singapore branch).

Steve has Bachelor of Economics and Bachelor of Laws degrees from the Australian National University, and a Master of Laws (first class honours) degree from the University of Sydney.

Anti-Avoidance Developments in Asia-Pacific

**Parthasarathi Shome**, International Tax Research and Analysis Foundation (ITRAF), India

Parthasarathi Shome, is Chairman, International Tax Research and Analysis Foundation (ITRAF), Bengaluru, India. He was Chairman (Minister of State), Chairman, Tax Administration Reforms Commission (TARC), Government of India (August 2013-February 2015). He was Adviser to the Indian Finance Minister (2013-14), Chairman, Expert Committee on General Anti-Avoidance Rules (GAAR), Government of India (July-October 2012). Chief Economist, HMRC, United Kingdom (2008-11).

Adviser (Secretary) to the Indian Finance Minister (2004-08). Received highest civilian honour of Brazilian Government, Commander of the Order of the Southern Cross, 2000, for contributions to Brazilian tax reform. Served at IMF (1993-2004) as Chief of Tax Policy (1992-95), Director, IMF Singapore Institute (2001-03), etc. Provided technical assistance to countries in Africa, Asia, Europe and Latin America. At American University, Washington D.C. (1975-83), rose to Professor. Ph.D., Southern Methodist University, Dallas (1975), Masters degrees, University of Rochester (1973) and Delhi School of Economics (1972).
Workshop D: Transparency of Entities and Evolving Case Law and Planning Trends

Stephen Phua, National University of Singapore

Associate Professor Stephen Phua teaches Income Tax, GST and International Tax in the Faculty of Law, NUS. He is the Director (Tax), Centre for Law and Business and the Director, LLM (International Business Law) program.

He served as a member on each one of the three tax tribunals (Income Tax Board of Review, GST Board of Review and Valuation Review Board). He was a consultant with IRAS and was also tax consultant in a leading law firm in Singapore. He is also an Eastern Scholar, Shanghai and the International Director, Centre for International Tax Law, Shanghai. He was a visiting scholar/professor at several leading universities in Australia, Canada, China, Japan and the USA.

He has delivered papers in many international conferences and published articles in refereed journals and chapters in books. He is the Editor of 2 books: "Recent Developments in Financial Regulation and Capital Markets" (2003) and "Excise Taxation in Asia" (2007).

Workshop E: Tax Treaty Application: Trends and Current Experience

Richard Vann, The University of Sydney, Australia

Richard Vann is Challis Professor of Law at the University of Sydney and has taught at Harvard, NYU and the University of London. Richard has worked in the past at the IMF and OECD and held many Government consultancies in Australia, including the Review of Business Taxation (1998-1999), the Review of International Taxation (2002-2003), the Australian Taxation Office Public Rulings Panel (1995-2008) and the Board of Taxation (2007-2013). He has been a consultant for specialist tax firm Greenwoods & Herbert Smith Freehills since 1985.

Richard specialises in corporate and international taxation on which he has published widely both in Australia and internationally. He was a member of the Permanent Scientific Committee of the International Fiscal Association 2005-2013 as well as Chair of the IFA/OECD Panel at its Annual Congress 2010-2014 and is currently inaugural chair of the IFA Asia Pacific Regional Committee.
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Mukesh Butani, BMR India

Mukesh is Chairman of the firm and Managing Partner of BMR Legal. With a specialisation in corporate international tax and transfer pricing, he advises Fortune 500 multinationals and Indian business houses on matters relating to FDI policy, business re-organisations, cross-border tax structuring, tax controversy and regulatory policy across a range of sectors.

Mukesh has several authorships to his credit – including works published by LexisNexis Butterworths, by Cambridge University Press and IBFD. Presently, the member of National M&A Council, ASSOCHAM and Focus Group on administrative practices on tax disputes under TARC. Mukesh is part of the eminent expert panel of NITI Aayog, a policy think tank of the Indian government chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.


