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Professional Background

- Bachelor of Accountancy, National University of Singapore (1981)
- Fellow of the Institute of Singapore Chartered Accountants (ISCA) up to 2018
- Board Director of the Singapore Institute of Accredited Tax Professionals Limited (2011- Aug 2014)
- Accredited Tax Advisor (Income Tax & GST), SIATP (now known as SCTP or Singapore Chartered Tax Professionals)
- Partner, Tax at KPMG Advisory LLP (Oct 1996 – Sep 2014)
- Director for EMR Capital companies in Singapore
- Head of Tax, SW Advisory Pte Ltd; Founding Partner, Shinewing Advisory LLP
- Contributing author on "Insurance Operations" in the 1st and 2nd editions of "The Law and Practice of Singapore Income Tax" *LexisNexis).
- Primary author for Taxation of Insurance Business in Singapore (2015 LexisNexis).
- Appointed by the Inland Revenue Authority of Singapore (IRAS) in conjunction with its internal advance training program, as mentor to its senior specialist (2015 to 2016).
- Speaker at various client conferences on the Singapore Budget (Taxation), Insurance Taxation and Lecturer for ACCA taxation modules conducted under the auspices of ISCA.

Proven Track Record

- Practitioner experience of over 35 years in Singapore and international taxation
- Regional tax accountant for BJ Services and Hughes Tools FE Pte Ltd.
- Asia Pacific tax head for Brown & Root and Halliburton

- Tax partner at KPMG with appointments as Head of Corporate Tax, Supply Chain, Mergers & Acquisitions, Insurance, Risk Management, Training and Technical Resources over an 18-year period
- Partner in-charge of Transfer Pricing upon introduction of the Transfer Pricing service line at KPMG
- Extensive involvement with a diverse portfolio of clientele both local and global, and from a broad spectrum of industries including oil and gas, insurance and reinsurance, fund management, private equity funds, shipping, shipbuilding, construction, port, power, telecommunications, manufacturing, trading, services, and investment companies.
- Clientele included multinational enterprises, government linked enterprises, private enterprises, and publicly listed companies
- Interacting with various authorities e.g., IRAS, MAS, IE (now ESG), EDB, MPA and Spring (now ESG)

Capabilities

- Hands-on tax experience in local taxation including Corporate and Business Income Tax, Withholding Tax, Tax Incentives, Tax Due Diligence, Tax Audits, Personal Income Tax, Transfer Pricing, Goods and Services Tax and Stamp Duty and Tax Rulings.
- Work engagements span both the tax compliance and advisory aspects of taxation, from the filing of tax returns to the structuring of cross border transactions and entities.
- Extensively involved in a broad array of industries, heading tax projects that included tax due diligence, inbound investments, mergers, acquisitions, joint ventures, and investments in various countries in the region.
- Notable locally completed mergers include the Singapore Technologies Group, Sembawang, Group, Capitaland and the privatization of JTC operating arms (Ascendas and Jurong Port).
- Global tax lead partner appointed by Colony Capital for the global merger of the Raffles and Swissotel chains, and M&W Zander for the spin-off of the M&W Zander Engineering group in Singapore.
- Tax analysis and advisory on the startup of the Aberdeen Fund in Singapore.