

A 3D maze with a man in a suit holding a briefcase standing at the entrance, looking up at the complex structure.

Who can help you find your way through the tax maze?

Tax amnesty, bracket creep, tax assessment, double taxation treaties, non-resident tax legislation, mutual assistance, tax returns, assessment of taxes, indirect partial liquidation, tax exemption, transposition, restructurings, supplementary and penalty tax proceedings, tax rates, lump-sum taxation, tax relief, holding companies etc.

Who can actually keep track of all this?

We can.

The WENGER PLATTNER tax team.

Experience. Skill. Knowledge.

Whether you are active regionally or internationally - we provide advice on all tax matters relevant to companies, investors, the public sector, high net worth individuals and family companies. Our interdisciplinary tax team will work closely with you to develop solutions tailored to your needs, ensuring that you are well positioned for the challenges of the future. As a result of the co-operation between our tax experts, accountants and lawyers our tax team provides integrated advice under one roof.

"Experience is the foundation for all art and all knowledge." Aristotle (384-322 BC), Greek philosopher.

We offer decades of experience combined with keen enthusiasm for the subject. We at WENGER PLATTNER believe that far-sighted and responsible tax advice is essential to your success in the long term. We are always searching for creative and effective solutions that meet this ambition. The foundations for a successful business relationship are laid with clear reporting, open and transparent communication with our clients and the maintenance of a good relationship with the tax authorities. It goes without saying that as one of our clients you can expect top quality work at a reasonable price.

"Skill is proven only by action." Marie von Ebner-Eschenbach (1830-1916), Austrian writer.

Whether you are an international company planning strategic moves such as acquisitions, mergers, restructurings, succession planning etc., a local SME who wants to optimize its VAT position or an individual wanting to sell a property – we offer you the full range of our skills to optimize your tax position. We at WENGER PLATTNER will do everything in our power to ensure that you obtain sustained added value from our tax expertise.

"All knowledge consists in clear and evident cognition." René Descartes (1596-1650), French philosopher and mathematician.

In order to manage your tax affairs we require an in-depth knowledge of your personal needs, strategy and company structure. This knowledge is the basis for developing client-specific solutions. Depending on the client's situation and needs, we can draw on the specialist services of our tax advisers, accountants and lawyers as required. At WENGER PLATTNER we believe that individual and specialist advice is essential if our clients are to meet the constantly changing demands of the business world. That is why we constantly keep up-to-date through further training, employ qualified and talented staff and use our broad-based expertise and industry experience to provide you with a first-class service irrespective of where you are located.

We are there for you when you need to find solutions.

The services offered by our powerful team of experts.

Tax advice is one of WENGER PLATTNER's core competences. Our tax team will place decades of experience and flair at your disposal and put you on the road to success.

Our tax advisers, accountants and lawyers are always up-to-date with the latest developments and will provide you with multidisciplinary advice in both a national and international context as required.

Tax Compliance Services

Complying with tax regulations is a challenge both for private individuals and for companies of all sizes from all industries. Unless you have in-house tax experts, you will spend a lot of time on interpreting tax laws and regulations. That not only makes complying with your tax obligations extremely time-intensive, but also entails numerous tax risks. By outsourcing your tax administration to our multidisciplinary tax professionals you will minimize your tax risks and avoid tax pitfalls. In the long run, this is going to save you a considerable amount of time and money.

Our tax compliance team will assist you in the following areas in particular:

- Providing advice on all tax issues relating to annual reports and on accounting regulations and accounting tax law
- Completion of tax returns for private individuals and legal entities
- Reviewing official tax assessments
- Preparing applications of all kinds (e.g. for deferment, remission)
- Completion of VAT returns
- Advice on social security matters
- Preparing tax burden comparisons

Tax Advisory Services

Professional and comprehensive tax advice is becoming ever more important both for high net worth individuals and companies of all sizes and legal forms. Tax law and practice are constantly changing and as a result our clients' tax positions need to be constantly kept under review and adjusted. Nowadays business decisions are often driven by the dictates of their tax impact. WENGER PLATTNER covers all tax categories and helps both Swiss and foreign clients to identify alternative solutions to complex problems.





WENGER PLATTNER's tax team offers customized, high-quality tax advice in the following areas in particular. We will develop an optimal tax strategy and ensure that it is implemented in accordance with your needs both nationally and internationally:

- Assistance in tax audits and negotiations with the tax authorities
- Obtaining binding commitments (known as tax rulings) from the tax authorities
- Optimizing the corporate structure (e.g. establishment of holding structures)
- Advice on the choice of legal and organizational form and the incorporation of companies in Switzerland
- Restructurings: changes in legal form, mergers, demergers, transfers of assets
- Tax structuring and optimization of acquisition, disposal and financing concepts
- Tax due diligence
- Succession planning and support
- Family protection concept when designing foundations/family trusts
- Real estate taxation

Tax Litigation Services

Many taxpayers get into difficulty when they attempt to respond to requests from the tax authorities for further information or undergo a tax audit. Queries from the tax authorities on the information submitted by taxpayers in their tax returns have increased in recent years. This trend is set to continue. As a result it is advisable for all taxpayers to be able to draw on expert support when interacting with the tax authorities.

However, it is not always possible to assert your tax interests through the regular tax process. Professional advice is essential if you are dealing with fiscal or other courts. Irrespective of whether you need to clarify complex legal and taxation issues in court or need representation if you are accused of a breach of tax law, WENGER PLATTNER will be at your side helping you to win your case in the following areas in particular:

- Representation in complex tax audits
- Representation vis-à-vis the tax authorities
- Advice on tax assessment procedures (deferment, remission, appeals)
- Representation in fiscal courts
- Representation in administrative and Federal courts in tax matters

Even if it's complex - we are here to help you!



Alain Lachappelle, lic. iur. / Certified Tax Expert is a partner and advises Swiss and foreign clients on complex tax matters (particularly relating to real estate) and represents their interests in tax proceedings. Mr Lachappelle has over 20 years experience.



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