Niv Tadmore, Clayton Utz Lawyers, Australia

Dr Niv Tadmore is a tax partner of the Australian national law firm, Clayton Utz. He has 18 years' experience in the specialised area of the taxation dispute resolution, in particular in relation to international tax and transfer pricing. He also has a strong focus on inbound investment, intangibles, energy & resources infrastructure projects and M&A. He is a member of both the Australian Taxation Office's Dispute Resolution Working Group and the Australian Treasurer's BEPS Advisory Committee, and is the Secretary of the IFA Australian branch.
Aliff Fazelbhoy, ALMT Legal, Advocates & Solicitors, India

Aliff, who was a founding partner in another law firm in Mumbai, merged his practice with ALMT Legal in 2003 to enhance the Firm's tax and M&A practice besides developing a thriving employment law practice. Today, Aliff is recognised as one of the leading lawyers in his chosen fields of practice and has been consistently selected as one of India's leading lawyers by legal publications like Chambers & Partners, Legal 500 and IFLR 1000. Chambers Asia Pacific 2015 recommends Aliff for his corporate/M&A, employment, private equity and tax practice. The Tax Directores Handbook 2015 highly recommends Aliff for his tax practice.

Aliff's professional accolades were long preceded by his academic prowess having been awarded a full scholarship by the Cambridge Commonwealth Trust to study for his LL.M degree at Cambridge University, UK. Aliff is one of India's representative authors for the International Bureau of Fiscal Documentation (IBFD).

Anand Raj, Shearn Delamore & Co, Malaysia

Anand has been in legal practice since 1996 and a partner of Shearn Delamore & Co since 2003. He regularly appears for taxpayers before the courts of Malaysia. A number of his cases have been reported. Anand is the Chairperson of the Malaysian Bar's Tax Subcommittee and is a past Chair of the AMCHAM Tax Committee.

Anand is experienced in corporate and investment work and in tax law advisory, structuring, planning, litigation, transfer pricing, audit and investigation work. He is an author for Bloomberg BNA.

Anand has been recognised as Tax Counsel over the last decade in, amongst others, the International Tax Review, Asia Pacific Legal 500, Asian-MENA Counsel, Asialaw Profiles, Asialaw Leading Lawyers and Chambers Asia Pacific. Anand is recognised in The International Who's Who Legal: Competition Lawyers 2013 - 2015, the Global Competition Review, Chambers Asia Pacific and Asialaw Profiles.

Aurobindo Ponniah, Malaysia

Aurobindo Ponniah was the Director of the International Bureau of Fiscal Documentation’s (IBFD) Asia-Pacific department till September 2014. He established the IBFD’s regional Asia-Pacific office in Malaysia in 2006 and was responsible for IBFD’s government consulting, research, training and documentation activities in the Asia-Pacific region, servicing a range of clients from governments, advisory firms and multinational corporations. Prior to that, he worked for the tax and legal advisory practice of an international consulting firm primarily involved in financial markets and corporate taxation advisories to private clients and government/statutory bodies.

Aurobindo has more than 20 years of tax experience and is a frequent instructor/speaker at courses, seminars and conferences on, inter alia, policy issues at, for instance, the Asian Development Bank and the OECD. He was also involved in advising a number of Asian governments on reform issues involving the financial markets, tax treaties and anti-abuse provisions.
**Bill Hustwaite**, Shell Eastern Petroleum Pte Ltd, Singapore

Bill trained in the UK as a Chartered Accountant and Chartered Tax Adviser with Deloitte Haskins and Sells. He has almost 30 years tax experience in the oil and gas industry. He spent 12 years with Exxon, mainly in the UK North Sea but with some time in Houston, covering a full range of compliance and advisory activities in both the upstream and downstream parts of the business.

He has spent the last 18 years with Shell, starting initially in the UK but followed by Regional Tax Manager roles in Africa, Europe and Asia Pacific. During this time he has developed wide experience in tax risk management, and leading tax teams through significant organisational and business change. He has been based in Singapore for the last 7 years. He is married with three children - 2 daughters who are working and 1 son who is still on the payroll at University.

**Douglas Fone**, Quantera Global, Singapore

Doug is one of the founders of Quantera Global, which is one of the world’s leading independent specialist transfer pricing firms. He has over two decades of international tax and transfer pricing experience in a variety of locations in Asia and Europe including Singapore, Sydney, Hong Kong and Jakarta.

