

DIGITAL TAXES: BEYOND POLICY

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While the policy goals and broad concepts of digital taxation have been thoroughly addressed in various forums, their focus has usually been on the proposed measures on a global scale.

This webinar looks at the unilateral digital tax measures implemented in Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore since 2020, analyzing the effectiveness of the measures, discussing the unique practical issues and compliance requirements of each regime and other implementation challenges.

The panel will discuss real-world practical issues including the following areas:

- Scope of 'digital services' in respective jurisdictions
- B2C vs B2B
- Defining local sales in the globalized economy - are the indicators for local sales practicable?
- Taxing point - invoice or payment?
- Certainty over matters such as bad debts and voucher schemes
- Common implementation challenges
- Implications of non-compliance - can the 'borders' be shut for non-compliant digital service providers?



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Thenesh is a founding partner at TraTax, a firm of independent tax advisors rated in the top 10 in Malaysia for indirect tax and in top 11 for transactional tax (M&A tax). TraTax is the exclusive Malaysian firm of WTS Global, a tax network rated as Tier 1 by the Chambers.

Thenesh advises on both international tax and indirect tax matters with clients from diverse industries including manufacturing, services, distribution, retail, construction, property development, healthcare, financial services, shipping, automotive, telecommunications, societies, government-linked companies and statutory bodies.

Thenesh is a member of the Executive Committee of IFA Malaysia, a member of ACCA's expert panel on taxation, and an elected Council Member of the Chartered Tax Institute of Malaysia (CTIM). As chairman of the Technical Committee of Direct Taxation in CTIM, he frequently leads discussions with the tax authorities on various technical developments as well as tax policy matters.

In relation to academic works, Thenesh was formerly teaching at a university ranked within the top 100 in the world, and is presently a member of the Industry Advisory Panel for Taylor's School of Professional Studies.

Thenesh is also the author of various books and articles on taxation, and has presented in over 100 conferences and workshops. He is also frequently interviewed by mainstream media in Malaysia on contemporary tax matters.

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Sophia is a senior manager at RSM Indonesia. With more than six years of professional experience in providing corporate compliance and advisory services, she has served clients with a business background in both Singapore and Indonesia.

Sophia is experienced in a range of international tax issues, and possesses in-depth knowledge on the application of treaties, withholding taxes, and tax restructuring. She has handled tax cases for a wide range of multinational companies in sectors including oil and gas, manufacturing, and pharmaceuticals, and has been involved in various types of assignments related to corporate taxation including tax advisory for multinational companies, tax structuring, tax due diligence, tax diagnostic review and tax compliance services.

Sophia has led and performed plethora of tax advisory, compliance, and M&A projects involving a diversified portfolio of clientele, including M&A tax structuring advisory oil and gas and IPP entities, tax advisory to one of Indonesia's largest e-commerce giant on intra-group services agreement, acquisition of start-up, and shareholding restructuring, etc. and tax advisory on shareholding restructuring and PEs.

Prior to joining RSM, Sophia was based in Singapore and worked with other tax consulting firms including one of the Big Four firms.

Sophia holds a bachelor's degree in applied accountancy from Oxford Brookes University. She is fluent in both Chinese and English.

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Mahesh is a tax partner with Withers KhattarWong, Singapore. He specializes in providing integrated legal, tax and strategic advice to successful entrepreneurs, MNCs, funds and family offices on complex cross-border structures and investments. He has advised major MNCs in structuring M&As and transactions valued at several billion dollars.

He also advises PE / VC, hedge funds and GPs on structuring funds and carried interest. He advises high growth ventures (from startups and SMEs to MNCs) on globalization strategies and optimal structuring of global operations and investments, and leading families in the region on multigenerational succession and wealth planning strategies as well as structures for family offices, trusts and PTCs, private funds, governance and cross-border philanthropy.

Mahesh is a member of the Executive Committee of IFA Singapore. He regularly speaks at major conferences worldwide and is widely published. He has been quoted in leading international journals and newspapers.