Doug has managed in excess of 500 transfer pricing planning, documentation and dispute resolution projects in over 15 years of full-time experience in providing Asia Pacific transfer pricing advice, and has been nominated in Euromoney’s Guide to the World’s Leading Transfer Pricing Advisers. Doug is now based in Singapore but travels extensively throughout the region.

**Emile Bongers**, Stibbe Dubai

Emile Bongers is heading the Middle East practice of the Benelux law firm Stibbe from the Dubai office. Emile has been in Dubai for almost 4 years and before that was based in the Amsterdam, New York and London offices of Stibbe. For many years he has dealt with complex international tax matters. He focuses on mergers & acquisitions, private equity transactions, sovereign wealth funds and corporate reorganizations. Emile is a board member of the IFA branch in Dubai.

**Gary Thomas**, Deloitte Japan

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Glen Hutchings, Australian Taxation Office

Mr Glen Hutchings is an Assistant Commissioner of the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). He forms part of the Public Groups & International (PG&I) business line, comprising all public entities and foreign owned taxpayers.

PG&I’s key role is to promote and support voluntary compliance and encourage an environment of self-assessment. It achieves this by providing public and foreign owned enterprises with effective advice and assistance while conducting risk and compliance activities.

As an Assistant Commissioner, Glen heads up the ATO’s international compliance program. He is responsible for the ATO’s compliance program focusing on multinational profit shifting, business restructures, international tax planning and assisting competent authority work. Glen also has a key role in supporting the Australian Government in relation to BEPS.

Glen has qualifications in both accounting and economics. He has over 17 years of experience in international tax and transfer pricing issues, both within and outside the ATO.

Jonathan Stuart Smith, Ernst & Young, Japan

Jonathan Stuart-Smith is the International Tax Services Leader of EY Japan and Leader of EY’s Global Tax Desks in Asia-Pacific.

He has over 25 years of tax experience in London (10 years), Tokyo (11 years), Hong Kong (2 years) and Singapore (3 years). He is currently resident in Tokyo. He specializes in International Tax and practices in the areas of corporate structuring, M&A, reorganizations, financing, supply chain, intellectual property and tax treaty analysis. He advises multinational companies across a wide range of industries, including real estate, technology, life sciences and energy and resources.

He graduated from Nottingham University (England) with a BA (Honours) in Industrial Economics and is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants (England and Wales).

Jos Beerepoot, ABNAmro, Netherlands

Jos Beerepoot is currently Managing Director Group Tax of ABN-AMRO, one of the leading banks in the Netherlands. Before 2013 he was Head of Global Tax of Unilever in Rotterdam. Before 2000 he was a tax partner at Arthur Andersen where he worked in various parts of the practice in Amsterdam and Budapest. He started his career with the Dutch tax authorities, where he worked from 1982 until 1988 in various inspectorates after graduating in Business Administration from the Free University in Amsterdam.

Jos is a member of the Board of the Dutch Society of Tax Law, member of the jury of the PHD award of that Society and General Treasurer of IFA. From 2010 until mid-2013, he was Chair of the tax committee of the Dutch employers’ organisation VNO-NCW. During his career he served as member of tax committees of BIAC, Business Europe and currently the Dutch Banking Association and VNO-NCW.
Kees van Raad, ITC Leiden, Netherlands

Kees van Raad is Professor of International Tax Law at the University of Leiden (The Netherlands), Chairman of the International Tax Center Leiden and Director of the Leiden Adv LLM Program in International Tax Law. Since 2003 he is a member of the Supervisory Board of the Max Planck Institute for Tax Law and Public Finance in Munich (Germany).

He is of counsel to Loyens & Loeff, a Netherlands-based internationally operating (tax) law firm.

Kees van Raad is also a Deputy Judge in the Tax Chamber of a Court of Appeal in the Netherlands. He is active in the International Fiscal Association (currently: chairman of the Jury for the annual Mitchell B. Carroll Prize; past member of its Permanent Scientific Committee for 20 years, general reporter, chairing panels) and is a past Chairman (2006-2012) of the Executive Board of the European Association of Tax Law Professors.

Kim S. Jacinto-Henares, Bureau of Internal Revenue, The Philippines

Commissioner Kim S. Jacinto-Henares heads the Philippine Bureau of Internal Revenue since 2010.

Previously, she was Senior Private Sector Development Specialist at the World Bank Group (2007-2010). She served the Government in 2003-2005 in various capacities: as BIR Deputy Commissioner; Governor, Philippine Board of Investments; Chair, Cagayan Economic Zone Authority; Director, Power Sector Assets & Liabilities Management Corporation and National Power Corporation; and Representative of the Secretary of Trade and Industry, Investment Coordinating Committee.

Commissioner Henares' educational background covers both the accounting and legal professions: Master of Laws degree in International and Comparative Law, Georgetown University; Further studies in Canada's University of New Brunswick, McGill University and University of Toronto; Bachelor of Science in Commerce, Accounting major, De La Salle University; Bachelor of Laws, Ateneo de Manila University.

In October 2014, she was appointed Member of the United Nations Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters until 2017.

Liu Hern Kuan, Rajah & Tann Singapore LLP

Hern Kuan is a partner in Rajah & Tann Singapore LLP, one of the largest law firms in Singapore. He was the Chief Legal Officer in the Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore from 2004 to 2014 leading a team of lawyers providing all manner of legal and tax advice to IRAS. He has personally represented IRAS in more than 15 cases in the various Tax Boards of Review, District Courts, the High Court and Court of Appeal. Many of his cases are landmark decisions that have shaped Singapore tax law and practice.

He has also worked as a tax professional in a Big-4 accounting firm and has lectured at the Law Faculty of the National University of Singapore in Revenue Law and the Tax Academy of Singapore.

He has published papers in Revenue Law and was a contributing author to Halsburys' Laws of Singapore on Revenue and Taxation.
**Mahesh Kumar**, Nishith Desai Associates, India

Mahesh Kumar heads the International Tax, Globalization and Private Client practice at the Singapore office of Nishith Desai Associates, an India centric global law firm.

He advises multinational companies and funds on India-focused investments, M&As, JVs, technology transfers and business restructuring. He advises ultra-high net worth families on complex estate planning matters and structuring of cross-border wealth. He advises entrepreneurs and companies on globalization strategies and structures. He also represents clients in complex international tax litigation in India.

Mahesh is a member of the Executive Committee of the International Fiscal Association, Singapore. He is registered with the Bar Council of India, International Bar Association and Inter-Pacific Bar Association.

Mahesh has written extensively in reputed Indian and international journals and newspapers. He is regularly invited to speak at conferences globally and is frequently interviewed by the media and press. Mahesh has also led major public policy initiatives of the firm.

**Mansor Hassan**, Inland Revenue Board Malaysia

Mansor Hassan is Director of the Department of International Taxation, Inland Revenue Board, Malaysia. Mr Hassan has experience as a member of the Malaysian tax treaty negotiation team, the Malaysian MAP team and one of the Competent Authority’s of Malaysia, Director of the Workshop on Taxation of International Transactions for senior and middle level tax officials (joint training organized by CATA and Inland Revenue Board of Malaysia) and a member of the United Nations Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters 2009/2013.

Mr. Hassan holds a BBA and MBA from Western Michigan University, USA. He is a member of the Chartered Tax Institute of Malaysia and the Malaysian Institute of Accountants.

**Marie Pallot**, Inland Revenue, New Zealand

Marie Pallot is a policy manager with the New Zealand Inland Revenue responsible for providing policy and legislative advice in relation to all aspects of GST. Marie is also currently the chair of OECD’s Working Party 9 on Consumption Taxes, a position she has held since the start of 2013.

As well as specialising in GST, Marie has responsibilities in relation to SME issues including look-through company structures and compliance cost aspects. Before joining Inland Revenue she was a private sector tax lawyer.
Michito Kitamura, Nishimura & Asahi, Japan

Michito Kitamura has been a partner with Nishimura & Asahi since 2011, working primarily in the firm's tax group. Mr Kitamura has had extensive experience dealing with tax planning, tax advice and tax disputes, including tax litigation. In particular, he is currently representing companies in a large-scale tax litigation case involving corporate restructuring matters, as well as counseling on tax planning regarding mergers and acquisitions and other international taxation matters.

Prior to joining Nishimura & Asahi in 2000, he worked as a certified public accountant (CPA) at one of the Big Four audit firms in Japan. He is a graduate of Keio University (1994), Georgetown University Law Center (LLM, 2006) and New York University School of Law (LLM in international taxation, 2007), is admitted to the bar and is a CPA in Japan.

Mukesh Butani, BMR India

Mukesh is Chairman of the firm and Managing Partner of BMR Legal. With a specialisation in corporate international tax and transfer pricing, he advises Fortune 500 multinationals and Indian business houses on matters relating to FDI policy, business re-organisations, cross-border tax structuring, tax controversy and regulatory policy across a range of sectors.

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Ong Ken Loon, Drew & Napier, Singapore

Ken Loon advises on tax aspects of corporate transactions, such as income tax, GST, stamp duty, and property tax.

She assists clients with negotiations with the IRAS and represents clients before the tax tribunals and Singapore courts.

Her clients come from across business sectors. She advises local and multinational corporate groups, financial institutions, and investment funds on a broad range of transactions, including mergers and acquisitions, corporate structures and restructurings.

In addition, Ken Loon works with private clients to provide solutions to complex tax, succession and private wealth management issues.

Before joining Drew & Napier in 2008, she was a Principal Legal Officer in the Law Division of the Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore.

She is recommended as one of Singapore’s leading tax lawyers by The Asia Pacific Legal 500, Chambers Asia-Pacific and Practical Law Company Which Lawyer?
**Peter Schreiner**, Syngenta AG Switzerland

Dr. Peter Schreiner is Head Group Taxation at Syngenta, a position he has held since the creation of the Group in 2000. Syngenta, one of the world’s largest agribusinesses with sales in excess of USD 15 billion and more than 26,000 employees is involved in the discovery, development, manufacture and marketing of a range of products designed to improve crop yields and food quality. Peter manages the Global Tax Function with more than 50 tax specialists worldwide, covering more than 90 countries. In his Role Peter had the lead in many tax audits and has successfully closed more than 10 APAs across all Regions. Before his times at Syngenta, Peter was tax partner at KPMG, as leading practice partner of the Basel tax unit and the Swiss Transfer Pricing Practice. Mr. Schreiner studied law, economics and tax.

**Pieter de Ridder**, Mayer Brown JSM, Singapore

Pieter is a Partner of Mayer Brown LLP and a member of the Global Tax Transactions and Consulting Group. He has over two decades of experience in Asia advising multinational companies and institutions with interests in Asian jurisdictions on their inbound and outbound work.

Prior to arriving in Singapore in 1996, he was based in Jakarta and Hong Kong. His practice focuses on advising tax matters such as direct investment, restructurings, financing arrangements, private equity and holding company structures into or from locations such as China, Hong Kong, Singapore, India, Indonesia and other ASEAN countries.

Pieter regularly advises on tax aspects of mergers and acquisitions, capital markets transactions, private equity, administrative actions and tax rulings, coordinating unilateral and bilateral advance pricing arrangements, tax incentive negotiations with investment authorities, maritime, structured finance, trade, contract manufacturing, shipping and regional property investment structuring. In Indonesia, he advises on direct investment and financing matters.

**Rachmanto Surahmat**, EY Indonesia

Before joining Ernst & Young, Rachmanto was the Director of International Taxation of the Directorate General of Taxes. His main responsibility was to conduct tax treaty negotiations as the head of the negotiating team for 8 years. He had been more than 30 years with the tax administration and was involved in all tax reforms that were initiated by the Government.

He is a graduate from the Faculty of Economics, University of Gajah Mada in 1968. After joining the tax administration he was sent to Harvard Law School to study in a International Tax Programme and also holds a Master Degree in Accounting from University of Indonesia.
Satoru Araki, National Tax Agency, Japan

Satoru Araki is the Deputy Director of Large Business Division at the National Tax Agency (NTA) in Tōkyō. He started his professional career at the NTA, and has 18 years' experience in tax policy and administration, international development finance and securities market regulation.

Prior to re-joining the NTA in 2014, Mr Araki was a Public Management Specialist (Taxation) at the Asian Development Bank in Metro Manila in 2011-2014. He also headed the Transfer Pricing Audit Division of Tōkyō Regional Taxation Bureau in 2008-2009, and served as a Principal Administrator at the Centre for Tax Policy and Administration, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development in Paris in 2005-2008.

Mr Araki holds a Magister Juris degree from the University of Oxford, and a Master of Arts in Political Science from the University of Birmingham.

Seul Lee, Deputy Director Seoul Regional Tax Office, Korea

Seul Lee is Deputy Director of National Tax Service (NTS) in Korea. She is the team leader at the Tax Investigation Bureau whose responsibilities are selecting subjects for tax audits.

Prior to joining the Tax Investigation Bureau, Seul served at the headquarter office as Section Chief of the Withholding Tax Division and Department Chief of the Value-added Tax Division at a district tax office. Her career also includes experiences in the fields of international cooperation with Asian tax authorities.

Shigeki Minami, Nagashima Ohno & Tsunematsu, Japan

Shigeki Minami is a partner at Nagashima Ohno & Tsunematsu, Tokyo, Japan. Mr. Minami is an expert in general tax law matters, including transfer pricing, international reorganizations, anti-tax-haven rules, withholding tax issues and other international and corporate tax issues.

The recent achievements include cancellation of a transfer pricing assessment in the amount of USD 200 million through an appealing procedure, representing a major Japanese pharmaceutical company. He serves as Vice Chair of the Asia-Pacific Region Committee of the International Fiscal Association, and as a member of the Practice Council of International Tax Program, New York University School of Law. He has been an adjunct lecturer of the University of Tokyo since 2005.

He graduated from the University of Tokyo (LL.B.) and was admitted to the bar in Japan in 1997. He received the LL.M. in Corporate Law and in Tax Law from the New York University School of Law.
Shuji Sato, Former Tribunal Judge, Iwata Godo, Japan

Mr. Sato started his career as an attorney-at-law in 2000. He is currently a counsel at IWATA GODO, one of Japan’s premier law firms and the oldest Japanese firm. In addition to corporate commercial work, his practice focuses on advising clients on the tax aspects of mergers and acquisitions and other transactions, including spin-offs, restructurings and corporate joint ventures.

Mr. Sato also works with clients on issues related to domestic and international taxation, including tax litigation. Before joining IWATA GODO in 2014, he served as a judge at the National Tax Tribunal (2011-2014). He graduated from the University of Tokyo, Faculty of Law (LL.B., 1997) and from Harvard Law School (LL.M., Tax Concentration, 2005).

Simon Clark, KPMG, Asia Pacific

Simon joined KPMG in January 2014. He has over 25 years tax experience in all aspects of corporate tax advice. He was previously Head of Real Estate and International Tax at one of Australia’s leading tax specialist law firms and is an internationally recognised tax adviser with deep experience of transactional tax advice both in Australia and internationally. His role in Singapore is regionally focused and covers all aspects of alternative investments including real estate, infrastructure and private equity. He is experienced in M&A, capital raising, stapling, fund establishment, club deals and out-bound and in-board investment structures, having worked with many of the biggest global investors in the alternatives space.

Su Ching-Chuan, Ministry of Finance Taiwan

Ching-Chuan Su is an Executive Officer with the Taxation Administration, Ministry of Finance, Taiwan. She is responsible for the study and discussion of drafts, revisions, and interpretations of regulations for VAT and is well-experienced in this area.

Previously, Su spent several years working as a Tax Revenue Officer with the National Tax Bureau, in charge of issues relating to individual income tax.
**Sushil Lakhani, Lakhani and Associates, India**

Sushil Lakhani is a Fellow member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India with thirty two years of intensive and varied experience in the field of direct (both domestic and international) taxation. He had a bright academic career and was a rank holder in both -the Intermediate & the Final- C.A. examinations. He is the founder CEO of the firm Sushil Lakhani and Associates, Chartered Accountants.

He has authored publications for professional bodies on topics dealing with cross-border taxation and has been faculty at various courses and seminars both in India and abroad.

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